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**BC FERRIES RESPONSIVE TO COMMUNITY NEEDS: ADDS SAILINGS ON THE
COMOX-POWELL RIVER ROUTE
Wednesday and Saturday afternoon sailings begin December 20**

VICTORIA – In response to requests from the community, and in consultation with the Northern Sunshine Coast Ferry Advisory Committee, BC Ferries will be adding a Wednesday and a Saturday round-trip sailing to the Comox-Powell River schedule, beginning December 20, 2017. These sailings reflect BC Ferries’ commitment to working together with coastal communities to meet their marine transportation needs.

“I want to recognize the FAC and the many residents that have championed the return of these sailings,” says Mark Wilson, BC Ferries’ Vice President of Strategy and Community Engagement. “For BC Ferries, adding these sailings helps us achieve our commitment to connect communities, while providing additional capacity to address increasing traffic demand.”

“We appreciate BC Ferries’ responsiveness,” says the Chair of the Northern Sunshine Coast FAC, Kim Barton-Bridges. “These new sailings are above the minimum levels required by the Coastal Ferry Services Contract and we know they will be welcomed by so many people.”

In the Coastal Ferry Services Contract, the province of British Columbia establishes the minimum number of sailings required annually on each route BC Ferries sails. BC Ferries’ decision to add sailings on the Comox-Powell River route are over and above what is required in the Contract. In response to community need and increased traffic demand, BC Ferries has added 2,600 sailings over Contract in 2017.

To include these new sailings, BC Ferries will adjust the Wednesday and Saturday afternoon sailing times for December 20 onward and again effective January 13, 2018. To view updated sailing times, BC Ferries invites customers to visit bcferries.com.

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