

Subject: Adventure Canada - Pond Inlet Consultation for CWS site Bylot Island
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To Whom It May Concern:

I was trying to reach you to go over Adventure Canada's intended stop at Bylot Island. We request to visit Bylot on our Arctic Safari expedition, our Out of the Northwest Passage expedition. Our intention is to explore Bylot Island (Cape Hay) via Zodiacs – no landings will be made and we will keep a distance of 300 m away as requested by the Canadian Wildlife Service CWS. We may land at Tay Bay and Kaparoqtaalik Glacier and all passengers will be briefed by staff to leave sites as they were when we land and not to take anything or disturb habitat/wildlife. No structures will be erected at any of the sites. We are working closely with Parks Canada on our visit here.

Adventure Canada has been operating more than 30 years in Nunavut. We are proud of this and grateful to our hosts who have welcomed us and shared with us best practices and guidelines, which we follow diligently. We value and adhere to the regulations set forth by the CWS and the department of Fisheries and Oceans with regard to viewing of and behaviour around wildlife. We hold requests from the hamlets in high esteem and adjust our plans to accommodate changes in regional wildlife behavior. Our staff from Nunavut are excellent ambassadors for the care and preservation of the natural sites of interest we visit, it is our practice further regulate and restrict our interactions based on their onsite recommendations.

It is of the utmost importance to us that we do not create a stressful environment for any wildlife we may encounter. To ensure that the integrity of the wildlife area is not compromised, we have hired many naturalists (including marine biologists, ornithologists, and botanists) who have experience in Nunavut and a passion for wildlife. They are charged with ensuring the best practices are followed and recording any wildlife we encounter to the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) in a detailed report. Before we arrive at Bylot Island, we will brief all passengers and staff on etiquette when visiting wildlife areas that have been provided by the CWS, Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Communities, and our knowledgeable staff.

In addition to the naturalists, we have a number inuit staff onboard to help interpret the cultural and biological importance the wildlife and to monitor passenger behavior. It is important to our company values that our guests come away moved by the experience and with a superior understanding of the fragility and complexity of Arctic eco- systems.

I have attached our non-technical project proposal in both English and Inuktitut for your reference.

If you have any questions, concerns, or just want to speak in more detail about our intended stop at Bylot Island please do not hesitate to contact me via the information below.

Warm regards,
Brittany

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