

Non-technical Project Proposal Summary

MS FRAM

The Northwest Passage - In the Wake of Great Explorers

Westbound 19 - 31 August 2019, Voyage FRNWP1912

and

Eastbound 31 August – 12 September 2019, Voyage FRNWP1913

MS FRAM is a passenger ship owned/operated by Hurtigruten AS of Tromsø, Norway. Two cruises are planned to the Qikiqtaaluk and Kitikmeot regions of Nunavut during summer 2019. There will be up to 240 passengers and 80 crew members (inc. approx. 15 members of the expedition team) on board per voyage. Project duration in Nunavut is 15 days in total – from 24 August through 07 September. The vessel will clear immigration and customs in Pond Inlet. Community visits are planned for Pond Inlet, Gjøa Haven and Cambridge Bay on each voyage; with a Nunavummiut Beneficiary (a Cambridge Bay elder) hired to serve as Cultural Interpreter/Guest Lecturer as part of the staff team on board. Local services and guides will be employed when visiting communities.

Equipment:

MS FRAM – passenger ship

Proposed use: Vessel providing transportation/accommodations

Fuel: 403 metric tonnes marine gas oil

Storage Methods: Built-in fuel tanks of the vessel

Polarcirkel tender boats

Quantity: 7 (5: Yanmar D-torque 111 50HP diesel outboard; 2: Oxe 150HP V1XL150 diesel outboard)

Proposed use: Sightseeing tours and to facilitate shore landings

Fuel: 50 litres diesel fuel (filled from ship's main tanks)

Kayaks

Quantity: 6 doubles (guest use) and 4 singles (instructors)

Activities include sightseeing by ship, Zodiac cruising, kayaking excursions and shore landings for activities such as guided interpretive walks, bird- and nature-watching and hiking. Activities will follow standard operating procedures and will be managed by the Expedition Leader with the assistance of a highly-experienced team of expedition staff members. Landings will be of short duration and in coastal areas. Visits will follow AECO guidelines available at www.aeco.no, as well as "Welcoming Visitors to Nunavut" guidelines and the "Code of Conduct for Operators in Nunavut" as provided by Cruise Nunavut.

No structures will be erected (permanent/temporary), including docks or piers to support the proposed tourism activity. The vessel's tenderboats will be used for making shore landings in wilderness areas. Appropriate arrangements in areas where docks or piers are available for use.

Where applicable, permit and license applications will be submitted to the appropriate authorities and permits/licenses carried on board.

A detailed operations plan has been compiled to evaluate environmental aspects of the planned activity and to ensure compliance with requirements under Federal and Territorial legislation. Operations have been planned to be fully self-sufficient, with activities managed by experienced personnel and to be within the search and rescue capability of the vessel, including for medical evacuation.

An Environmental Impact Statement has been prepared. Alternatives considered were:



- Changes to itinerary
- Changes to number of guests
- Changes to vessel and auxiliary craft used
- Changes to activities
- Alternative of not proceeding

It is anticipated that the environmental impact resulting from the planned activity will be not more than minor or transitory in nature.