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Sent via email to: []

December 13, 2016

[Our File: FOI-2017-017]

Dear []:

Re: Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Request

British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. (BC Ferries) received your request for access to records under the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* on October 31, 2016. Your request seeks:

Information and records with regard to the Denman Island Cable Ferry Project and the use of the fire suppression systems in the machinery spaces:

Please provide the dates and reasons, when and why the fire suppression system was activated in engine room 1, engine room 2 and the bull wheel drive room respectively, from the beginning of "soft" service until end of October 2016.

The top priority in the operation of our terminals and vessels is the safety of our customers and employees. The *Baynes Sound Connector* has one of the most modern fire suppression systems in BC Ferries' fleet, covering both machinery spaces and passenger accommodations.

The fire suppression system on the *Baynes Sound Connector* is fully operational and has not been activated since the beginning of "soft" sailings and subsequent full operational service. The system was activated prior to "soft" sailings only for functional testing and training requirements and never for an actual incident. Therefore, BC Ferries does not have any record of an activation of the vessel's fire suppression system in the spaces and during the time frame specified.

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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