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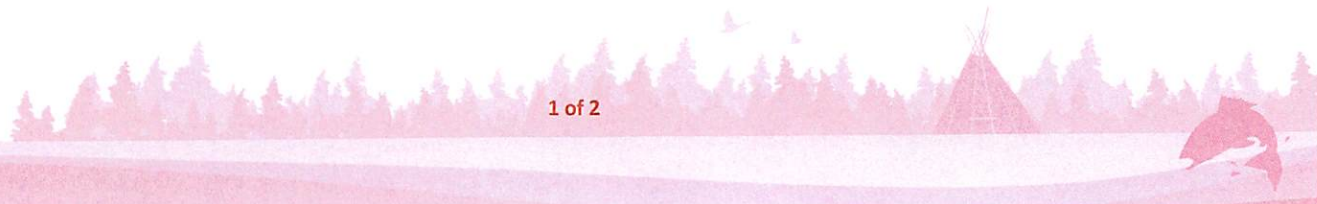
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Dear Paul Rose,

RE: National Geographic Pristine Seas Canada 2022 – Application NO.0026

The following activities have been proposed in the above-noted project proposal:

1. To explore and document the unique and largely unexplored underwater ecosystems of Northern Labrador Sea, Hudson Bay, and James Bay, with the ultimate goal of helping to inform the creation of new marine protected areas in the region.
2. Characterization of the plants and animals of the sea floor will be conducted by scuba divers along 25-m long transects at each sampling location to identify and count the organisms.
3. We use seines and dredges to sample fishes and invertebrates in the nearshore environments that are too shallow or too turbid to dive.
4. Baited underwater cameras to be deployed at depths between 40-100 m to identify, count, and measure size of fishes. Our deep-water cameras can go to the deepest parts of the ocean and can record life at the deepest depths in the Canadian Arctic region. Open ocean baited underwater cameras are designed to identify, count, and measure the sizes of fishes and marine mammals that move around near the surface.
5. Collect samples from the top 1-cm of the bottom to examine micro fossils (smaller than the eye can see).
6. Collect water samples to identify animals and plants that are present in the area based on small pieces of their DNA that are left behind.
7. Collect seawater to sample for microplastics in the surface water by grab samples with 1-liter bottles and trawl samples using a towed net.



8. Land surveys to photograph and identify land plants, birds, animals, and any other things of interest.

The Eeyou Marine Region Planning Commission (EMRPC) has completed its review of the above noted project proposal.

On the basis of the information transmitted to the EMRPC, we have determined that your project proposal requires screening by the Eeyou Marine Region Impact Review Board (EMRIRB) as your project does not qualify for an exemption pursuant to Schedule 18-1 of the Eeyou Marine Region Land Claims Agreement due to federal permit requirements. We shall consequently be forwarding your project proposal with our determination and recommendations to the EMRIRB for screening.

We also wish to inform you that following the EMRIRB's screening process, your project may or may not be subject to review. As the project proponent, it is your responsibility to register your application with the Eeyou Marine Region Public Registry, which can be found at the following website: www.emrirb.ca

Moreover, it is your responsibility as project proponent to ensure that you obtain all other permits and authorizations necessary to carry out the proposed activities prior to commencing these activities or any work on the islands related thereto. The EMRPC makes no representations as to which permits may be necessary to carry out the proposed activities or the government authorities that may deliver such permits.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (819) 895-4739.

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