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SAILING SCHEDULES FINALIZED FOR MINOR AND NORTHERN ROUTES
New schedules take effect Monday, April 28

VICTORIA – After six weeks of community consultation, feedback and further analysis of schedule refinement options, BC Ferries announced today the final schedules for the minor and northern routes, which take effect April 28. These new schedules meet the \$14 million net savings related to the service reductions outlined by the Province last month to better align service levels to demand, and to ensure the coastal ferry system is affordable, efficient and sustainable.

BC Ferries held 10 meetings with community leaders and Ferry Advisory Committee members on the 16 affected routes to discuss public feedback and options on sailing schedule refinements in order to ensure optimal schedules were developed under the service level adjustments and still achieve the net savings set out by the provincial government.

“We worked with representatives of the affected communities to determine the best possible schedules while still meeting the targeted savings for service reductions,” said Mike Corrigan, BC Ferries’ President and CEO. “We want to thank the community leaders who took the time to meet with us and come up with some creative solutions to try to balance the differing needs of various customer segments such as commuters, commercial operators and the tourism industry.”

In concert with the communities, BC Ferries came up with some innovative ways to improve upon the draft schedules. For example, on the Gabriola Island route, adding a gap in the schedule in the middle of the day allows for later service in the evening. On the Prince Rupert – Haida Gwaii route, introducing a layover in Skidegate allows commercial operators to deliver goods and still return to Prince Rupert the following day.

The new sailing schedules for minor and northern routes take effect on Monday, April 28 and are available at www.bcferrys.com.

Under contract to the Province of British Columbia, BC Ferries is the service provider and is responsible for the delivery of safe, efficient and dependable ferry service along coastal British Columbia.

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