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**REFIT DELAY IMPACTS BC FERRIES' ABILITY TO BEGIN
SUMMER SEASON EARLY**

Sailings affected on Horseshoe Bay – Departure Bay, Horseshoe Bay – Langdale Routes

VICTORIA – BC Ferries announced today that a refit in progress for the Coastal Inspiration is taking longer than expected due to repairs to a propeller hub. As a result, BC Ferries will only be able to add a portion of the additional sailings originally planned for the first week of the summer schedule on the Horseshoe Bay - Departure Bay and Horseshoe Bay - Langdale routes.

“We wanted to start the peak summer service earlier than previous years given that traffic volumes are up, and have been looking forward to offering customers on these routes more sailings, earlier in the summer season,” said Mark Collins, President and CEO of BC Ferries. “We recognize the timing isn’t good, and that our customers could be inconvenienced this weekend by possible sailing waits. I want to assure our customers that we will carry all traffic on both routes each service day,” he added.

With the Coastal Inspiration unavailable, the Queen of Coquitlam will be providing a reduced number of extra sailings between the two routes as was originally scheduled.

BC Ferries recommends customers reserve in advance, and as sailing schedules have been adjusted for both routes, to check bcferries.com for sailing times. Customers with reservations that are affected by these changes will be notified by BC Ferries Customer Care and will have their reservation moved to the next available sailing. For the most up to date information, follow @BCFerries on Twitter.

“We apologize to our customers that may be affected by these events,” said Collins. “Our terminal and onboard crew will ensure traffic moves as quickly and as smoothly as possible, and we look forward to providing full summer service on all routes in time for the Canada Day long weekend.”

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

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