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**Re: Maverick Explorer Yachting Ltd.'s "MY Maverick Northwest Passage Transit 2026"  
Project and works already assessed**

Dear Ministers and regulators:

On September 2, 2026 the Nunavut Impact Review Board (NIRB or Board) received a positive conformity decision from the Nunavut Planning Commission (Commission) for Maverick Explorer Yachting Ltd.'s "MY Maverick Northwest Passage Transit 2026" project. The Commission requested the NIRB assess the updated works pursuant to s. 78(2) of the *Nunavut Planning and Project Assessment Act*, S.C. 2013, c. 14, s. 2 (*NuPPAA*).

After reading the application the NIRB is verifying that the additional activities are limited to vessel operations being re-routed to Iqaluit for re-fuel and passenger offload due to unsafe ice conditions in the previous vessel route. Basic vessel operations and re-fueling were within the scope of works previously considered by the Board (NIRB File No. 26TN024), and the NIRB's Screening Decision Report provided recommendations on these works regardless of location. Any further undertaking of safe vessel transit to exit the Nunavut Settlement Area are subject to these recommendations.

A copy of the original June 24, 2026, Screening Decision Report accessed online from the NIRB's online public registry at [www.nirb.ca/project/126440](http://www.nirb.ca/project/126440).

Any questions or clarification requests can be directed to the undersigned at [tarko@nirb.ca](mailto:tarko@nirb.ca).

Sincerely,



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