

## Arctic Kingdom

### 2019 / 2020 Navy Board Inlet Temporary Camp

#### Plain Language Summary/Project Description

Similar to Arctic Kingdom's (AK) 2015 camp project in Navy Board Inlet (NPC Project #148266), Arctic Kingdom would like to again set up a temporary base camp in the North Baffin Region of Nunavut, on Inuit Owned Lands, to support tourist expeditions. The Inuit Owned Land we are requesting access to set up our temporary camp is identified as PI-40/48D, located on the east coast of Borden Peninsula, south of Lancaster Sound. Our proposed camp location would be located at 73° 41'02"N, 81° 22'55"W. The alternative camp location would be at a location referred to as Bluffs Head at 73° 37'31"N, 81° 26'18"W.



Both of these locations provide excellent access to the Lancaster Sound floe edge via an over ice route; however, the proposed camp has a suitable beach access for tent set up and off-strip airplane landing. Also, this camp location positions AK further away from the Eclipse Sound floe edge eliminating any disturbance we may have on hunters and their harvesting activities. Arctic Kingdom is applying for a two-year permit to set up an annual temporary camp in this area to be able to cater to tourist groups who want private expeditions involving sightseeing and eco-tourism.

The temporary seasonal camp would be made up of portable tents set up on the land of Borden Peninsula located approximately 150km to the community of Pond Inlet, and 130km to Arctic Bay. (See attached map below) To facilitate transportation to camp, a fixed wing plane will be chartered to

transport guests and staff from Pond Inlet airport to camp. In addition, snowmobiles, 1 ATVs, may be used for transportation of passengers and equipment and to facilitate sightseeing and wildlife watching.



Arctic Kingdom will provide all of the support for such an expedition, which would include remote camp set up, maintenance and break down; meals and transportation; as well as guidance and regional knowledge. AK will be hiring approximately 15 local guides from both Pond Inlet and Arctic Bay to be a part of the camp project.

The main goal is to view the wildlife and scenery in the area, but could also include visiting cultural and historical sites in the vicinity. Activities may include wildlife viewing, photography, videography, hiking, snorkeling, scuba diving, kayaking and flightseeing. As with all of Arctic Kingdom projects, this project will be conducted with the cooperation and support from nearby communities by hiring guides, bear monitors and support personnel as needed, as well as purchasing food, fuel and other necessary goods and services from local stores and businesses.

Arctic Kingdom would like to obtain a permit to operate a temporary base camp between May 1 – July 31 annually. The period of operation could be at any time in this window and is dependent on the needs of each tourist group and the conditions of the seasonal floe edge. A typical expedition would include one to two weeks of set up (mobilization), eight weeks with tourists, and one to two weeks of clean up (demobilization). This base camp would be used as the centre for all tourist activities. Since this camp would be supported by a fixed wing plane or helicopter, we are looking to give our clients access to other areas in the region. From the base camp, we may pursue the options to explore other sites on Devon, Cornwallis, Pond and Admiralty Inlets; and the Borden Peninsula; however, this will be based on interest and proper permit approval. Note that there will be no aircraft activity anywhere near the Pond and Arctic Bay floe edges nor any other areas of active hunting, nor Bylot Island Migratory Bird Sanctuary.