

Meeting Details:

FAC:	Campbell River/Quadra/Cortes Islands Ferry Advisory Committee
Date:	August 6, 2003
Location:	Quadra Island Community Centre, Quadra Island
Time:	1:00 p.m.

Attendees:

<i>Committee</i>	<i>BC Ferries</i>
Chair, Michael Stahnke Jim Abram	Chair, Captain Tony Monaghan Marine Superintendent
Bob Brown Terry Hooper	Senior Captain Jay Holliday Cortes Island – Quadra Island
Noel Lax Lynn Nash	Judy Cryer A/ Manager Terminal Operations
Ralph Nursall John Sprungman	Ann Carpenter Regional Communications Officer
	Melanie Christensen Secretary, Marine Superintendent

1. Call to Order:

Captain Monaghan called the meeting to order at 1:05 p.m. Self introductions were made by all present.

2. Approval of Agenda:

- a. Cortes Overload Traffic / Numbering System at Campbell River Terminal
- b. Informal Review of "Cortes Priority Loading" Trial at Quathiaski Cove
- c. Cortes Loading Lane at Campbell River

3. New Business:

- a. Cortes Overload Traffic – Captain Monaghan explained the criteria for extra evening sailings at Cortes.
 - When the final sailing is overloaded with traffic already waiting at Heriot Bay, the vessel will return for an extra trip when there are more than 10 vehicles left behind.
 - When the last two sailings from Heriot Bay are both overloaded, the vessel will return for an extra trip when there are more than 5 vehicles left behind.

With this criteria in practice, BC Ferries has been able to provide additional services as shown by statistics.

Extra sailings for July this year versus last year:

This year	14 extra sailings	166 vehicles
Last Year	8 extra sailings	65 vehicles

Extra sailings Year to Date (April to July) this year versus last year:

This year	17 extra sailings	
Last Year	8 extra sailings	

BC Ferries receives funding for scheduled sailings only. Funding for additional sailings is not provided under the new Coastal Ferry Services Contract with the BC government.

If Campbell River Terminal anticipates an overload on the last sailing from Heriot Bay to Cortes Island, they will start to number vehicles. In conjunction with the customer's ticket purchase point of sale, the numbering system assists Heriot Bay personnel to sort vehicles according to their arrival at Campbell River Terminal. The intention is to ensure that in the event that traffic is not unloaded from the Quadra vessel first, we are still able to load Cortes traffic in order at Heriot Bay.

- b. BC Ferry Services Inc. and the Ferry Advisory Committee (FAC) agreed to extend the Cortes Priority Loading at Quathiaski Cove trial period from August 28th until review at our Fall Advisory Meeting.
- c. Cortes Loading Lane at Campbell River –One lane of Cortes Island traffic is placed in a separate lane upon arrival at Campbell River if Cortes bound traffic arrives 20 minutes prior to sailing and there is no overload situation on the Quadra vessel. The intended purpose is to give Cortes vehicles arriving first at Campbell River the best chance of catching the next sailing to Cortes. This procedure:
 - Does not give Cortes bound traffic assured boarding. Instead, it simply sorts Cortes traffic that would get on board anyway, and positions those vehicles on board so they disembark at the front or near the front of the load on the Quadra vessel.
 - Puts the Cortes traffic ahead of the Quadra traffic on Quadra roads.
 - Allows Cortes traffic to load and unload first.
 - Minimizes speeding across Quadra Island.

4. Action:

- a. BC Ferry Services Inc. used 2000/01 traffic statistics as a base to calculate long term forecast (volume increase) of 24.7% in 15 years for Route 24.
- b. Ann Carpenter will coordinate the distribution of BC Ferries Service Notice regarding criteria for extra evening sailings at Cortes
- c. Ann Carpenter will distribute Captain Holliday's clarification of the numbering Cortes Traffic at Campbell River Terminal.

- d. Captain Monaghan's office will provide Route 23's (Quadra Island – Campbell River) and 24's (Cortes Island – Quadra Island) July Year to Date Traffic Statistics to the FAC Members.

	<i>Vehicles</i>	<i>Passengers</i>
Route 23	Increase .14%	Decrease .77%
Route 24	Increase 8.56%	Increase 8.96%

5. Next Meeting:

- a. Melanie Christensen to contact Michael Stahnke for the FAC fall meeting date to take place in September 2003.

6. Meeting adjourned: 2:35 p.m.

Approved:

Captain A. Monaghan
Michael Stahnke, Chair

Date: September 2, 2003
Date: September 8, 2003