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BC FERRIES TO ADJUST FARES ON APRIL 1

VICTORIA – BC Ferries is reminding customers of adjustments to passenger and vehicle fares effective April 1, 2009.

Price caps will increase by 3.74 per cent on the three major routes connecting Vancouver Island to the Lower Mainland and 7.25 per cent on the remaining routes in accordance with the price cap provisions set by the BC Ferry Commissioner in September 2007.

In December 2008, BC Ferries eliminated all fuel surcharges and, in mid February 2009, fuel rebates were implemented on all minor routes. As of February 12, 2009, customers travelling on all of the minor routes now receive a fuel rebate of 5 per cent on average. Customers travelling on the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale route now receive a fuel rebate of 2 per cent on average. These rebates will significantly offset the forthcoming tariff increases.

Fare increases are necessary due to the rising cost of operating and capital expenditures.

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Tariff Table Attached

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ROUTE	TARIFF RATES (Effective April 01, 2009)	PASSENGER	PASSENGER VEHICLE UNDERHEIGHT
	ROUTE DESCRIPTION	(Adult Fare)	(Fare up to 20 Feet)
01	Tsawwassen - Swartz Bay	\$13.50	\$45.00
02	Horseshoe Bay - Departure Bay	\$13.50	\$45.00
30	Tsawwassen - Duke Point	\$13.50	\$45.00
03	* Horseshoe Bay - Langdale	\$11.85	\$39.90
04	* Swartz Bay - Fulford Harbour	\$9.45	\$28.00
05	* Swartz Bay - Gulf Islands	\$9.80	\$31.00
06	* Crofton - Vesuvius Bay	\$9.45	\$28.00
07	* Earl's Cove - Saltery Bay	\$11.85	\$40.00
08	* Horseshoe Bay - Snug Cove	\$9.20	\$26.40
9	Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen	\$7.60	\$30.70
91	Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands	\$14.85	\$55.15
31	Inter-Southern Gulf Islands	\$4.90	\$10.70
17	Powell River (Westview) - Little River (Comox)	\$11.80	\$37.50
18	* Powell River (Westview) - Texada Island	\$8.60	\$20.50
19	* Nanaimo Harbour - Gabriola Island	\$8.60	\$20.50
20	* Chemainus - Thetis Island - Kuper Island	\$8.60	\$20.50
21	* Buckley Bay - Denman Island	\$7.90	\$18.50
22	* Denman Island - Hornby Island	\$7.90	\$18.50
23	* Campbell River - Quadra Island	\$7.90	\$18.50
24	* Quadra Island - Cortes Island	\$9.20	\$21.50
25	* Port McNeill - Alert Bay - Sointula	\$9.20	\$21.50
26	* Skidegate - Alliford Bay	\$7.90	\$18.50
12	Mill Bay - Brentwood Bay	\$6.00	\$14.00
13	Langdale - Keats Island - Gambier Island	\$5.70	-

*Fare Charge includes return trip