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### **FUEL SURCHARGE TO BE EFFECTIVE AUGUST 1, 2008**

VICTORIA – The BC Ferry Commissioner announced Wednesday that he has approved the implementation of a fuel surcharge on fares charged by BC Ferries. The surcharge will help offset the company’s continued rising cost of fuel.

Effective Friday, August 1, 2008, a fuel surcharge of 10.3 per cent for major routes connecting Vancouver Island to the Lower Mainland, 17.6 per cent on the minor routes servicing the Southern and Northern Gulf Islands, and 9.2 per cent on the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale route will be applied to all fares. BC Ferries’ northern routes will not be subject to a fuel surcharge at this time.

BC Ferries’ annual fuel cost was \$45.9 million in 2003 and \$86.8 million in 2008. If record high fuel prices continue, BC Ferries projects its 2008/09 fuel costs could be \$140 million.

The Commissioner’s Memorandum 24A approving the August 1 fuel surcharge is available at [www.bcferrycommission.com](http://www.bcferrycommission.com) under “Rulings”.

Attached is a fuel surcharge table that shows the new fuel surcharge on a route by route basis.

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## FUEL SURCHARGE

August 1st 2008

		PASSENGERS	PASSENGER VEHICLE UNDERHEIGHT	PASSENGER VEHICLE OVERHEIGHT /SIZE	BUS PER FOOT	COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PER FOOT
Fuel Surcharge		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
ROUTE	ROUTE DESCRIPTION	<i>(child or adult)</i>	<i>(cars/pickup trucks/motorcycle)</i>	<i>(recreational vehicles)</i>	<i>Licensed to carry 16 or more passengers</i>	<i>Vehicles over 5500 kg/GVW</i>
01	Tsawwassen - Swartz Bay	\$1.25	\$4.15	\$10.40	\$0.32	\$0.48
02	Horseshoe Bay - Departure Bay	\$1.25	\$4.15	\$10.40	\$0.32	\$0.48
30	Tsawwassen - Duke Point	\$1.25	\$4.15	\$10.40	\$0.32	\$0.48
03	* Horseshoe Bay - Langdale	\$1.00	\$3.05	\$7.40	\$0.20	\$0.45
04	* Swartz Bay - Fulford Harbour	\$1.15	\$3.60	\$6.15	\$0.46	\$0.48
05	* Swartz Bay - Gulf Islands	\$1.20	\$3.95	\$6.75	\$0.45	\$0.48
06	* Vesuvius Bay - Crofton	\$1.15	\$3.60	\$6.15	\$0.46	\$0.48
07	* Saltery Bay - Earl's Cove	\$1.55	\$5.30	\$9.60	\$0.62	\$0.84
08	* Horseshoe Bay - Snug Cove	\$1.10	\$3.30	\$5.75	\$0.38	\$0.45
09	Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands	\$1.65	\$6.20	\$11.00	\$0.64	\$0.81
09	Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen	\$1.65	\$6.20	\$11.00	\$0.64	\$0.81
91	Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands Thru-Fare	\$1.65	\$6.20	\$11.00	\$0.64	\$0.81
91	Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen Thru- Fare	\$1.65	\$6.20	\$11.00	\$0.64	\$0.81
31	Inter-Southern Gulf Islands	\$0.75	\$1.75	\$2.40	\$0.25	\$0.30
17	Comox - Powell River	\$1.55	\$5.30	\$9.05	\$0.46	\$0.64
18	* Texada Island - Powell River	\$1.00	\$2.60	\$4.75	\$0.35	\$0.40
19	* Gabriola Island - Nanaimo	\$1.00	\$2.60	\$4.75	\$0.35	\$0.40
20	* Thetis Island - Kuper Island - Chemainus	\$1.00	\$2.60	\$4.75	\$0.35	\$0.40
21	* Denman Island - Buckley Bay	\$0.90	\$2.20	\$3.70	\$0.28	\$0.29
22	* Hornby Island - Denman Island	\$0.90	\$2.20	\$3.70	\$0.28	\$0.29
23	* Quadra Island - Campbell River	\$0.90	\$2.30	\$3.95	\$0.33	\$0.37
24	* Cortes Island - Quadra Island	\$1.10	\$2.80	\$5.55	\$0.44	\$0.55
25	* Alert Bay - Sointula - Port McNeill	\$1.10	\$2.80	\$5.55	\$0.44	\$0.55
26	* Skidegate - Alliford Bay	\$0.90	\$2.30	\$3.95	\$0.33	\$0.37
12	Mill Bay - Brentwood Bay	\$0.70	\$1.75	\$2.85	\$0.20	\$0.25
13	Langdale - Keats Island - Gambier Island	\$0.65	-	-	-	-

\*Surcharge covers return trip

### Fuel Surcharge

Passenger includes all passenger fare categories. Passenger vehicle includes all motorcycle categories. Commercial vehicle surcharge is per foot and applies to all widths.

### EXEMPTIONS:

Children under 5 years of age  
 Bicycles  
 Stowage  
 Canoe/Kayak