

Scope of proposal

Location	Qikiqtani and Kitikmeot region, including Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven, Cambridge Bay, and surrounding coastal and island areas along the Northwest Passage.
Objective	The objective of the Project is to undertake a small-scale Arctic tourism expedition through the Northwest Passage using the vessel MY Maverick, with activities conducted in accordance with applicable regulatory requirements and community guidance.
Timeline	August 12, 2026, to August 28, 2026

The scope of the project includes the following undertakings, works or activities:

- **Marine-Based Activities:** Operation of the vessel MY Maverick along Nunavut’s coastal waters, including transit through the Northwest Passage, with a maximum capacity of 12 guests and 13 crew (25 persons total), and marine wildlife observation in accordance with established distance and speed protocols.
- **Shore-Based Activities:** Temporary, guided landings in small groups for wildlife observation, cultural visits, community interactions.
- **Zodiac Operations:** Up to two (2) Zodiacs are available for passenger transfers and scenic cruising.
- **Kayak Operations:** Up to two (2) kayak excursions may be offered when weather and safety conditions allow.
- **Sea doo Operations:** Up to two (2) sea doo are available for low-speed scenic cruising.
- **Wildlife and Safety Measures:** Activities follow strict wildlife distance requirements, reduced speeds near marine mammals and bird colonies, shoreline scouting, use of bear monitors where necessary, and established evacuation procedures if polar bears are observed.
- **Community Engagement:** Visits to Pond Inlet, Gjoa Haven, and Cambridge Bay, supporting cultural events, and may include the purchase of local goods and services, where appropriate.
- **Fuel, Water and Waste:** The vessel uses distillate and marine gas oil stored onboard; potable water is produced through reverse osmosis and evaporation; greywater is discharged in accordance with MARPOL(International Convention for the Prevention of Pollution from Ships) regulations; all solid waste generated would be securely stored and would be offloaded and disposed of at approved waste management facilities; sewage human waste is treated using onboard sewage treatment plant.

Inclusion or Exclusion of Scoping List

The NIRB has identified no additional works or activities in relation to the project proposal; as a result, the NIRB will proceed with screening the project based on the scope as described above.

Questions about the NIRB’s work should be directed to the undersigned at 1-866-233-3033 Ext 570 or femingak@nirb.ca .

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