



NOTICE OF SCREENING OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NIRB File No.: 22TN017

Project Name: The “Scenic Cruises – Unlocking the Northwest Passage” project
Proponent Name: Scenic Cruises
Project Type: Tourism Region: Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot Regions
Public Registry: www.nirb.ca Application No.: 125683
Comment Deadline: **July 14, 2022**

PROJECT SCOPE:

The proposed “Scenic Cruises – Unlocking the Northwest Passage” project is located within the Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot regions. The Proponent intends to conduct vessel-based tourism activities that would provide passengers opportunities to engage in flightseeing, zodiac cruising, underwater excursions, kayak excursions, wildlife watching, shore landings for guided interpretive walks, and organized community visits. The program is proposed to take place in August 2022. The scope of this proposed project as identified by the NIRB includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- Use of a fleet of twelve (12) zodiacs to facilitate shore landings and sightseeing excursions
- Use of a 6-person submarine for underwater excursions.
- Use of cruise vessel, the Scenic Eclipse, for transportation and accommodation of up to 200 passengers
- Use of helicopters for aerial sightseeing

Please visit the NIRB’s public registry online at the link above and look up NIRB File No.: **22TN017** to access all project information, maps, and public comment forms.

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

You are invited to provide the NIRB with your comments regarding whether the proposed project is:

- likely to arouse significant public concern and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse ecosystemic or socio-economic effects and, if so, why;
- likely to cause significant adverse impacts on wildlife habitat or Inuit harvest activities and, if so, why;
- a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and can be prevented/managed appropriately with known technology.

Parties are also invited to recommend any specific mitigation measures they feel would be appropriate, and to bring any other matter of importance related to this project proposal to the NIRB’s attention.

CONTACT INFORMATION

The NIRB has recently launched an updated online public registry, and parties can access project information as well as submit comments directly to the NIRB via www.nirb.ca. Comments can still be submitted directly to the NIRB via email at info@nirb.ca or via fax to (867) 983-2594.

If you have any questions or require clarification regarding the proposed project or the NIRB’s screening process, please contact Mia Otokiak, Junior Technical Advisor toll-free at (867) 983-4622 or motokiak@nirb.ca.