



CIRNAC Comments to NIRB

Re: Notice of Screening for Eagle-Eye Tours' "Wildlife Tours - 2025 Nunavut Trips" Project Proposal



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via NIRB public registry

Re: Notice of Screening and Comment Request for Eagle-Eye Tours' "Wildlife Tours - 2025 Nunavut Trips" Project Proposal

Dear Cassel Kapolak,

On May 6, 2025, the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB) invited parties to comment on Eagle-Eye Tours' "Wildlife Tours - 2025 Nunavut Trips" project proposal. Crown-Indigenous Relations and Northern Affairs Canada (CIRNAC) appreciates the opportunity to provide comments and offers the responses below as it pertains to the NIRB's request:

Whether the project proposal is of a type where the potential adverse effects are highly predictable and mitigable with known technology

CIRNAC #1: Best Management Practices and Spill Prevention

CIRNAC is of the view that the potential impacts of the proposed Project can be mitigated with known practices or technology.

The Proponent indicates the storage of one fuel drum, but does not indicate any potential spill cleanup measures that might be implemented. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent consider implementing mitigation measures to help in preventing any potential negative impacts that might arise from the use of fuels in the proposed activities, such as:

- Storing fuel within secondary containment a minimum of thirty-one (31) meters from the ordinary high water mark of any waterbody;
- Using controlled fuel-handling procedures such as drip pans and adsorbent pads during every refueling event;
- Having spill-response equipment readily available during any transfer of fuel or hazardous substances (e.g. shovels, pumps, and absorbents); and,



- Training all personnel in on-site spill response procedures (e.g., use of adsorbent pads, drip trays, and spill kits).

CIRNAC #2: Human Waste Management

The proposed activities involve remote excursions where human waste generation is expected. While the non-technical summary states that Tagak Outfitting will dispose of fuel and human waste at the Pond Inlet camp, no details are provided for wastes generated during the excursions. CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent clarify intended storage, transport, and final disposal of wastes generated, particularly for excursion managed solely by Eagle-Eye Tours staff.

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

CIRNAC #3: Consultation with interested parties

CIRNAC recommends that the Proponent continue to consult with the municipalities of Pond Inlet, Sanirajak, and Cambridge Bay, the Mittimatalik Hunters and Trappers Organization, the Hall Beach Hunters and Trappers Association, the Ekaluktutiak Hunters and Trappers Organization, as well as any other relevant organizations or individuals on its project proposal. As part of any consultation activities, several issues should be considered, including, but not limited to:

- Incorporation of Inuit Qauijimajatuqangit into project activities;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent any disturbance to wildlife and the environment;
- The experience of community members who participate in traditional harvesting and recreational activities within or in close proximity to the project area;
- Mitigation measures designed to prevent disturbance to sites with cultural, archaeological, and/or environmental significance;
- Training and employment opportunities for Inuit and community members;
- Procurement opportunities for local and Inuit-owned businesses; and,
- Regular updates on the status of project activities.

CIRNAC appreciates the opportunity to provide comments. Should you have any questions, please contact Muhammad Arslan by e-mail at muhammad.arslan@rcaanc-cirnac.gc.ca or David Abernethy by email at david.abernethy@canada.ca.

Sincerely,



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