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March 4, 2019

Sent via email to: []

Our File: FOI-2019-010

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Dear []:

Re: Request under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. (BC Ferries) received your request for access to records under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the FOIPP Act) on January 30, 2019. Your request was as follows:

I am requesting information regarding the environmental impact of the Coastal Celebration, Coastal Inspiration, Queen of Alberni, Spirit of British Columbia, Spirit of Vancouver Island, Coastal Renaissance, Queen of Cowichan, Queen of Coquitlam, and Queen of Oak Bay on the Southern resident orca population in the Salish Sea.

BC Ferries does not conduct environment impact assessments directly related to Southern Resident Killer Whales. However, BC Ferries does operate according to the environmental regulations in place and all BC Ferries ships operate according to the "Mariners Guide to Whales, Dolphins and Porpoises". You can view this guide at:

- <https://www.portvancouver.com/wp-content/uploads/2017/07/Mariners-Guide-to-Whales-Dolphins-Porpoises-of-Western-Canada.pdf>

BC Ferries is committed to reducing our environmental footprint through continued investment in leading edge practices related to environmental stewardship. This is a top priority and a key element of our Long Term Underwater Radiated Noise Mitigation Plan and Clean Technology Adoption Plan. You can view these plans on BC Ferries' website at:

- <https://www.bcferreries.com/files/AboutBCF/2018-BC-Ferries-Clean-Technology-Adoption-Plan.pdf>; and
- <https://www.bcferreries.com/files/AboutBCF/2018-BC-Ferries-Underwater-Radiated-Noise-Plan.pdf>

BC Ferries and the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority have launched a tutorial for mariners to build awareness of local whale species. Please see the following media release on BC Ferries' website at:

- <https://www.bcferrries.com/bcferrries/faces/attachments?id=1254358>

You may also find information on the Enhancing Cetacean Habitat and Observation (ECHO) Program website at:

- <https://www.portvancouver.com/environment/water-land-wildlife/echo-program/>

You can apply to the Information and Privacy Commissioner for a review of this response. You have 30 working days from receipt of this letter to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy
Commissioner for British Columbia
PO Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9A4
Facsimile: (250) 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with a copy of this letter, a copy of your original request, and the reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

If you have any questions, please write or call our office at (250) 978-1502.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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FOIPP Office