



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for F.K. Warren Ltd.'s
“Swan Hellenic Vega - Arctic Cruises 2022” Project
Proposal



GCDOCS # 104553052



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment request for F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "Swan Hellenic Vega - Arctic Cruises 2022" Project Proposal

Dear Caitlin Pelletier,

On July 12, 2022, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on the F.K. Warren Ltd.'s "Swan Hellenic Vega - Arctic Cruises 2022" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the response below as it pertains to NIRB'S request:

Any matter of importance to the Party related to the project proposal.

CIRNAC 1: Waste Disposal and Environmental Impacts Mitigation Measures

The Proponent states under the Waste Disposal / Potential Environmental Impacts and Mitigation Measures section of their Project Description that:

"SH VEGA is equipped with a GMDSS emergency communication system and a satellite weather system, receiving real-time satellite images of weather and ice conditions in the area. The vessel also employs the latest environmental practices and technology which conform to the "Clean" ship standard (meets or exceeds all IMO, EPA and IATO operating standards), including using the



cleanest-burning marine gas oil fuel and a state-of-the-art positioning system that eliminates the need for dropping anchor in fragile marine reserves.

The treatment and disposal of waste products produced in the course of vessel operations is carried out in accordance with the International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL); and other relevant regulations and legislation [e.g., Transport Canada: 'Arctic Waters Pollution Prevention Act' (AWPPA) and related regulations]. All MARPOL regulations covering the treatment of oil and oily water residues; treatment of sewage and grey water; disposal of waste and other pollutants are either met or exceeded. No garbage or litter will be left on shore."

CIRNAC notes that the Proponent has not identified any specific measures that will be used for mitigation of any potential environmental impacts within the Proponent's application or Project Description.

CIRNAC recommends the Proponent identify all measures that they will employ to prevent potential negative impacts from this project.

CIRNAC 2: Vessel Route

The Proponent has identified Akpatok Island as a port destination in the Full Itinerary spreadsheet. CIRNAC notes that Akpatok Island is currently being remediated by CIRNAC's Contaminated Sites Division.

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent find contact information for the Contaminated Sites directorate, and other relevant background, for safety and access information, at: <https://www.rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca/eng/1100100028179/1613953211424>

CIRNAC 3: Potential for positive effects to Inuit through employment, training, and procurement opportunities

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent prioritize the employment and training of local Inuit as well as procurement with Inuit-owned businesses when implementing project activities. Such efforts will allow for positive effects to be realized by community members and the local Inuit population. As a result, Inuit and Inuit-owned businesses should be prioritized in any project-related employment, training, and procurement opportunities that may be made available.



CIRNAC 4: Consultation with Interested Parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consult with the Hamlets and Hunters and Trappers Organizations of Pond Inlet, Resolute Bay, Kimmirut, and Iqaluit. Issues that should be considered as part of any consultation activities should include:

- Incorporation of Inuit knowledge and Inuit Qaujimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- Experience of community members who participate in traditional and non-traditional activities within, or in close proximity to, the project area;
- Training and employment opportunities for community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local businesses; and,
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and looks forward to working with the NIRB and the Proponent throughout any further review phases related to this project. Should you have any questions, please contact Richard Bingley by e-mail at richard.bingley2@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or David Abernethy by email at david.abernethy@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca .

Sincerely,



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