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**BC FERRIES' SALISH EAGLE OFFICIALLY BEGINS SERVICE ON JUNE 21
Queen of Nanaimo to continue providing service to Southern Gulf Islands until later
this year**

VICTORIA – The second of BC Ferries' three new vessels, Salish Eagle, will officially commence service on Wednesday, June 21, at 9:10 a.m. on the Tsawwassen – Southern Gulf Islands route.

Salish Eagle is the second of three new Salish Class vessels that are dual-fuel and capable of operating on either natural gas or ultra-low sulphur marine diesel. BC Ferries' use of natural gas for these vessels will result in the reduction of an estimated 9,000 metric tonnes of carbon dioxide equivalent per year, the same as taking approximately 1,900 passenger vehicles off the road annually.

“After the successful introduction of Salish Orca in mid-May, we are very excited to introduce our second new ship, Salish Eagle, into service for our Southern Gulf Islands customers,” said Mark Collins, BC Ferries' President and CEO. “This vessel will provide our customers safe and reliable service for years to come, and we look forward to its additional environmental and cost-saving benefits as well.”

Salish Eagle and her sister ships Salish Orca and Salish Raven were named to honour the Coast Salish people as the original mariners of the Salish Sea. Each vessel features the artwork of a different First Nations artist.

The vessel, which accommodates approximately 145 vehicles and up to 600 passengers and crew, is equipped with two marine evacuation systems with life rafts, smoke and natural gas detection alarms, and state-of-the-art fire suppression systems. The vessel measures 107 metres in length overall and has a service speed of 15.5 knots.

Passenger amenities on board Salish Eagle include: a Coastal Café; Passages Gift Shop; comfortable lounge seating with panoramic views; children's play area; spacious outdoor seating on an open sundeck; pet area and elevators.

BC Ferries looks forward to welcoming its customers on board Salish Eagle.

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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