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## **BC FERRIES TO OFFER MINOR ROUTE FUEL REBATE FEBRUARY 12, 2009**

VICTORIA – BC Ferries is pleased to announce that the company will be offering fuel rebates on its minor routes and the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale route.

Effective February 12, 2009, customers travelling on all of the 17 minor routes will receive a fuel rebate of five per cent on average. Customers travelling on the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale route will receive a fuel rebate of two per cent on average. These rebates will be applied to passenger and vehicle fare types.

“When we had to introduce fuel surcharges several years ago, we indicated that if the price of fuel came down that we would offer rebates and I am pleased to be in that position today,” said David L. Hahn, BC Ferries’ President and CEO. “With our comprehensive fuel hedging strategy in place, we don’t expect any fuel surcharges during this calendar year. In fact, we will revisit our costs again in late June and will hopefully announce an increase in the rebates.”

Due to negative balances in the fuel deferral accounts for the major routes connecting the Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island, BC Ferries is not in a position to offer fuel rebates on these routes at this time.

A fuel rebate table that shows the new fuel rebates on a route by route basis is attached.

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FEBRUARY MODEL		PASSENGERS	PASSENGER VEHICLE UNDERHEIGHT	PASSENGER VEHICLE OVERHEIGHT /SIZE	BUS PER FOOT	COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PER FOOT
Fuel Rebate		Total	Total	Total	Total	Total
ROUTE	ROUTE DESCRIPTION	(child or adult)	(cars/pickup trucks/motorcycle)	(recreational vehicles)	Licensed to carry 16 or more passengers	Vehicles over 5500 kg/GVW
01	Tsawwassen - Swartz Bay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
02	Horseshoe Bay - Departure Bay	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
30	Tsawwassen - Duke Point	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
03	* Horseshoe Bay - Langdale	\$0.20	\$0.65	\$1.60	\$0.04	\$0.10
04	* Swartz Bay - Fulford Harbour	\$0.35	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$0.13	\$0.14
05	* Swartz Bay - Gulf Islands	\$0.35	\$1.10	\$1.90	\$0.13	\$0.14
06	* Vesuvius Bay - Crofton	\$0.35	\$1.00	\$1.75	\$0.13	\$0.14
07	* Saltery Bay - Earl's Cove	\$0.45	\$1.50	\$2.75	\$0.18	\$0.24
08	* Horseshoe Bay - Snug Cove	\$0.30	\$0.95	\$1.65	\$0.11	\$0.13
09	Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen	\$0.45	\$1.75	\$3.15	\$0.18	\$0.23
09	Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen Thru- Fare	\$0.45	\$1.75	\$3.15	\$0.18	\$0.23
91	Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands	\$0.45	\$1.75	\$3.15	\$0.18	\$0.23
91	Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands Thru-Fare	\$0.45	\$1.75	\$3.15	\$0.18	\$0.23
31	Inter-Southern Gulf Islands	\$0.20	\$0.50	\$0.70	\$0.07	\$0.09
17	Comox - Powell River	\$0.45	\$1.50	\$2.55	\$0.13	\$0.18
18	* Texada Island - Powell River	\$0.30	\$0.75	\$1.35	\$0.10	\$0.11
19	* Gabriola Island - Nanaimo	\$0.30	\$0.75	\$1.35	\$0.10	\$0.11
20	* Thetis Island - Kuper Island - Chemainus	\$0.30	\$0.75	\$1.35	\$0.10	\$0.11
21	* Denman Island - Buckley Bay	\$0.25	\$0.65	\$1.05	\$0.08	\$0.08
22	* Hornby Island - Denman Island	\$0.25	\$0.65	\$1.05	\$0.08	\$0.08
23	* Quadra Island - Campbell River	\$0.25	\$0.65	\$1.10	\$0.09	\$0.11
24	* Cortes Island - Quadra Island	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.13	\$0.16
25	* Alert Bay - Sointula - Port McNeill	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.13	\$0.16
26	* Skidegate - Alliford Bay	\$0.25	\$0.65	\$1.10	\$0.09	\$0.11
12	Mill Bay - Brentwood Bay	\$0.20	\$0.50	\$0.80	\$0.06	\$0.07
13	Langdale - Keats Island - Gambier Island	\$0.20	-	-	-	-

\*Rebate covers return trip

**Fuel Rebate**

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