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Dear Talia Maksagak, Tina Nleya, Daniel Haney, Lisa Pirie-Dominix, Alexander Stubbing, Carson Gillis
Geoff Clark, Jared Ottenhof, and Alana Bradley Swan:

RE: NPC File # 149815 [Lindblad Expeditions - National Geographic Endurance]

The following works and activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

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1. **Marine-based Activities:** Tourist cruising expedition (National Geographic Endurance) with a maximum capacity of 260 persons. Communities to be visited include Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven, and Cambridge Bay.
2. **Tourism Activities:** Zodiac cruises, sea kayaking, and shore excursions which may involve guided walks/hikes, wildlife viewing, visiting historical monuments and/or observing areas of geological interest or striking scenery. No CWS sites are visited, and no Inuit owned lands.
3. **Modifications to the original/amended project proposal:** new operating vessel (The Endurance)
4. **Associated NPC File No.:** 148219, 148473, 148808, 149122 and 149303.
5. **Associated NIRB File No.:** 13AN020.
6. **Location:** Kitikmeot & Qikiqtaaluk Region; [Various location across the Northwest Passage].

A complete description of the project proposal reviewed by the NPC can be accessed online using the link below.

The Nunavut Planning Commission (NPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal. The NPC previously reviewed works and activities associated with the current proposal (last conformity determination issued May 30, 2022), which still applies. In addition, associated activities were previously screened by the Nunavut Impact Review Board, including marine-based tourism activities (NIRB FILE NO.: 13AN020). It conforms to the North Baffin Regional Land Use Plan (NBRLUP). The proponent has undertaken to comply with the applicable conformity requirements of Appendix C, H, and I of the NBRLUP.

This project proposal is exempt from the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act* (NUPPAA) under section 235 of that Act. The above-noted project proposal is exempt from screening by the NIRB because the NPC is of the understanding that the inclusion of the Endurance operating vessels does not change the general scope of the original or previously amended project activities, and the exceptions noted in Section 12.4.3 (a) and (b) of the Nunavut Agreement do not apply.

By way of this letter, the NPC is forwarding the project proposal to the regulatory authorities identified by the proponent. Project materials, including the applicable conformity requirements, are available at the following address:

<https://lupit.nunavut.ca/portal/project-dashboard.php?appid=149815&sessionid=>

This conformity determination applies only to the above noted project proposal as submitted. The regulatory authorities to which this letter is addressed are responsible under the Nunavut Agreement to implement any of the applicable conformity requirements by incorporating the requirements directly, or otherwise ensuring that they must be met, in the terms and conditions of any authorizations issued.

My office would be pleased to discuss how best to implement the applicable requirements and to review any draft authorizations that regulatory authorities wish to provide for that purpose. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (867) 979-3444.

Sincerely,



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