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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, 2008.

Fares will increase by an average of 7.3 per cent on the three major routes connecting Vancouver Island to the Lower Mainland and an average of 4 per cent on the remaining routes in accordance with the price cap provisions set by the BC Ferry Commissioner in September 2007.

Rates for prepaid discounts on the minor routes will also increase April 1, 2008.

In addition, as of April 16, 2008, customers presenting prepaid paper tickets that are either not stamped with a price or stamped with a price that is below the current fare will be required to pay any price difference at the ticket booth.

Northern route prices have already been set through September 30, 2008 in recognition of the planning requirements of northern tour operators.

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

The cost of fuel remains an ongoing concern for BC Ferries. If world oil prices remain at the current historically high levels, BC Ferries expects a fuel surcharge will be automatically implemented by the fall.

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Tariff Table Attached

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Passengers and Passenger Vehicle Fares (Effective April 01, 2008)		Fares				Pre-paid 10 Tickets Book Per Ticket	
		Vehicles		Passengers		Vehicle	Passenger
		Midweek	Weekend	Midweek	Weekend		
Route							
1	TSAWWASSEN - SWARTZ BAY (One-way)	\$43.00		\$13.00			
2	HORSESHOE BAY - NANAIMO (One-way)	\$43.00		\$13.00			
30	TSAWWASSEN - DUKE POINT (One-way)	\$43.00		\$13.00			
3	HORSESHOE BAY - LANGDALE (Return)	\$33.45		\$11.00		\$28.55	\$8.55
4	SWARTZ BAY - FULFORD HARBOUR (Return)	\$24.85		\$8.70		\$17.80	\$5.95
5	SWARTZ BAY - GULF ISLANDS (Return)	\$27.75		\$9.00		\$19.30	\$6.10
6	CROFTON - VESUVIUS BAY (Return)	\$24.85		\$8.70		\$17.80	\$5.95
7	EARL'S COVE - SALTERY BAY (Return)	\$33.45		\$11.00		\$28.55	\$8.55
8	HORSESHOE BAY - SNUG COVE (Return)	\$23.90		\$8.45		\$15.70	\$5.20
91	TSAWWASSEN - OUTER GULF ISLANDS (One-way)	\$44.35	\$51.40	\$13.75			
9	GULF ISLANDS - TSAWWASSEN (One-way)	\$18.85	\$28.60	\$6.95			
31	INTER-SOUTHERN GULF ISLANDS (One-way)	\$9.30		\$4.05			
12	MILL BAY - BRENTWOOD BAY (One-way)	\$12.10		\$5.15		\$8.50	\$3.45
13	LANGDALE - KEATS ISLAND - GAMBIER ISLAND (One-way)	N/A		\$5.10			\$3.70
17	LITTLE RIVER (COMOX) - POWELL RIVER (WESTVIEW) (One-way)	\$33.90		\$10.90		\$30.20	\$8.95
18	POWELL RIVER (WESTVIEW) - TEXADA ISLAND (Return)	\$18.55		\$7.90		\$12.80	\$5.00
19	NANAIMO HARBOUR - GABRIOLA ISLAND (Return)	\$18.55		\$7.90		\$12.25	\$4.60
20	CHEMAINUS - THETIS ISLAND - KUPER ISLAND (Return)	\$18.55		\$7.90		\$12.25	\$4.60
21	BUCKLEY BAY - DENMAN ISLAND (Return)	\$16.25		\$7.25		\$10.35	\$4.25
22	DENMAN ISLAND - HORNBY ISLAND (Return)	\$16.25		\$7.25		\$10.35	\$4.25
23	CAMPBELL RIVER - QUADRA ISLAND (Return)	\$16.80		\$7.25		\$10.90	\$4.25
24	QUADRA ISLAND - CORTES ISLAND (Return)	\$19.45		\$8.45		\$14.15	\$5.65
25	PORT McNEILL - ALERT BAY - SOINTULA (Return)	\$19.45		\$8.45		\$14.15	\$5.65
26	SKIDEGATE - ALLIFORD BAY (Return)	\$16.80		\$7.25		\$10.90	\$4.25