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## **BC FERRIES APPLIES FOR SECOND FUEL SURCHARGE**

VICTORIA – BC Ferries has made an application to the BC Ferry Commissioner to authorize the implementation of a second fuel surcharge.

The application is for an extraordinary price cap increase that will allow for an additional surcharge of 2.5 per cent on major routes connecting Vancouver Island to the Lower Mainland and 6 per cent on all other routes. These surcharges would equate to 25 cents for passengers and 80 cents for underheight vehicles on the major routes. Surcharges would range from 15 cents to 40 cents for passenger fares and from 40 cents to \$1.50 for underheight vehicles on the smaller inter-island routes.

On July 24, 2005, the BC Ferry Commissioner approved extraordinary price cap increases of 4 per cent on the major routes connecting Vancouver Island and the Lower Mainland and 6 per cent for all other routes. The surcharge was implemented on July 25, 2005.

“In our initial application to the Commissioner, we requested authorization for a fuel surcharge of 8 per cent on the major routes and 13 per cent on the other routes,” said BC Ferries’ President and CEO David L. Hahn. “Unfortunately, the surcharge that was authorized was insufficient to cover the extraordinary increase in fuel costs that we have since experienced.”

“BC Ferries has been funding the extraordinary cost of fuel for the last year,” said Hahn. “In addition, after the implementation of the initial fuel surcharge, crude oil prices continued to spike above original forecasts, resulting in a further shortfall.”

BC Ferries’ projected annual fuel costs have increased from \$50 million last year to \$76 million this year. Based on its six-month actual fuel costs, BC Ferries anticipates that by the end of the fiscal year, a \$22 million shortfall will accumulate between the revenue generated from the initial fuel surcharge and the increased cost of fuel.

“We have developed numerous fuel conservation strategies and are continuing to do everything we can to contain our fuel costs,” said Hahn.

The BC Ferry Commissioner has up to 60 days to review BC Ferries' application for the extraordinary price cap increases. Any additional surcharge would not be in effect until the Commissioner issues his final decision.

A schedule showing the proposed surcharges is attached.

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## PROPOSED ADDITIONAL FUEL SURCHARGES

	PASSENGERS	PASSENGER VEHICLE UNDERHEIGHT	PASSENGER VEHICLE OVERHEIGHT/SIZE	COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PER FOOT	BUS PER FOOT
	Fuel Surcharge	Fuel Surcharge	Fuel Surcharge	Fuel Surcharge	Fuel Surcharge
ROUTE DESCRIPTION	<i>(child or adult)</i>	<i>(cars/pickup trucks)</i>	<i>(recreational vehicles)</i>	<i>Vehicles over 5500 kg/GVW</i>	<i>Licensed to carry 16 or more passengers</i>
Tsawwassen - Swartz Bay	\$0.25	\$0.80	\$1.90	\$0.09	\$0.05
Horseshoe Bay - Departure Bay	\$0.25	\$0.80	\$1.90	\$0.09	\$0.05
Tsawwassen - Duke Point	\$0.25	\$0.80	\$1.90	\$0.09	\$0.05
* Horseshoe Bay - Langdale	\$0.40	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$0.20	\$0.20
* Swartz Bay - Fulford Harbour	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
* Swartz Bay - Gulf Islands	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
* Vesuvius Bay - Crofton	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
* Saltery Bay - Earl's Cove	\$0.40	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$0.20	\$0.20
* Horseshoe Bay - Snug Cove	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands	\$0.35	\$1.35	\$3.00	\$0.15	\$0.10
Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen	\$0.35	\$1.35	\$3.00	\$0.15	\$0.10
Tsawwassen to Gulf Islands Thru-Fare	\$0.35	\$1.35	\$3.00	\$0.15	\$0.10
Gulf Islands to Tsawwassen Thru- Fare	\$0.35	\$1.35	\$3.00	\$0.15	\$0.10
Inter-Southern Gulf Islands	\$0.15	\$0.40	\$0.80	\$0.05	\$0.05
Comox - Powell River	\$0.40	\$1.50	\$3.00	\$0.15	\$0.10
* Texada Island - Powell River	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
* Gabriola Island - Nanaimo	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
* Thetis Island - Kuper Island - Chemainus	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
* Denman Island - Buckley Bay	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
* Hornby Island - Denman Island	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
* Quadra Island - Campbell River	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
* Cortes Island - Quadra Island	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
* Alert Bay - Sointula - Port McNeill	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
* Skidegate - Alliford Bay	\$0.30	\$0.80	\$1.60	\$0.10	\$0.10
Bear Cove - Prince Rupert	\$5.25	\$11.00	\$30.00	\$1.25	\$1.00
Prince Rupert - Skidegate	\$1.25	\$4.75	\$12.50	\$0.60	\$0.50
Port Hardy-Bella Coola	\$6.50	\$13.00	\$18.00	\$1.25	\$1.00
Port Hardy-Mid Coast	\$2.50	\$6.25	\$10.00	\$0.65	\$0.50
Bella Coola-Mid Coast	\$2.50	\$6.25	\$10.00	\$0.65	\$0.50
Inter-Mid Coast	\$1.25	\$3.00	\$6.00	\$0.60	\$0.50
Mill Bay - Brentwood Bay	\$0.15	\$0.50	\$1.00	\$0.05	\$0.05

\*Surcharge covers return trip

**Fuel Surcharge**

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