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SEVERAL MORE DAYS OF DELAYS MAY BE EXPECTED ON HORSESHOE BAY – LANGDALE ROUTE

VICTORIA – BC Ferries anticipates sailing delays may be expected on the Horseshoe Bay – Langdale route through Thursday, March 30, due to construction on the marine structures at the Langdale terminal. Damage occurred to the floating berth during the process of securing it in place last week. This unfortunate damage has led to the requirement of a “no wake” zone around the berth at Langdale and thus an increased crossing time for ferries on this route until the pontoon is secured.

The unanticipated requirement for the two vessels operating on the route, the Queen of Coquitlam and the Island Sky, to approach the Langdale terminal at a slower rate of speed than usual in order to minimize wake while the new pontoon at Berth One is being installed is adding approximately five to 10 minutes to the crossing time on each arrival at Langdale terminal. The slower approach is expected to continue until end of day Thursday, such that the Terminal Construction team can ensure the proper security of the new floating berth in place. All efforts are being made to complete the process.

To minimize delays, BC Ferries has been making every effort to expedite loading and unloading the vessels during this time. Extra crew has been assigned to the Island Sky to assist with loading operations. Ship and shore crews are working together to coordinate the traffic in a manner as efficient as possible.

Berth One is set to re-open at Langdale terminal on Friday, April 7, after the completion of upgrades to marine structures. The repair to the pontoon is not expected to impact the project timeline. Service on the Langdale – Horseshoe Bay route and the water taxi service to Gambier and Keats Islands will return to regular service schedules on that day.

BC Ferries apologizes to its customers for the inconvenience caused by the delays this past week. The company and its employees thank passengers for their patience during the period dock construction period.

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