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November 2, 2015

Sent via email to: []

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Our File: FOI-2016-012

Dear []:

Re: Request under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*

British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. (BC Ferries) received your request for access to information under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (the FOIPP Act) on October 2, 2015. Your request is as follows:

"Formal Request for Information regarding BC Ferries request for removal of Raincoast Conservation Foundation's "BC: Stop Killing Wolves" advertising campaign aboard BC Ferries:

- 1. Please provide a copy of BC Ferries' official advertising policy, along with the date it was authorized and the names of parties who authorized it.*
- 2. Please provide detailed reasons for, and the authority by which BC Ferries has requested that Pattison Outdoor Advertising remove Raincoast Conservation Foundations' "BC: Stop Killing Wolves" paid advertisements from BC Ferries, given that this directive appears to be an act of censorship, and that these paid advertisements reflect Freedom of Expression, which is a Fundamental Freedom protected under Section Two of the CONSTITUTION ACT, 1982 (80).*
- 3. Please provide copies of all correspondence between BC Ferries, Pattison Outdoor, and any other parties, for the months of August 2015 and September 2015, regarding Raincoast Conservation Foundation advertising on BC Ferries."*

We are responding to the first item of your request. As BC Ferries has appropriate contractual arrangements in place for advertising, we do not have an "official advertising policy". Accordingly, we do not have records responsive to item one. We have written regarding the remaining items separately.

You can apply to the Information and Privacy Commissioner for a review of this response. You have 30 working days from receipt of this letter to request a review by writing to:

Office of the Information and Privacy
Commissioner for British Columbia
PO Box 9038, Stn. Prov. Govt.
Victoria, BC V8W 9A4
Facsimile: (250) 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's office with a copy of this letter, a copy of your original request, and the reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.

If you have any questions, please write or call our office at (250) 978-1502.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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FOIPP Office