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Good evening,

I have a concern and an objection to the proposed activities for the above project.

There have been various concerns especially around the Pond Inlet area namely Nunguvik, Bylot geese nesting area and visiting the inlets where local hunters hunt narwhal and disembarking at certain hunting areas. These concerns have been expressed to various organizations in and outside of the community by people and especially those that are hunters.

I think it would be prudent for NIRB to actually do a community screening and a public hearing in Pond Inlet as the topic has been such a concern in the area in prior years.

There is also no mechanism in the remote places for tourists or tourist operators to be monitored for compliance even if rules were stipulated. Parks Canada and Dept of Environment Nunavut are very limited in their regular patrols, if at all. Any disturbance to wildlife by vast numbers of cruise ships or people is detrimental to the environment and its wildlife. This proposal must be seriously considered due to possible adverse impacts.

There are other concerns that perhaps people should be given the opportunity to comment.

I hope you will do more than email screening.

Respectfully submitted,

Rhoda Kataak