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January 13, 2016

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."*

Further to our letter of January 4, 2016, the third party had 20 days to apply for a review of our decision regarding disclosure of records responsive to the second and third items of your request ("the third party records"). The third party has indicated it will not apply for a review.

After considering all the relevant factors, including the representations received from the third party, we have decided to provide partial access to these records. We have removed information under section 15(1)(l) where release would harm the security of a system including a computer system. We have also removed personal information under section 22 of the FOIPP Act, as its disclosure would be an unreasonable invasion of third parties' privacy. An excerpt of the relevant sections is attached.

Copies of the records, with the information severed, are enclosed. We have noted on the records disclosed to you which sections of the FOIPP Act we relied on to sever the information.

Thank you for your deposit of \$15.50 for this request. The final charge for this request is \$16.10. Calculated as follows:

Locating and retrieving the records	Less than 3 free hours provided in the FOIPP Act	No charge
Producing the record manually	0.25 hours @ \$30.00/hour	\$7.50
Preparing records for disclosure	0.25 hours @ \$30.00/hour	\$7.50
Scanned electronic copies of paper records	11 pages @ \$0.10/page	\$1.10
	Total	\$16.10
	Less deposit received on September 18, 2015	\$15.50
	Amount owing	\$0.60

BC Ferries has waived the amount owing. The account for this request is settled.

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 on behalf of

Josée Magas, Information & Privacy Analyst
FOIPP Office