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41722 Incoming - International Tourism Industry- Victoria BC

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Sent: March 3, 2021 3:14:38 PM PST

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Sent: February 18, 2021 10:12 PM

To: Melanie.Mark.mla@leg.bc.ca; Minister, AEST AEST:EX <AEST.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: docksidedavid@shaw.ca; Dean Jackson^{S.22} ;S.22

Subject: International Tourism Industry- Victoria BC

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To The Honourable Melanie Mark and The Honourable John Horgan,

Re: International Tourism Industry - Further Subsidies Required

We own and operate 7 first-class retail shops on Government Street in Victoria's Tourist District. Our business of 22 years has been built on BC's international tourism industry, with a large part of our success coming from cruise ship visits; 260 visits in 2019, zero in 2020 and almost 300 ships were scheduled for 2021, all which have now been cancelled by Transportation Canada.

To put our business in perspective, our annual sales in 2020 were-down 83% from 2019. Without CEWS, CERCA and CERS, our business would have had to shut down permanently and at least 30 employees would be unemployed, some of which have been with our company for over 15 years. With the cancellation of the cruise ships and border closure, we anticipate sales will be down 70-80% in 2021 over 2019. Also, the rollout of vaccinations will not be complete until the fall of 2021, which is too late for tourism-based companies. Without a successful summer in 2021, tourism cannot continue to survive a second winter without continuation of subsidy programs.

We need continued financial help until the spring of 2022. We need borders open for those who have been vaccinated and or can provide a negative rapid COVID test, allowing for free-flowing international travelers and cruise ships. We would like to be recognized as a sector that will need additional grant funding, rent subsidy and wage subsidy programs to continue until our industry recovers.

The tourism sector is worth the investment, since tourists will come back to Canada. Canada needs to ensure the infrastructure of tourism remains in place and is supported during the economic recovery in 2022.

We look forward to hearing back from you at your earliest convenience to discuss any ideas or questions you may have.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Cruise ship season

From: s.22
To: TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca, Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 25, 2021 9:47:45 AM PST

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Hello Minister,

I was reading about the cruise lines request to stop in Canada so they can restart their Alaska cruises. I had an idea and I'm not sure if it's been considered: can we allow the cruise ships to stop in Vancouver but not disembark any passengers? So the ships would dock at Canada Place for X hours (whatever length of time they need), pay us the fees they have to, but no passengers would disembark and at the end of the day, the ship would continue on to Alaska. This would be a way to generate a bit of income in the tourism sector as well and offset the financial losses they are suffering.

Thank you for your time,

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Re: Response from the Honourable Melanie Mark

From: Ginny Harrison ^{s.22}
To: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 11, 2021 2:01:09 PM PDT

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Hi Melanie. I really do appreciate the reply, thank you. And I love to hear the other side of the story, that the law is unlikely to pass, and that it's temporary only. I've never heard that before!! I'm going to look into that, for my own sake. Because, although it's interesting to hear, I am not convinced that perspective is correct. Having been in the travel industry for over 40 years now, I have lots of great connections with people in the cruise industry, and in the US. I will let you know what I hear, either way!!! Bottom line is, BC cannot lose the cruise industry!! I'm sure you hear enough of that from the Port of Vancouver, the Vancouver Airport Authority, hotels, etc. All the larger players most at risk. One day, I did hear the harbourmaster of Victoria being interviewed, and he said the law being changed seems very likely to happen. So I hope you're in the right, and I hope you are contacting others in the US government who ought to know!

Thanks again. And no, I was not reacting to the Opposition bringing it up. I think I was one of the voices they heard, getting them to bring it up. Honestly, I did think it would have been better for you, and the NDP, to be out in front of this, making a noise about how you are ensuring the future of BC's economy, rather than letting the Opposition get the limelight. But I did not hear that.

Anyways thanks so much for the reply, and I'll keep you posted if my circle of contacts has any warnings. Thanks!

Ginny Harrison,
White Rock Travel.

On Tuesday, May 11, 2021, Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Ref: 41911

Ginny Harrison

White Rock Travel

Email: ^{s.22}

Dear Ginny Harrison:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the future of the cruise ship industry in British Columbia (B.C.).

COVID-19 has had a profound impact on the people and businesses in the tourism and cruise industry in B.C. As you are aware, Transport Canada has announced the suspension of the cruise ship season across Canada until February 28, 2022. These are tough decisions made by the Federal Government in the interest of protecting our communities' health and wellbeing.

That is why our Government is laser-focused on supporting businesses and working collaboratively with the tourism sector. We are continuing to implement the recommendations from the Tourism Task Force report. My colleague, the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, and I continue to meet with businesses and industry associations daily to address their needs and add additional supports.

In regard to the effort from Alaska to bypass Canadian ports in their cruise season, allow me to address the facts. First, the proposed legislation is a temporary measure while B.C. ports have been closed by the Federal Government. As soon it is safe to welcome visitors again and our ports are reopened, the proposed measure will be nullified. Second, officials from the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. indicate that the possibility of this legislation passing is very unlikely. I understand that you may have become aware of this issue following some questions from the Official Opposition and while I appreciate their advocacy, I am concerned that they have created more fear on the issue than is necessary.

I want to assure you that in response to the letter from the Alaskan Congressional delegation, Canadian federal leaders and Canadian Ambassadors have met with Biden Administration officials expressing concerns on behalf of Canada regarding the proposal. In addition, our Government's Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat has and will continue to engage on the issue, and has future meetings planned. Further, I will continue to raise this issue with my federal counterparts, including discussing the unique geography of B.C. and our world class ports.

Tourism is critical to B.C.'s economic recovery, which is why we are relentless in our advocacy with the Federal Government to support the industry and all those who depend on it. I, and my government colleagues, will also continue to work with our partners in the tourism sector—including the cruise industry—to ensure we are ready to welcome cruise visitors again when it is safe to do so.

B.C. is a world class destination and will continue to be a favourite spot for cruises when the borders reopen.

Thank you again for writing, and for your interest in B.C.'s cruise industry.

Sincerely,

Melanie Mark

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Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

Response to your emails of February 6 and 12, 2021 to the Honourable Melanie Mark (ref. 41621)

From: TACS Tourism Sector Strategy ADMO TACS:EX <TSSADMO@gov.bc.ca>
To: s.22
Sent: March 18, 2021 12:10:27 PM PDT

Ref: 41621

Ginny Harrison
White Rock Travel
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Surrey, BC
Email: s.22

Dear Ginny Harrison:

Thank you for your emails of February 6 and 12, 2021, to the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, regarding the federal announcement of the extended suspension of the cruise ship season across Canada until February 28, 2022. On behalf of the Minister, I am pleased to respond.

The suspension of the cruise ship season in Canada and customs/border issues fall under federal jurisdiction. The decision to extend the ban on cruise ships visits in Canada was made by the Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport. You may wish to contact his office to share your feedback at:

Omar.Alghabra@parl.gc.ca.

The Government of British Columbia (B.C.) recognizes the significant contribution the cruise ship industry has on the tourism sector, both in B.C. and internationally, and the businesses that rely on visitors.

These measures are necessary to continue to manage the spread of COVID-19; however, we understand this will continue to impact B.C.'s tourism and hospitality businesses.

Throughout the pandemic, the provincial government has consulted extensively with business owners and sector leaders, and is in regular contact with our federal counterparts to share the voices of B.C.'s tourism sector. Government is also working to address the recommendations of the Tourism Task Force, which include helping reinforce consumer and community confidence in the sector's safety measures.

When it is safe to do so, we look forward to welcoming cruise ship visitors back to our shores.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Amber Mattock

Senior Director, Tourism Policy and Programs
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

Re: Cruise industry and tourism

From: Ginny Harrison ^{s.22}
To: TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca, Cadieux.MLA, Stephanie
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Sent: February 12, 2021 1:31:29 PM PST

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Further to this earlier email, I just thought I'd share with you an email I received today from Celebrity Cruises, regarding some clients I have booked on an Alaska Cruise this summer:

Dear Valued Travel Partner,

We are reaching out to provide an update on the status of your client's 2021 cruise vacation. The Government of Canada has recently announced continued port closures for all cruise ships through February 28, 2022. In order to comply with these closures Celebrity Cruises has placed all sailings with an embarkation or port of call in Canada, on hold. **Currently, we are working to determine if it may be possible to operate these sailings without a call to a foreign port.** However, until a decision has been rendered in this matter, these sailings will remain closed, but your client's reservation will continue to be valid.

Please note, they are doing exactly what I mentioned below: they are working with the US government to temporarily suspend the Jones Act, requiring a stop in a foreign (non USA)port.

As I mentioned below – Vancouver and Victoria could lose the cruise ship's business forever!! Not just for 2022.

Lastly, I know you are very busy with other government affairs, but this concern of mine is of the utmost importance to myself, Canadian travelers, and the tourism economies of BC and Western Canada. I really would appreciate a reply – and not an “automatic” one. I would like to know that you are aware of

- 1) the possibility that cruise lines could omit Canadian ports in future,
- 2) and what the financial ramifications of this will be to BC's tourism economy
- 3) What attempts are being made to change the Federal Government's actions.

Looking forward to the consideration of a reply,

Ginny Harrison,

White Rock Travel.

On Sat, Feb 6, 2021 at 10:24 AM Ginny Harrison ^{s.22}

> wrote:

Sent from my iPhone

Hello Honourable Melanie Mark

I own the 3rd oldest travel agency in BC, White Rock Travel.

Please let me know what the provincial government is doing in response to

The federal Minister of Transport announcing no cruise ships till feb 2022!!

All the US has to do is repeal their antiquated law “the Jones Act”, requiring cruise ships to stop at a foreign port... and BC can lose cruise ship industry forever!!! What a prospect!! I have many friends and travel industry colleagues in the US - I already see Facebook post “save cruising”... petitions urging US government to change that 1 law, which came into effect in the Civil War (I think).

The Jones Act requires any cruise ship that starts or ends cruise in the US to stop at a foreign port - hence for Alaska cruises that start or end in Vancouver - that satisfies the requirements. For the cruises that start /end in Seattle, they include stop in Victoria or Prince Rupert, and satisfy the regulation that way.

If the US changes this law, Alaska cruises don’t have to come to BC ports!

The huge amount of income this generates is in danger- not only for 2021, but possibly forever!!!

Please take action now to persuade Ottawa to change this policy quickly - while our cruise industry partners can still pivot and keep Vancouver/Victoria on their itineraries!!

I was on a zoom meeting with travel industry colleagues feb 4 and 5. They’ve heard the cruise lines have already announced “don’t panic, don’t cancel. They’re working on alternatives”, they have not yet cancelled the Alaska season. They will lobby the US government to change this law so they can cruise Alaska this summer. And - on another topic - another line, Royal Caribbean, has announced Caribbean cruises which start/end in Barbados -and don’t visit a US port. This way they don’t have to abide by US CDC requirements for cruise ships!!! So they are starting to rebel!!!

Please let me know what the BC government is doing about this. I’m sure you’ve heard from Vancouver hotels, YVR, local bus and sightseeing companies , Tourism Vancouver, the Port of Vancouver and many more.

Thanks for your attention, and I look forward to receiving a relevant and thoughtful reply.

Yours truly,
Ginny Harrison,
White Rock Travel
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Surrey,

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> Sent from my iPhone

Public health orders

From : s.22

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Sent: December 31, 2020 2:57:12 PM PST

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Good afternoon Minister's.

I am filling a formal citizens complaint with your office's to do with the current regime of public health orders. Never before in my life have I seen the such wanted destruction of economy,jobs, personal finance, mental health, education, addiction, and a blatant disregard for the rights of citizens and such a huge blatant disregard for the charter of rights and freedoms of every citizen of this province. Closing places of worship is 100% against my and every citizens Charter of Rights and freedoms. Dictating to me how many individuals I can have at my residence is absolutely dictating into a place the government has no rights or obligations to. Maybe we should all stop paying our property taxes then as it would seem that you own my residence not me. Totally unacceptable by government. Dictating to business that they must close at certain times just because it's a holiday event. Unacceptable many businesses rely on this event for a financial boost to make it through the lackluster winter months. Closing a border and banning cruise ships to a province so reliant on tourism dollars is just pure incompetence. How many Jobs and businesses were lost due to that. These are tax collecting and paying resources to the BC government. Simply financial incompetence. Mental health, addiction and suicide went up insanely due to the lockdown,job losses, business closures, economic uncertainty. The job of government is not to purposefully kill of its citizens,nor is it there job to mentally unbalance and addict it's population. Totally unacceptable, BC government needs to learn it's Job again. Education has fallen into the ocean, children and teens need to socialize, need to get the flu to build their immune system up, need sports and team related activities to learn team work, not sit in front of a computer and do nothing that's no life and will do nothing but destroy that generation mentally and physically. And best part is if we the citizens do not comply with the non law's dictated by a un elected official the gustapo is sent to take our property. Yes my money is my property but it will be forcefully taken from me to pay the Ludacris Fine's imposed by the government. Further leading to poverty and financial hardship to a already over taxed and impoverished population. Dictating to the citizens not to travel goes against the charter of rights and freedoms of the citizens. Freedom of movement is our right. The freedom of home ownership, movement, religion, business and commerce are all rights of every citizen in this province and country yet The BC government in its sheer incompetence has taken to stripping each of its citizens of these rights. Simply unacceptable. 2021 is sure to bring about change and hopefully the BC government will remember it's role as a government and return the rights of its citizens or step aside.

Happy new year

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Response to your email of February 25, 2021 to the Honourable Melanie Mark (ref. 41710)

From: TACS Tourism Sector Strategy ADMO TACS:EX <TSSADMO@gov.bc.ca>

To: s.22

Sent: March 30, 2021 4:01:43 PM PDT

Ref: 41710

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Thank you for your email dated February 25, 2021, to the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, with your suggestion to allow ship docking in Vancouver without disembarking passengers to ensure cruise lines can resume their Alaska-bound trips. On behalf of the Minister, I am pleased to respond.

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Omar.Alghabra@parl.gc.ca.

These measures are necessary to continue to manage the spread of COVID-19; however, we understand this will continue to impact B.C.'s tourism and hospitality businesses.

The Government of B.C. recognizes the significant contribution the cruise ship industry has on the tourism sector, both in B.C. and internationally, and the businesses that rely on visitors.

Throughout the pandemic, we have consulted extensively with business owners and sector leaders, and we are in regular contact with our federal counterparts to share the voices of B.C.'s tourism sector. We are also working to address the recommendations of the Tourism Task Force, which include helping reinforce consumer and community confidence in the sector's safety measures.

When it is safe to do so, we look forward to welcoming cruise ships and passengers back to our shores.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Amber Mattock

Senior Director, Tourism Policy and Programs

Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

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February 19, 2021

Rt. Honourable Justin Trudeau
Prime Minister
Government of Canada
Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A2



Re: Cancellation of the cruise season in British Columbia

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

By way of introduction, the Tourism Industry Association of British Columbia (TIABC) advocates for the interests of its members who represent some 19,000+ businesses and 161,000 employees within the province's \$21.5 billion visitor economy (normalized year).

As CEO of TIABC, my purpose for writing is to express our concern regarding the Federal Government's recent decision to extend the ban on cruise ships with more than 100 passengers to February 2022, a move that significantly impacts tens of thousands of tourism and hospitality jobs and businesses within Vancouver, Victoria and other parts of our province.

The cruise sector generates more than \$2.7 billion for British Columbia's economy (\$4.2b in Canada) and is an integral part of the iconic experiences that people enjoy while visiting our province. Combined with the cancellation of last year's cruise season, the ramifications on employees, struggling tourism and hospitality operators, and the broader business supply chain is immense.

While we were anticipating an extension to the current ban by a few months given health and safety considerations, continued travel restrictions and other factors, the unilateral move to effectively cancel the entire cruise season without consideration of developments such as timing of herd immunity (both within and outside of Canada), as well as health and safety measures taken by cruise lines and all of the tourism and hospitality industry, permanently puts at risk this vital sector and the broader tourism ecosystem connected to this once-dynamic segment of the visitor economy.

It's important to note, that in the context of health and safety for Canadians, TIABC and the entire BC tourism and hospitality industry have generally been supportive of the travel restrictions imposed by the Government of Canada even though our industry was the first and hardest hit and continues to suffer the repercussions of these directives. At the same, we strongly believe that government and industry must work together now on a comprehensive restart plan for the visitor economy that includes key components such as a Safe Travel Pass that offers proof of vaccination and/or rapid testing, among other measures to once again encourage travel at the right time.

We strongly urge the Government of Canada to reconsider its decision on cruise, particularly if there are options to welcome non-essential international travel by the third or fourth quarter of this year. At the

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very least a reassessment of your decision in the context of pandemic conditions every three months would be welcome even though it may still result in the same outcome.

For British Columbia's visitor economy, even a partial cruise season later this year would help to avoid more insolvencies and mass layoffs that have dramatically impacted the tourism and hospitality industry since March of 2020.

Prime Minister, thank you for the work that you and government are doing to keep Canadians and visitors safe during the COVID-19 crisis. We also appreciate the many federal support programs that have helped several businesses and workers through this most trying time.

Thank you as well for your consideration of our request. Please feel free to contact me for further clarification or to answer any questions. We look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,



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Hon. Melanie Joly, Minister of Economic Development & Official Languages
Hon. Bill Blair, Minister of Public Safety & Emergency Preparedness
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Hon. Marc Garneau, Minister of Foreign Affairs
Hon. Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister & Minister of Finance
Vince Accardi, Acting CEO, Tourism Industry Association of Canada
Donna Spalding, Cruise Lines International Association – North West & Canada
Hon. Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture & Sport, Province of BC
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Royce Chwin, President & CEO, Tourism Vancouver
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Ginny Harrison
White Rock Travel
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Throughout the pandemic, the provincial government has consulted extensively with business owners and sector leaders, and is in regular contact with our federal counterparts to share the voices of B.C.'s tourism sector. Government is also working to address the recommendations of the Tourism Task Force, which include helping reinforce consumer and community confidence in the sector's safety measures.

When it is safe to do so, we look forward to welcoming cruise ship visitors back to our shores.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Amber Mattock
Senior Director, Tourism Policy and Programs
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

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Email: s.22

Dear s.22

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Sincerely,

Amber Mattock
Senior Director, Tourism Policy and Programs
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

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- It has been an incredibly difficult year for people involved in the tourism industry.
- International travel restrictions are expected to remain in place for some time and health officials continue to ask people to avoid non-essential travel within our own province.
- While these measures are important to keep us and our families safe right now, they are also leading to significant hardship for tourism workers, operators, and communities.
- The Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport continues to work closely with industry stakeholders to identify opportunities for additional support.
- In September, Government appointed a Tourism Task Force to make recommendations in regard to supporting a strong recovery in B.C.'s tourism industry.
- In December 2020, days after receiving the Tourism Task Force's report, the Province acted on three of its recommendations by committing \$100 M in dedicated relief funding for the tourism sector.
- In addition, the Province also allocated \$5 M to Indigenous Tourism BC to administer relief grant funding targeted for Indigenous businesses.
- Government is now reviewing the remaining recommendations to determine the best path forward for supporting the industry until we can safely welcome visitors to our province again.
- Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport staff are also in close contact with their federal counterparts.
- The Ministry was pleased that the Federal Government recently extended the Canada Emergency Wage Subsidy and the Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy until June 2021.
- Ministry staff will continue to share the views of B.C. tourism stakeholders with the Federal Government, including the need for relief programs to remain in place until the industry can recovery.

Cruise Ship Crisis

From: Salim Sayani <salimsayani@executivehotels.net>
To: tac.minister@gov.bc.ca, Hanif Mawji <hanif@executivehotels.net>, Minister, TACS
TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 27, 2021 9:17:41 AM PDT

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Minister Mark

You had better get up to speed on the Alaska cruise bypassing Vancouver ports issue quickly. You are asleep at the switch and your ignorance and inaction are going to create further disaster for the Vancouver tourism industry.

Get to work yesterday on solving this problem and arrive at a reasonable solution to prevent further serious deterioration. This issue demands your immediate attention.

Salim Sayani

President

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Response from the Honourable Melanie Mark

From: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
To: s.22
Sent: May 11, 2021 11:31:57 AM PDT

Ref: 41915/41962

Dean Jackson
Email: s.22

Heather Glowicki
Email: s.22

Dear Dean Jackson and Heather Glowicki:

Thank you for your correspondence dated March 26, 2021, requesting an extension of the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) and Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) programs past June 2021.

I recognize that COVID-19 and the Government of Canada's ban on cruise visits to Canadian ports has had a profound impact on the tourism sector, both in British Columbia (B.C.) and internationally, and the businesses that depend on it. These measures are necessary to continue to manage the spread of COVID-19; however, we understand this will continue to impact B.C.'s tourism and hospitality businesses.

The two programs you referenced, the CEWS and CERS, both fall under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Government. You may wish to share your request regarding the two federal programs by emailing The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, by email at: Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca or by mail at:

House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Throughout the pandemic, we have consulted extensively with business owners and sector leaders, and Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, are in regular contact with our federal counterparts to share the concerns and feedback from B.C.'s tourism sector. You can be assured that I will communicate your feedback regarding these two federal programs at my earliest opportunity. We will also continue to work with the Federal Government on issues related to the border and international travel.

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Thank you again for writing and for sharing your feedback.

Sincerely,

Melanie Mark
Hli Haykwhl Wíi Xsgaak
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

International Tourist Industry Needs Targeted Support Until Recovery

From: Dean Jackson <[s.22](#)>
To: TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca, Minister, TACS TACS:EX
<[TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca](#)>
Sent: March 27, 2021 5:42:26 PM PDT
Attachments: International Tourism.pdf

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921 Government St, Victoria, BC V8W 1X5 ☎ (250)-661-2631 ✉ s.22

March 26, 2021

Dear Minister Mark,

We have run a successful tourist business for over 21 years built on international tourism. Prior to the pandemic, we operated 8 gift shops on Government Street in Victoria, BC and employed over 70 staff members. Currently we have 7 stores and 30 staff members. We are a seasonal business and our sales since Covid hit in March of 2020 are down 83%. We cannot pay the full rent committed to in our leases and we have outstanding supplier invoices from 2020 for merchandise bought pre-pandemic. Thankfully, the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) has enabled us to keep some of our staff. We are extremely grateful for the government programs, but our once successful tourist business has been decimated by the pandemic.

Until the US - Canada border reopens, and cruise ships are allowed to land in Canadian ports again, the international tourist industry will need further targeted financial assistance. Extending the CEWS and CERS past June 2021, will give businesses like ours (who are the hardest hit), a chance to recover. The border closure and cancelled cruise ships are Government mandated, both of which are out of our control and cut out 90% of our customers. Historically speaking, domestic tourism makes up 10% of our annual sales and less than 25% of the whole urban tourist industry in Victoria BC.

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Your consideration to extend the above-mentioned programs would be most appreciated and we look forward to hearing from you soon.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Dean Jackson
Owner

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Alaska Cruises skipping BC - could Prince Rupert be an answer?

From : s.22
To: premier@gov.bc.ca, OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca, health@gov.bc.ca, Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 27, 2021 12:36:41 PM PDT

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Hi!

I was very concerned to hear that there may be cruises to Alaska that do not stop in BC.

I understand that the ports are closed due to Covid, but I am wondering if it might now be possible to open Prince Rupert to cruise ships.

There would need to be some rules around it in terms of size of ship and all crew being vaccinated and so on, but the port itself is totally vaccinated so the risk would be low.

In the 70's the ships stopped in at Prince Rupert and it was great for the economy there. It is a beautiful area and whale watching, salmon and halibut fishing, and guided nature tours would be great excursions to be offered.

Before Alaska manages to get the rules changed, perhaps this is a temporary fix that should be considered by BC Tourism and the PHO as a stop gap measure to protect our cruise tourism industry from a permanent injury.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

s.22

Cruise ship future

From: Ginny Harrison <ginnyharrison@gmail.com>
To: TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca, Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Stephanie Cadieux. Mla <stephanie.cadieux.mla@leg.bc.ca>, Cadieux.MLA, Stephanie LASS:EX <Stephanie.Cadieux.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: March 23, 2021 9:49:10 PM PDT

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I wrote you about 6weeks ago, when the Federal government announced no cruise ships in Canadian ports in 2022. I've yet to receive the consideration of a reply.

And today, I'm sent a video of Mike de Jong asking you what the province is doing, to ensure cruise ships return to Vancouver and Victoria in the future. It was horrifying to see you willfully misunderstanding the question. Maybe you still don't know what's going on?

Alaska, the entire cruise industry, and the new US government are trying to find a way to work around Canada's requirements. All they have to do is change a US law, called the Jones Act. This law requires cruise ships to visit a foreign port, if ship is going, for example, from Seattle to Anchorage. If that law gets repealed (and what benefit is it anymore), and cruises no longer have to stop in Vancouver or Victoria, how much harm does that do to our economy?

Unfortunately, your Opposition is bringing this forward, instead of you!!! BC's Minister of Tourism, and the Premier should be all over this, in a proactive way. You should be the one leading the charge to keep cruise ships coming to B.C. -if not this year, at least in the future!!

I'm shocked that the Minister of Tourism actually said " We're focused on the vaccine roll out". That's not your job.....Tourism is!!! So please, get to work, and fight to keep this important economic engine in B.C.!!!

Yours truly,

Ginny Harrison,
White Rock Travel.
Sent from my iPad

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will cruise lines include canadian ports in future?

From: Ginny Harrison s.22
To: TAC.minister@gov.bc.ca, Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: kerry-lynne.findlay@parl.gc.ca, stephanie.cadieux.MLA@leg.bc.ca, Cadieux.MLA, Stephanie LASS:EX <Stephanie.Cadieux.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: April 14, 2021 11:07:26 AM PDT

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Hi....still haven't heard anything back from BC's Minister of Tourism, that's very disappointing. I don't understand how she – or her office – can ignore these emails, and not give the courtesy of a reply. Just updating you, that the national travel association in Canada, ACTA....representing travel agencies, airlines, tour operators....are now lobbying federal government with the same concerns I raised. Here is an excerpt from the newsletter I've received from Ensemble, the international travel agency consortium I belong to:
Addressing a critical industry challenge, ACTA is also lobbying the government to allow an operational or "technical" stop to satisfy the U.S. Passenger Vessel Services Act, and ultimately keep port operations continuing and allow for a more expeditious start when the cruise ban order is lifted. This is desperately needed to address efforts in the U.S. to circumvent Canada as there are legitimate concerns that the proposed temporary measure could become permanent with devastating implications for the cruise industry here in Canada.

Ginny,
White Rock Travel
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Windsor Square
126-1959-152nd St.
Appointments appreciated!

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Ref: 41915/41962

Dean Jackson
Email: s.22

Heather Glowicki
Email: s.22

Dear Dean Jackson and Heather Glowicki:

Thank you for your correspondence dated March 26, 2021, requesting an extension of the Canadian Emergency Wage Subsidy (CEWS) and Canada Emergency Rent Subsidy (CERS) programs past June 2021.

I recognize that COVID-19 and the Government of Canada's ban on cruise visits to Canadian ports has had a profound impact on the tourism sector, both in British Columbia (B.C.) and internationally, and the businesses that depend on it. These measures are necessary to continue to manage the spread of COVID-19; however, we understand this will continue to impact B.C.'s tourism and hospitality businesses.

The two programs you referenced, the CEWS and CERS, both fall under the jurisdiction of the Canadian Government. You may wish to share your request regarding the two federal programs by emailing The Honourable Chrystia Freeland, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, by email at: Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca or by mail at:

House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

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Melanie Mark
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Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

REDIRECT: 121657 International Tourist Industry Needs Targeted Support Until Recovery

From: Minister, AEST AEST:EX <AEST.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
To: Correspondence Services TACS:EX <TACS.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, AEST AEST:EX <AEST.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 20, 2021 3:03:29 PM PDT
Attachments: assistance letter march 262021.doc

Good afternoon,

Please let me know if TACS is able to accept this redirect and cc AEST on your response.

Thank you,

Katie Campbell | Correspondence Team Lead
Ministerial Correspondence & Research Unit
Office of the Deputy Minister
Ministry of Advanced Education and Skills Training
Ph: (778) 698-1321

From: Moose Crossing s.22
Sent: March 26, 2021 7:10 AM
To: Mark.MLA, Melanie LASS:EX <Melanie.Mark.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Minister, AEST AEST:EX <AEST.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca> s.22
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Ref: 41911

[Firstname] [Lastname]
[Organization]
Email: [Email]

Dear [Firstname] [Lastname]:

Thank you for your correspondence regarding the future of the cruise ship industry in British Columbia (B.C.).

COVID-19 has had a profound impact on the people and businesses in the tourism and cruise industry in B.C. As you are aware, Transport Canada has announced the suspension of the cruise ship season across Canada until February 28, 2022. These are tough decisions made by the Federal Government in the interest of protecting our communities' health and wellbeing.

That is why our Government is laser-focused on supporting businesses and working collaboratively with the tourism sector. We are continuing to implement the recommendations from the Tourism Task Force report. My colleague, the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, and I continue to meet with businesses and industry associations daily to address their needs and add additional supports.

In regard to the effort from Alaska to bypass Canadian ports in their cruise season, allow me to address the facts. First, the proposed legislation is a temporary measure while B.C. ports have been closed by the Federal Government. As soon it is safe to welcome visitors again and our ports are reopened, the proposed measure will be nullified. Second, officials from the Canadian Embassy in Washington, D.C. indicate that the possibility of this legislation passing is very unlikely. I understand that you may have become aware of this issue following some questions from the Official Opposition and while I appreciate their advocacy, I am concerned that they have created more fear on the issue than is necessary.

I want to assure you that in response to the letter from the Alaskan Congressional delegation, Canadian federal leaders and Canadian Ambassadors have met with Biden Administration officials expressing concerns on behalf of Canada regarding the proposal. In addition, our Government's Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat has and will continue to engage on the issue, and has future meetings planned. Further, I will continue to raise this issue with my federal counterparts, including discussing the unique geography of B.C. and our world class ports.

Tourism is critical to B.C.'s economic recovery, which is why we are relentless in our advocacy with the Federal Government to support the industry and all those who depend on it. I, and my government colleagues, will also continue to work with our partners in the tourism sector—including the cruise industry—to ensure we are ready to welcome cruise visitors again when it is safe to do so.

B.C. is a world class destination and will continue to be a favourite spot for cruises when the borders reopen.

Thank you again for writing, and for your interest in B.C.'s cruise industry.

Sincerely,

Melanie Mark
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Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

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From: Moose Crossings.s.22

Sent: March 26, 2021 7:10 AM

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Letter from the Honourable Melanie Mark

From: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
To: Wat.MLA, Teresa LASS:EX <Teresa.Wat.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: Minister, JERI JERI:EX <JERI.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 9, 2021 1:15:51 PM PDT
Attachments: MLA Teresa Wat's letter to Minister Mark, 41932 Signed.pdf

Please find attached a letter from the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport.

Thank you,

Office of the Minister
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture, and Sport



Ref: 41932

April 9, 2021

Teresa Wat, MLA
Official Opposition Critic; Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
Richmond North Centre
300-8120 Granville Avenue
Richmond, BC V6Y 1P3
Email: Teresa.Wat.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Dear Teresa Wat:

COVID-19 has had a profound impact on the people and businesses in the tourism and cruise industry in British Columbia (B.C.). As you are aware, Transport Canada has announced the suspension of the cruise ship season across Canada until February 28, 2022. These are tough decisions made by the Federal Government in the interest of protecting our community's health and wellbeing.

That is why our Government is laser-focused on supporting businesses and working collaboratively with the tourism sector. We are continuing to implement the recommendations from the Tourism Task Force report. My colleague, the Honourable Ravi Kahlon, Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation, and I continue to meet with businesses and industry associations daily to address their needs and add additional supports.

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Ministry of Tourism,
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Teresa Wat, MLA

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Tourism is critical to B.C.'s economic recovery which is why we are relentless in our advocacy with the Federal Government to support the industry and all those who depend on it. I, and my government colleagues, will also continue to work with our partners in the tourism sector—including the cruise industry—to ensure we are ready to welcome cruise visitors again when it is safe to do so.

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Sincerely,

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Melanie Mark
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Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

pc: Honourable Ravi Kahlon
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Cruise Ships

From : s.22
To: TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca, TACS Deputy Minister TACS:EX
<TACS.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 26, 2021 7:31:13 AM PDT

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Dear Deputy Minister:

I cannot for the life of me understand how an American president can sign an authorization for cruise ships to ply BC waters without providing business to BC. Surely we have the authority to restrict access to inland waters if we do not receive fair compensation for their passage. Sincerely yours^{s.22}
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Letter from the Honourable Melanie Mark

From: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
To: Wat.MLA, Teresa LASS:EX <Teresa.Wat.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: June 29, 2021 3:48:11 PM PDT
Attachments: 42229 Signed.pdf

Please find attached a letter from the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport.

Thank you,

Office of the Minister
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport



Ref: 42229

June 29, 2021

Teresa Wat, MLA
Richmond Centre
Official Opposition Critic for Tourism, Arts and Culture,
and Anti-Racism Initiatives
Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4
Email: Teresa.Wat.MLA@leg.bc.ca

Dear Teresa Wat:

Thank you for your questions during the Estimates debate on May 10 and 11, 2021 for the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture, and Sport. This letter addresses topics you raised during the debate for which I committed to provide a more detailed response.

Cruise Line Technical Stops

As you know, the Federal Government is responsible for both border security and maritime travel. A technical stop is when a cruise ship stops at a port for fuel, provisions, and other services, but passengers do not disembark. At this time, technical stops for cruise ships with passengers are not allowed under an Interim Order by Transport Canada that expires February 28, 2022.

An exemption to the Interim Order to allow technical stops at Canadian ports may fulfil the *U.S. Passenger Vessel Services Act* requirements that all non-U.S.-flagged vessels must stop at a 'distant foreign port.'

Ministry staff have facilitated discussions between the Provincial Health Officer and Transport Canada about the opportunity for technical stops in British Columbia (B.C.) and the Honourable John Horgan, Premier, met with Alaskan State Senator Murkowski on June 9, 2021 to confirm that the intention of the legislation is to be a temporary measure until border restrictions are lifted. We have also met with a number of leaders in the cruise industry and will continue to advocate to the Federal Government that our borders reopen as soon as it is safe to do so.

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Additionally, my colleague, the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure, has written to the federal Minister of Transportation on this topic. In this letter, he asks that the Government of Canada consider technical solutions that would facilitate some resumption of the cruise ship season, and that B.C. will support this position and engage in discussions and planning as required. Our Safer Operations Working Group, chaired by environmental health physicians at the BC Centre for Disease Control, with membership from health authorities and WorkSafe BC, will work expeditiously with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and other public health experts to develop guidance to cruise ship operators to support the resumption of safe operations.

This remains a complex issue with many considerations, including border reopening and vaccination roll-out.

Vancouver Chinatown Business Support

The Government has been working hard to put supports in place for tourism businesses. In December 2020, the Government announced \$105 M in dedicated relief funding for the tourism sector. This relief consists of a \$100 M tourism-specific funding stream through the Small- and Medium-Sized Business Recovery Grant Program (Grant). The applications process was recently simplified and includes revised eligibility criteria, so that more businesses can access the grant. I encourage you to direct any Chinatown business owners that approach you about funding to visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/economic-recovery/business-recovery-grant>.

Government also put in place support services for businesses to navigate the many COVID-19 recovery and relief programs. The B.C. Business COVID-19 Support Service provides information and support to business owners to help navigate challenges from COVID-19. Information is available in Mandarin and Cantonese from advisors by telephone, email and live chat at: 1 833 254-4357 or by email to: Covid@smallbusinessbc.ca.

In addition, the Vancouver, Coast and Mountains Tourism Resiliency Program is available to provide support to tourism businesses in Vancouver with hands-on guidance to address the immediate impacts of COVID-19. Program Advisors can help navigate applicable programs and resources; schedule meetings with experts in human resources, finance, and business transition; and guide program applications. Chinatown business owners can reach a Program Advisor by email to: vcn.resiliency.program@destinationbc.ca or by telephone at: 1 855 755-4157.

Tourism marketing agencies are currently promoting local exploration, including encouraging safe visits by Lower Mainlanders to Vancouver attractions such as Chinatown. Visitors from B.C., Canada, and the world will be encouraged to visit Chinatown as travel restrictions ease.

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Destination BC has specifically shared information about the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden on Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube posts, and purchased paid ad space featuring the Gardens as part of Global TV's "Where in BC?" Instagram Stories series.

The Major Anchor Attractions Program is now open for applications from organizations that attract over 75,000 people annually such as the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Classical Chinese Garden. Up to \$1 M is available to cover essential operation costs.

As we discussed during the Estimates debates, the Chinese Canadian Museum Society of B.C.'s first temporary exhibit, 'A Seat at the Table,' is open in Chinatown Fridays through Sundays, with free admission to entice visitation. The creation of a permanent museum is an important part of restarting our economy by stimulating development and tourism. We will keep you apprised of further updates on the project.

Additionally, BC Arts Council funding has gone to Chinatown-area cultural organizations including \$320,000 from the Arts and Culture Resilience Supplement, \$217,000 from the Arts Infrastructure Program, \$102,000 from the Pivot Program, and \$104,000 in operating funds. Benefitting organizations include Chimerik, Vancouver Chinese Instrumental Music Society, Vancouver International Centre for Contemporary Asian Art (Centre A), WePress Community Arts Space Society, and Wen Wei Dance.

Anti-Racism and Hate Crimes

I encourage you to address questions about anti-racism and hate crimes to the Honourable David Eby, Attorney General, as this responsibility rests in his portfolio.

I look forward to further discussions with you about the Ministry's ongoing supports for the recovery and long-term resiliency of tourism, arts, culture and sport across B.C.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Melanie Mark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Melanie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Mark".

Melanie Mark
Hli Haykwhl Wíi Xsgaak
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

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Response from the Honourable Melanie Mark

From: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>

To: irobertson@gvha.ca

Sent: June 28, 2021 11:23:53 AM PDT

Attachments: Greater Victoria Harbour Authority - Value of Cruise, 42200 Signed.pdf

Please find attached a letter from the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport.

Thank you,

Office of the Minister

Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport



Ref: 42200

June 28, 2021

Ian Robertson
Chief Executive Officer
Greater Victoria Harbour Authority
Email: irobertson@gvha.ca

Dear Ian Robertson:

Thank you for your email of May 17, 2021, regarding the value of cruise in Victoria. I appreciate you taking the time to share the video your organization has prepared. It clearly illustrates the many reasons why tourism and the cruise industry are so important to the health and vibrancy of our province.

I recognize the profound impact that COVID-19 and the Government of Canada's ban on cruise visits to Canadian ports has had on the tourism sector and to the many business operators that depend on it. I commend the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority for your unwavering commitment to continuing to serve our community, and for taking steps to keep everyone safe and healthy during the pandemic.

Tourism is critical to British Columbia's (B.C.) economic recovery, which is why we are relentless in our advocacy with the Federal Government to support the cruise industry and all those who depend on it. Premier, Minister Fleming, myself and my government colleagues, will continue to advocate to our Federal colleagues on the importance of this industry.

When it is safe to do so, we look forward to welcoming cruise ships and passengers back to our world-class destination and I would be happy to share your video amongst my colleagues.

T'ooyaksim' N'iisim',

Melanie Mark
Hli Haykwhl Wii Xsgaak
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

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Greater Victoria Harbour Authority - Value of Cruise

From: Ian Robertson <IRobertson@gvha.ca>
To: TAC.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca, TACS Deputy Minister TACS:EX
<TACS.DeputyMinister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 10:47:51 AM PDT

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Hello Neilane,

I wanted to share a video created by our organization on the value of cruise to Victoria:

<https://youtu.be/gODZq8zQ7eQ>.

Victoria is Canada's busiest cruise port of call and a strategic port in the Seattle-Alaska cruise itinerary for cruise lines in the region.

While the economic impact without cruise for two years has meant revenues of at least \$260 million have not been realized in our region, the impact to the fabric of our community and small business operators has been profound.

We look forward to continuing to work with all levels of government and the industry on a reopening plan, knowing that Victoria will be ready to welcome back cruise tourism when the time is right. We cannot wait to get back to what we love doing.

I welcome you to circulate this video with your colleagues. I am eager to continue our conversations on the plan for reopening Canada's marine borders.

Thank you.

Ian

Ian Robertson

Chief Executive Officer

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

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Fwd: Opening BC and East Coast ports to cruise ships

From: s.22
To: Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca, Chrystia.Freeland@parl.gc.ca, Melanie.Joly@parl.gc.ca, TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca, JTT.Minister@gov.bc.ca, Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, JERI JERI:EX <JERI.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 26, 2021 12:00:24 PM PST
Attachments: Screenshot_20210226-101535_Chrome.jpg, Screenshot_20210226-101524_Chrome.jpg

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Please read the attached.

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From: s.22
Date: Fri, Feb 26, 2021 at 10:38 AM
Subject: Opening BC and East Coast ports to cruise ships
To: <Randeep.Sarai@parl.gc.ca>

The USA would like us to open our ports to cruises this summer, and have sent the attached letter regarding this.

Everyone knows that Canada has Monstrous debt because of Covid pandemic, and because if the federal governments handling of our vaccine procurement.

So why can't we tell the US government that if they supply vaccine for BC and our east coast provinces so that we can get these places fully vaccinated, then we will open our ports and cruise tourists can get off the ships and spend money to help our economy?

We are in desperate need of business and can't afford to turn down this opportunity.

Sincerely,

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RE: Alaska Cruise ships

From: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
To: s.22
Sent: June 8, 2021 12:39:06 PM PDT
Ref: 42278

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Email: s.22

Dear^{s.22}

Thank you for your email of May 25, 2021, regarding the restrictions against cruise ships docking in Canadian ports.

On review of your email, it has been determined that this matter falls under the purview of the Federal Government. If you wish to share your concerns with the Federal Government, you may contact Transport Canada at:

Transport Canada National Headquarters
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Telephone: 613 990-2309
Toll-free: 1 866 995-9737
Email: questions@tc.gc.ca

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Sincerely,

Office of the Minister
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

From: s.22
Sent: May 25, 2021 3:26 PM
To: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Alaska Cruise ships

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Honourable Melanie Mark, MLA

Today we heard the news that the Cruise Lines are starting their season. We see that they are sailing the inside passage. If B.C. restricts that privilege, when there are no stops in B.C. it will make them more willing to talk to us regarding stops at B.C. ports. Those are Canadian waters. If that is made more difficult for them, they will be more willing to talk, when our season opens.

Sincerely,
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Sincerely,

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Severity of US bill to bypass Canada - some insight!

From : s.22
To: premier@gov.bc.ca, john.horgan.mla@leg.bc.ca, TAC.Minister@gov.bc.ca, JERI.Minister@gov.bc.ca, Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca, OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, JERI JERI:EX <JERI.Minister@gov.bc.ca>, Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>, Horgan.MLA, John LASS:EX <John.Horgan.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: June 10, 2021 6:37:14 PM PDT

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Hello Premier & Ministers,

I hope you are all keeping well! I've been cheering on your efforts and hard work over the last year and a half.

I saw the news today re: the proposed bill to permanently allow for cruise ships to bypass Canada, and I wanted to emphasize the seriousness of this to our tourism industry in the province. When the temporary bill was passed, the response from our government provincially and federally seemed to indicate that it was highly unlikely this would be permanent, as tourists love BC, and it's an attractive place to visit. While this may be true, based on my experience and vast knowledge of the cruise ship industry, BC has a serious threat that this could be made permanent and that cruise lines would opt NOT to stop in Canada if not legally required to do so.

I can almost guarantee that if cruise lines do not have to stop in BC by - they won't. Port fees are generally higher in Canada, the US dollar is losing strength, and the large ships could earn hundreds of thousands of dollars each voyage by passing over Victoria and treating it as a sea day. Cruise ships make their revenue at sea, and it costs them heavily to stop for a short time in our province. The cruise lines have been bleeding billions of dollars over the last year. They will not hesitate to sacrifice the guest satisfaction that comes from visiting Victoria, Nanaimo or Vancouver to bolster their earnings.

I wouldn't be surprised if the cruise lines themselves are the ones lobbying for this bill to pass - why else would a senator from Utah (which has no ties to the multi-billion dollar industry) propose the legislation?

Anyway... just thought I would share some insight on this. If there's anything I can do to help or if you'd like to chat more about this, please let me know. I hope to hear your voices advocating against this, because BC's already hard hit tourism industry would be absolutely devastated by this bill passing in the US.

Thanks!

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cell: s.22

Cruise Ships skipping BC

From : s.22
To: ED.minister-ministre.DE@canada.ca, tac.minister@gov.bc.ca, Minister, TACS
TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 3, 2021 8:55:31 AM PDT

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Dear Hon. Minister Joly and Hon Minister Mark

I am writing you today as one of many BC tourism employees that has been effected by the closures to tourism. As I understand it was very important to protect Canadians from COVID. I am concerned that the proposed US law making cruises allowed to skip BC on their way to Alaska will continue after this summer. I ask that the government take any and all action to stop that. I believe your government should ban cruise ships that do not stop in Canada access to the inner passage between Vancouver Island and the mainland. I believe a step like this from the government would make the cruise ships to stop in BC, as the passage is a huge attraction to the ships compared to the one sided vista on the outside of the island.

I know you and your governments are working hard to solve this issue. I just wanted to give my opinion.

Thank you for your hard work and service to our communities

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Letter from the Honourable Melanie Mark

From: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
To: ED.minister-ministre.DE@canada.ca
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>, Transportation,
Minister TRAN:EX <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 6, 2021 4:04:23 PM PDT
Attachments: 42515 Signed.pdf

Please find attached a letter from the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport.

Thank you,

Office of the Minister
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport



Ref: 42515

July 6, 2021

The Honourable Mélanie Joly
Minister of Economic Development and Official Languages
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6
Email: ED.minister-ministre.DE@canada.ca

Dear Minister Joly:

I am writing to you with regards to the cruise industry in British Columbia (B.C.) and the safe re-opening of Canadian ports to cruise vessels.

I appreciate the work the Government of Canada has done to date to support the many hard-hit businesses and people that make up our complex tourism ecosystem and for your open lines of communication during this pandemic. Tourism is one of B.C.'s key economic sectors. In 2019 there were close to 150,000 people employed in almost 20,000 businesses across B.C. In our province, tourism has provided a job for roughly one out of every 16 people, and the pandemic has caused a significant impact on the tourism sector leading to an 18.4 percent decline in tourism jobs in 2020 compared to 2019.

Across Canada, the cruise industry generates \$4.3 B in total output, with \$2.7 B contributed to the B.C. economy alone. In B.C., Canada Place serves as the largest cruise ship terminal in Canada and has been the home port to Vancouver-Alaska cruises for more than 30 years. An estimated 1.2 million cruise ship passengers on 310 ships were scheduled to make port in Vancouver during 2020. Likewise, in 2020, Victoria was expecting a record 300 ship calls and 800,000 passengers. Cruise ship passengers choose these routes so they can have the experience of visiting our beautiful province on their way to Alaska. In addition, the jobs created at the ports because of cruise ship traffic are good family supporting jobs, often unionized, and represented by the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. These jobs are integral to our coastal economy.

Critical to re-starting the economy and recovering from the devastating impacts of the pandemic is the reopening of our international border and the eventual resumption of cruises. Our understanding from dialogue with the cruise industry is that it takes a considerable amount of time to plan cruise itineraries, ready ships, market, and book passengers. We remain committed to working with Transport Canada and other agencies to determine how and when cruise operations will safely resume and provide certainty to cruise operators and the many businesses that rely on the cruise industry.

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The Honourable Mélanie Joly
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I understand that Provincial officials are meeting with Transport Canada officials, and we are eager to continue this dialogue and find solutions. To advance this dialogue, my colleague Rob Fleming, Minister for Transportation and Infrastructure, and I endorse the establishment of a high-level Canada-BC Working Group, with representation from public health experts and industry. The mandate of the Working Group would be to establish the regulatory requirements and timelines for safe resumption of cruise travel, in alignment with CDC guidelines in the United States and ongoing discussions between Canada and the United States on border re-opening.

Both workers and industry have expressed a desire to have these borders open by November 2021. I look forward to working with you and our colleague Ministers responsible for transportation to find constructive and innovative solutions to restore our tourism economy.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Melanie Mark". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Melanie" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Mark".

Melanie Mark
Hli Haykwhl Wü Xsgaak
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

pc: Honourable John Horgan
Premier

Honourable Rob Fleming
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Rethinking Cruise Tourism and Cruise Industry Operations in Victoria, British Columbia

From: TACS Tourism Sector Strategy ADMO TACS:EX <TSSADMO@gov.bc.ca>
To: Marg Gardiner <marg.jbna@telus.net>
Sent: July 7, 2021 11:37:41 AM PDT
Attachments: Letter from Assistant Deputy Minister Salman Azam.pdf

Hello Marg,

Please find attached a letter from Assistant Deputy Minister Salman Azam, Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport.

Thank you,

Office of the Assistant Deputy Minister

Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

From: Marg Gardiner <marg.jbna@telus.net>

Sent: Friday, June 4, 2021 1:40 PM

To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Heyman.MLA, George LASS:EX <George.Heyman.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; Lore, Grace LASS:EX <Grace.Lore.MLA@leg.bc.ca>; Laurel Collins <Laurel.Collins@parl.gc.ca>

Subject: 42345 Incoming - Rethinking Cruise Tourism and Cruise Industry Operations in Victoria, British Columbia

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To: Honourable John Horgan

Premier of British Columbia

Fr: Marg Gardiner,

President, James Bay Neighbourhood Association

Re: ***Rethinking Cruise Tourism and Cruise Industry Operations in Victoria, British Columbia***

Attached please find a letter addressed to Premier Horgan requesting that JBNA be recognised as an essential stakeholder and full participant during provincial discussions about the restart of cruise industry activities in our neighbourhood.

Regards,

Marg Gardiner,

President, JBNA

marg.jbna@telus.net

250-360-0300



Ref: 42345

July 7, 2021

Marg Gardiner
President
James Bay Neighbourhood Association
Email: marg.jbna@telus.net

Dear Marg Gardiner:

Thank you for your letter dated June 4, 2021, regarding cruise tourism and its impact on the neighbourhood of James Bay in Victoria. On behalf of the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, I am pleased to respond.

First, thank you for your commitment to your community and for your evidence-based approach to the recommendations you put forth. I appreciate your contribution and insights into this complex issue.

As we look towards a future when travel restrictions are lifted, the British Columbia (B.C.) Government is committed to ensuring that the tourism industry in B.C. benefits British Columbians, contributes to lasting and meaningful reconciliation, and provides visitors a memorable experience that also supports and protects our natural environment. Social, economic, and environmental sustainability, and the issue of over-tourism are key priorities for the Ministry as the tourism industry moves towards recovery and long-term resiliency.

To navigate these complex issues around recovery and reopening the Ministry has pulled together an advisory table, which is comprised of 21 key tourism industry associations that represent a broad membership base from various tourism sub-sectors. The advisory table is a forum to discuss areas of common interest and concern related to tourism recovery. The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority is a member of this group, and I encourage you to work with them to ensure your voice is heard at that table. You may also wish to reach out to the Tourism Industry Association of Canada regarding their newly formed National Cruise Committee to share your research and insights.

I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts and ideas. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

Salman Azam
Assistant Deputy Minister

Ministry of Tourism,
Arts and Culture

Tourism Sector Strategy
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Ref: 42324

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Email: s.22

Dear^{s.22}

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Sincerely,

Office of the Minister
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

Rethinking Cruise Tourism and Cruise Industry Operations in Victoria, British Columbia

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Grace LASS:EX <Grace.Lore.MLA@leg.bc.ca>, Minister, TACS TACS:EX
<TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 4, 2021 1:40:06 PM PDT
Attachments: Premier Horgan-cruise June 4 2021.pdf

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Fr: Marg Gardiner,
President, James Bay Neighbourhood Association
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Marg Gardiner,
President, JBNA
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James Bay Neighbourhood Association

jbna@jbna.org
Victoria, B.C., Canada

www.jbna.org

June 4th, 2021

The Honourable John Horgan,
Premier, Province of British Columbia.

Dear Premier Horgan:

Rethinking Cruise Tourism and Cruise Industry Operations in Victoria, British Columbia

On behalf of the James Bay Neighbourhood Association (JBNA), we respectfully request that the Province of British Columbia consider our neighbourhood priority to rethink cruise tourism, with the goal of creating a more sustainable tourism model, a model which respects the Province's ***CleanBC Plan*** and the City of Victoria's ***Climate Leadership Plan***

Victoria has been a cruise ship destination since the 1990s. By 2005 Seattle's cruise industry growth had brought significant and increasingly unwanted impacts to James Bay. The number of cruise ships visiting Victoria increased from 34 in 1999 to 267 in 2019, with larger ships carrying more passengers. For 2020, the schedule was for passenger growth of 32% over 2019, until the Government of Canada banned all cruise ship travel from Canadian waters due to the pandemic. We believe that the cruise-industry can alter its practices and once again be welcomed in our neighbourhood.

James Bay is a neighbourhood of 12,000 residents in the City of Victoria within the capital region. Tourism has been a welcome part of James Bay for over 100 years. The James Bay Neighbourhood Plan recognizes the positive contribution of tourism to our community. We host many hotels and our residents enjoy interacting with stay-over tourists; giving directions, suggesting restaurants or specialty retail stores, and just getting to know each other.

Cruise tourism has altered this tourist-resident relationship and has brought over-tourism to our neighbourhood as it has to many parts of the world. During cruise season, from April to October, the benefits to the local and regional economy come with a number of negative environmental and social impacts on our neighbourhood including air pollution, increased traffic volumes, noise, overcrowding, and the import of foreign garbage and many thousands of tonnes of other waste. The Covid-19 pandemic has also highlighted the role the cruise industry plays in the transmission of diseases.

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JBNA has long advocated for more responsible cruise industry practices. Over the past 15 years, our association has worked diligently to forward quality of life needs of our residents during the cruise season. We have conducted resident surveys, analysed traffic volumes, commissioned noise studies, initiated air quality assessments, completed a cost-benefit analysis and researched successful global approaches to addressing cruise over-tourism. JBNA's long-standing approach to analysis and positioning has been data-based and science driven.

While media attention has focused on overtourism in major cities such as Amsterdam, Venice, and Barcelona, many other communities around the world have experienced negative impacts from cruise tourism. JBNA has worked with groups including people from the United Kingdom, several cities in Europe, the Caribbean, Africa, Australia and the states of Washington, Alaska, New York, Maine, Florida, and South Carolina, to create principles directed to a global approach to responsible cruise tourism.

These global discussions have alerted us to steps taken in some countries, gaps in Canadian oversight due to jurisdictional issues, and initiatives taken in the United States to safeguard the Coastal waters along the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The renewal of the State of Washington, Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), and the Port of Seattle MOU, which was created to protect Puget Sound from the discharging of wash-water and other effluents, showed us what could be done with political will. While the cities of Bergen, Amsterdam, Barcelona have been setting limits to control tourism, Los Angeles has led the way with ship emissions.

The temporary suspension of cruise travel to Canada due to Covid-19 presents an opportunity for transformative change of cruise travel from the current mass-tourism approach to a more sustainable, responsible and intergenerational tourism model for Victoria as a port-of-call. Post-Covid, we may see a permanently altered visitor economy. The experience of a pandemic and the call for action on man's contribution to climate change may alter human behaviour.

Victoria's situation is very different from Vancouver's. For the most part, Vancouver cruise operations are not dependent on the US Passenger Vessel Services Act (PVSA). Rather, Vancouver serves the industry as a home-port, handling the overflow for Seattle's Alaska run. Vancouver's "share" of the Alaska run decreased significantly when additional docks in Seattle became cruise-terminals in 2009 resulting in a drop in Vancouver ship calls from 254 to 177 in one year. Since that time, Vancouver's cruise activity increased as Seattle did not have the capacity to handle the industry growth. Port of Vancouver's 2019 Annual Report identifies 288 ship visits, with only 7 being port-of-call visits. The greatest threat to Vancouver's lucrative home-port operations is the Port of Seattle plan to transform Pier 46 into a cruise-terminal, not from changes in the PVSA.

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A cruise industry survey done years ago suggested that many ship itineraries would include Victoria as a port-of-call even without the US PVSA requirement for a foreign port-of-call to be included in the Seattle-Alaska cruise-run. Another survey suggested that many passengers questioned the value of short-stays and night-time stays in Victoria, whereas the port-of call component of Vancouver's operations typically involve visits of 9-12 hours.

JBNA knows that there are measures that can protect our residents' quality of life during cruise season and enhance the cruise ship experience for passengers. Given our extensive knowledge of local cruise operations, we believe that we would represent the public interest of James Bay residents and our larger community.

We respectfully ask to be recognized as an essential stakeholder and full participant during provincial discussions about the restart of cruise industry activities in our neighbourhood.

Thank you for considering our request.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'M' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Marg Gardiner
President, JBNA

CC: The Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
The Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Laurel Collins, MP, Victoria
Grace Lore, MLA, Victoria-Beacon Hill

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RE: Hangers to cruise ship ports

From: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
To: s.22
Sent: June 8, 2021 11:42:02 AM PDT
Ref: 42324

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Email: s.22

Dear s.22

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Sincerely,

Office of the Minister
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: June 2, 2021 3:14 PM
To: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Hangers to cruise ship ports

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Ms. Mark

I'm wondering if you can help us. We're one of so many people who have booked cruises for 2022 and I understand President Biden has changed an old Maritime law that would allow cruise ships to avoid stopping in Vancouver or Victoria enroute to Alaska.

Our cruise begins and ends in Vancouver and has been planned for some time. We are hosting s.22 of next year. How will this new ruling impact our trip? Will the cruise line pay for transporting us to Seattle and back? I've asked our travel agent and she isn't able to answer this.

Please help / advise..... s.22

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Threat of Permanent Bypass of Cruise Ships to Canada

From: Lori McLaren <lmclaren@gvha.ca>
To: pm@pm.gc.ca
Cc: Ian Robertson <IRobertson@gvha.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 11:04:15 AM PDT
Attachments: OUT-2021-06-11-Prime-Minister-Threat-of-Permanent-Bypass.pdf

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Good afternoon

On behalf of Ian Robertson, Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, please see the attached.

Thank you,

Lori McLaren
(she/her/hers)
Corporate Administrator

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June 11, 2021

Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
Prime Minister of Canada
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RE: THREAT OF PERMANENT BYPASS OF CRUISE SHIPS TO CANADA

Dear Prime Minister:

I hope this finds you well.

Right across the country, provincial and territorial governments have been releasing their phased plans to begin slowly reopening their economies in the wake of a reduction of cases of COVID-19 and a growing percentage of their populations that are vaccinated. I want to personally thank you and your government for all of your hard work in terms of procuring vaccines and working so closely with provinces and territories on their subsequent vaccine delivery to Canadians. There is certainly light at the end of the tunnel.

The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority also welcomed the recent signal by your government that it too will begin to roll out a phased approach to the reopening of our land border with the United States. As you have undoubtedly heard from many including the tourism sector, a tangible and concrete plan for re-opening the border is desperately required in order to provide some level of predictability and, most importantly, to signal to tourism operators and tourists when it will be safe to travel again.

It is in this respect that I write to you today regarding the Government of Canada's order on the prohibition of cruise vessels in all Canadian waters until February 28, 2022. The Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, while certainly disappointed when this announcement was made on March 13, 2021, completely understood it to be the right decision given its criticality to ensuring the health and well-being of Canadians. Safety of Canadians is our number one priority, as it is yours. Still, the fact remains that the postponement of the cruise season – which is one of the single largest economic drivers of Victoria and the surrounding Capital Regional District – resulted in the cancellation of approximately 284 ship calls to Victoria (Canada's busiest cruise port of call), and well over \$130 million in economic activity for our region.

While we continue to respect the February 28, 2022 date for the return of cruise to Canada, what has become abundantly clear to us over the last month – and even further as of yesterday – is the need for an immediate signal by the Government of Canada, directed toward the cruise industry, that there will be no further extension of this order beyond February 28. Simply put, a confirmation that cruise will indeed return to Canada in 2022.

The need for this communication from your government has only been emphasized in the last month with the passage of the Alaska Tourism Restoration Act by the United States Congress and its signing by President Biden. The bill allows for Alaska-bound cruise ships originating from the west coast of the United States to skip British Columbia ports, such as Victoria, during their itinerary. Prior to this bill, U.S. legislation under the Jones Act required foreign-registered cruise ships sailing between American ports to stop in Canada. In response, Holland America Cruise Line, as an example, announced it will restart cruises from Seattle in July, bypassing Canadian ports entirely.

Many leaders across the country have suggested that this change will only be temporary given that the newly created exemption only runs until Canada lifts its order on cruise. However, to be frank, many of these same individuals did not believe the United States would pass such a piece of legislation in the first place and as quickly as it did. And yesterday, sure enough, a member of the United States Senate introduced a bill to allow cruise ships to permanently bypass Canada.

This new threat could be absolutely devastating to Victoria, to British Columbia and indeed to any port in the country that relies on U.S. in-bound cruise. While Vancouver enjoys homeport status, meaning that they have cruises that begin and end their journey from their port, thereby always having the benefit of economic activity resulting from cruise, Victoria does not have this guarantee. Instead, we rely solely on port-of-call visits for itineraries departing from Seattle.

Given all of the above, I would urge you and your government to consider as part of your phased re-opening plan of the land border a related plan for the re-opening of the marine border. It would be our suggestion that this include the rescinding of the cruise order by the end of September or October 2021 in order to provide cruise lines with the assurance they require in order to plan for their 2022 seasons.

In many conversations with executives of all of the largest cruise operators, they have expressed their disappointment and concern for our 2022 season. They need a signal, and so does Victoria. The cruise industry is worth \$3 billion to the British Columbia economy alone and we cannot afford to play roulette with something that is such a vital economic lifeline for our province.

Thank you in advance for considering this request as the government continues to contemplate its re-opening plan. Should you, your office, or any of those copied on this letter have any questions, I will make myself available at any time.

Sincerely,



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Return of Vital Cruise Industry to Canada

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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

I would like to extend the gratitude of Western Stevedoring Company and our employees for the leadership you and your Government have shown to keep Canadians safe throughout this incredibly challenging time.

Those of us who work in the tourism industry are eager to hear the plans to gradually re-open our land, air and marine borders. As you announce plans for the re-opening of our borders, we urge you to provide certainty and clarity to the cruise industry on the plan for lifting the ban on cruise in Canada.

There is mounting concern within our industry, and along with our cruise industry partners, we urgently need a clear signal that Canada will welcome cruise vessels and passengers to our ports in 2022.

Please find attached a letter on behalf of Western Stevedoring.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter.

Dave Lucas

President Terminals and Stevedoring

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The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
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Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

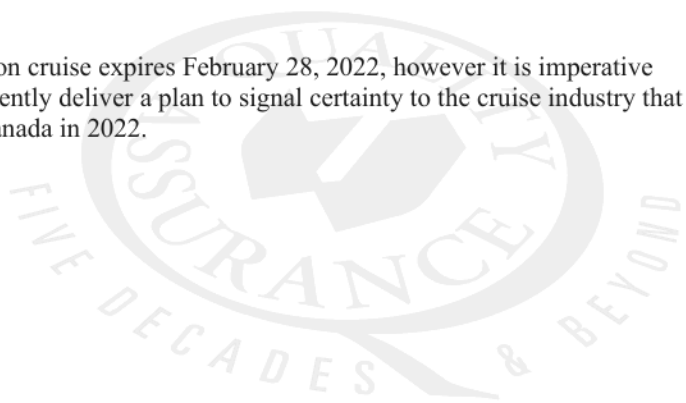
I wish to personally thank you and your government for your leadership throughout an incredibly challenging and life altering crisis, and as our country begins to recover from the pandemic. As plans are unveiled to ease restrictions, reopen our borders, and resume life as we used to know it, we wish to draw your attention to the vitally important cruise industry for which our company and employees are highly dependent.

Since 1948, Western Stevedoring (Western) has operated deep sea terminals and provided logistics services in BC to import and export customers, employing approximately 1200 people throughout the province. Western operate the Victoria Cruise & Deep Water Terminal on behalf of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, and provide ancillary services to the cruise industry through our subsidiary and joint venture companies.

Western is one of the many businesses that support cruise vessels and their passengers in Victoria, and we are deeply concerned for the many Canadians who rely on these jobs. Western employ workers from our labour partners, the International Longshore & Warehouse Union (ILWU), and we rely on many local and regional companies in providing services at the cruise terminal.

There is no question that cruise operations must be safe, and the safety of all Canadians protected, in order for the industry to return. We have adopted industry best practices from Health Authority and industry experts in developing a comprehensive cruise restart operational plan and are prepared for a wide variety of scenarios, all to ensure the health and safety of Canadians and visitors to Canada.

The current Transport Canada ban on cruise expires February 28, 2022, however it is imperative that the Government of Canada urgently deliver a plan to signal certainty to the cruise industry that cruise will be welcomed back to Canada in 2022.





With a temporary waiver to the Passenger Vessel Services Act currently in place, and a bill introduced in the U.S. Senate to repeal the act permanently, the Cruise industry in Canada, and in ports like Victoria in particular, is at serious risk. We request that the Government of Canada urgently provide assurance that the ban on cruise will be rescinded and any suspension of cruise in Canada will not be extended past February 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dave Lucas'.

Dave Lucas
President Terminals and Stevedoring
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Dear Premier,

On behalf of our members, I want to extend our gratitude for your efforts to keep Canadians safe throughout this pandemic, and more recently for the efficient role out of vaccinations that have allowed us all to breath a sigh of relief.

Those of us who work in tourism, cruise specifically, are eager to see progress on the land and marine border re-opening plans. As you head into meetings this week with both the Premiers and Prime Minister Trudeau we urge you to ask for certainty and clarity on the opening of our borders to cruise for the 2022 season.

There is growing concern within our industry, and we, along with our U.S partners need a signal that next season we will be ready to welcome cruise back with open arms.

I have attached a letter on behalf of our members, and I thank you for your time and consideration.

Yours sincerely,

Anna Poustie

Chair

Victoria Cruise Industry Alliance



June 15, 2021

The Honourable John Horgan
Premier of British Columbia
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RE: THREAT OF PERMANENT BYPASS OF CRUISE SHIPS TO CANADA

Dear Premier,

Throughout this pandemic, our federal and provincial governments have done their best to offer British Columbians not only the financial assistance they have needed to get through this, but also the hope that one day soon; the worst will be behind us. As we see vaccination rates increasing, our local towns opening up a little bit more every day, and countries near and far opening their borders, it seems as though that time is indeed coming. While we share in the collective relief and excitement that our friends, colleagues and loved ones are safer with every passing day, and the days of gathering with them at weddings and celebrations are on the horizon, for those of us who work in the Victoria cruise industry it feels as though the worst may still be yet to come.

While our government has been working hard to ensure the safety and security of British Columbians and the businesses they own and operate, our colleagues in the United States have done the same for their citizens. When Canada banned cruise, the U.S. Government was able to do what many thought impossible, and secured a waiver to the PVSA. The potential for a cruise restart in Seattle, economic revenue for Alaskan towns, and jobs along the itinerary were reason enough to bypass legislation we once thought iron clad. Our government and our industry underestimated our American neighbors; our own Tourism Minister admitted, "We were arrogant in our confidence." Now here we find ourselves again, a bill tabled by a U.S Senator that has the potential to collapse the Victoria cruise industry. We cannot make the same mistake and underestimate the threat this poses. We cannot be dismissive.

In recent interviews and in the legislative assembly, you have spoken of your confidence in Victoria as a destination. While our members' share that confidence and many have spent the past decades working hard to ensure the strong growth of our tourism sector, this past year has reminded us that sometimes it is necessary to embrace our vulnerabilities instead of digging in and assuming we are untouchable. We know Victoria has something special to offer, we know guest ratings for our city are high, but we also know Alaska is the draw for those who book a cruise. We know the cruise lines generate higher revenues during their time in Alaskan ports than they do in Victoria. We know they often feel rushed from their Alaskan destinations in order to get to Victoria for the necessary stop in a foreign port. In recognizing this, the Victoria cruise industry has not taken our position for granted and we have consistently strived to develop our destination experiences and improve the services we provide to the cruise lines. We are asking our government to do the same; we are asking you not to take the Victoria cruise industry for



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Communicating the positive impact of the cruise industry to the Greater Victoria Region

granted. We have to fight for our industry, and we have to give our cruise partners, both domestically and internationally, the confidence that they will be welcomed back in 2022.

For the past year, we have all been living in a state of uncertainty, unsure of what our next day, week, or month will look like. Uncertainty drives fear and it is that fear and lack of control that drove both the Alaska Tourism Recovery Act, and now the proposed bill to repeal the PVSA. If our federal government can provide certainty for our partners and give clarity on how cruise will be welcomed back, then the fear will fade, and along with it the necessity for further legislation out of the U.S. We need an immediate signal directed towards the cruise lines that there will be no further extension of the order beyond February 28th. In your communication with Prime Minister Trudeau, we urge you speak on behalf of our industry, request that a plan for cruise be part of the border re-opening plan, and give our partners certainty now that the ban on cruise will not be extended further.

We respect and admire our government's commitment to keeping Canadians safe during this pandemic, and like all British Columbians, we are grateful to see things slowly return to normal. For our members however, there is deep concern that they will never return to the jobs they love, and to the community they have helped build around our local industry. We urge you to seek clarity and certainty from the federal government and collaborate with them to create a science-based approach to opening as you have done for our province. We thank you in advance for considering this request. Should you, your office, or any of those copied on this letter have any questions, I am available at any time.

Sincerely,

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Thank you

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The Honorable Melanie Mark Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

Dear Ms. Mark

Compounding stress and anxiety, the Pandemic has cast a dim light on the Iconic Horse Drawn Carriage industry in the Capital City Victoria BC.

We ask Premier John Horgan, Minister Mark along with Prime Minister Trudeau to look and create the road to creation of jobs not losing them.

The International Cruise ship industry is vital to Victoria and we have seen negative action from all levels of government to paving the way for the future of this industry.

Victoria Carriage Tours has been the exclusive Carriage operator for all the ships over the last 18 years creating lasting memories for millions of travelers and well-paying jobs to talented women.

It is a sad day on the farm, when I see my family of horses wander about with no job as I ponder their future.

Victoria Carriage Tours must always plan a year ahead with training of horses, contracts with all our suppliers worldwide but here we are, now into our 2nd summer of locals only.

Our next step may be closing our operations, lay staff off and our horses will have no security.

Power is in your hands, use it. Be wise, allow safe tourists into Canada.

Respectfully,

Katarina Sjoblom
Owner

Threat to the Canadian Cruise Industry

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Dear Premier Horgan,

On behalf of the 1200 employees of Western Stevedoring throughout British Columbia, I wish to thank you and your Government for your efforts to protect the safety of British Columbians throughout this incredibly challenging time. As you meet with Prime Minister Trudeau to discuss the plans for the re-opening of our borders, we urge you to highlight the critical and urgent importance of outlining a plan for the return of the cruise industry to Canada and a clear and concise plan for rescinding the ban on cruise prior to the current expiry in February 2022.

We know that you are aware of the threat posed by the potential for American politicians to repeal the Passenger Vessel Services Act to protect their tourism industry in Alaska, and we urge you not to take this lightly. While Victoria and Vancouver are desirable destinations for cruise passengers, we must understand these are primarily American passengers seeking a cruise experience in Alaska, not British Columbia. We take great pride in being significant participants in the services and experience offered in Victoria, but our employees and our company are gravely concerned for our future should our Governments not act now to signal to this vital industry as part of the re-opening plans that they will be welcomed back with open arms in 2022.

We urge you to stress the importance of this threat to the Prime Minister and to provide clarity to the cruise industry.

Sincerely,

Dave Lucas

President Terminals and Stevedoring

Western Stevedoring Company Ltd

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The current Transport Canada ban on cruise expires February 28, 2022, however it is imperative that the Governments of Canada and B.C. urgently deliver a plan to signal certainty to the cruise industry that cruise vessels and their passengers will be welcomed back to B.C. in 2022.

MEMBER COMPANY

The Western Group
Stevedoring and Terminal Services



With a temporary waiver to the Passenger Vessel Services Act currently in place, and a bill introduced in the U.S. Senate to repeal the act permanently, the Cruise industry in Canada, and in ports like Victoria in particular, is at serious risk. While we share your views that Vancouver and Victoria are desirable destinations for cruise passengers, we must not take for granted the very real threat that is posed by the bill introduced by Senator Lee. We know that Victoria has a lot to offer, but we are intimately aware that Alaska is the primary focus of those who book an Alaskan cruise, and we must not take for granted the will of American politicians and citizens to protect their tourism industry.

We urge you to stress the importance of this critical industry to British Columbia and to press the Government of Canada to urgently provide assurance that the ban on cruise will be rescinded and any suspension of cruise in Canada will not be extended past February 2022.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dave Lucas'.

Dave Lucas
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cruise ships gone forever

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Just saw on global news that an Iowa (or Utah?) senator has tabled 3 motions in US Senate, to make the change to the Jones Act, the US cruise ship law, permanent.

You can still say your sources say it won't go through, but I urge you, again, to start doing something about this. Start talking with the federal government, and start talking with your US counterparts. Cruise lines would love to be able to go in and out of Seattle, it is so much more efficient for them! And then, their passengers would not need to have passports either, so a huge new market for them!

I believe the Federal Government does not understand the harm their stance can have to BC. This is because the cruises that go to the Eastern Canada ports (and there are far, far fewer ships there, than on our west coast, its approx 10% I think) Eastern Canada is the destination for the cruise ships passengers. Whereas for Alaska cruises here, Alaska is the destination. The cruise ships have no need to go in and out of Vancouver, other than esthetics. Don't make the mistake of entitlement, that I hear so many people say: oh, but Victoria and Vancouver are such beautiful cities, of course the cruise lines would want to come here!

The NDP government, led by the Tourism Ministry, needs to make sure the NDP isn't blamed forever for the loss of this important part of our tourism industry, and that's what you're facing.

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Appointments appreciated!

RE: Copy of the letter re: Cruise

From: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
To: Holding, Marina TAC:EX <Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 6, 2021 2:28:49 PM PDT

Awesome thanks Marina,
Cheers
Carla

From: Holding, Marina TAC:EX <Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 6, 2021 2:24 PM
To: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Copy of the letter re: Cruise

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Marina

From: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 6, 2021 2:21 PM
To: Holding, Marina TAC:EX <Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Copy of the letter re: Cruise

Howdy Marina,
Hoping if you have a copy of the final approved letter that went to Minister Joly's office re: Cruise so we can have on hand in case needed.

Many thx,
Carla
Carla Wormald, MA
Manager Government Communications and Public Engagement
Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
PH 778-698-8199
Cell 250-208-4309

RE: MATERIALS: June 17th meeting with Cruise Lines

From: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>
To: Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 16, 2021 1:18:38 PM PDT

Good to go, thanks!

From: Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 16, 2021 1:14 PM

To: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: MATERIALS: June 17th meeting with Cruise Lines

Please let me know when this is okay to send to MOTI - thanks

Cindy Flesh

Administrative Coordinator to the

Honourable Melanie Mark

Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

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From: Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 16, 2021 1:12 PM

To: Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>; Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Milner, Daniel TACS:EX <Daniel.Milner@gov.bc.ca>; Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: MATERIALS: June 17th meeting with Cruise Lines

Hi Team – please find attached a briefing note prepared for Minister Mark as well as a .ppt provided by CLIA in preparation for the joint MOTI/TACS / CLIA meeting on June 17th @ 12:30pm.

Please ensure Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation as well as Kaye Krishna, DM of Transportation receives these final materials.

Andrea Berkes

Director, Executive Operations

Deputy Minister's Office

Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

Mailing Address: PO Box 9812, STN PROV GOVT

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Victoria BC V8W 9W1

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Email: andrea.berkes@gov.bc.ca

RE: For Attention/re-routing 303849 - Spalding / Cruise Seeks Clarity for Cruise to Return to Canada in 2022

From: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>
To: Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 23, 2021 9:37:31 AM PDT

No action required. Thanks!

From: Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 22, 2021 3:57 PM

To: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: For Attention/re-routing 303849 - Spalding / Cruise Seeks Clarity for Cruise to Return to Canada in 2022

Sent this to you yesterday for direction – if my memory serves me you a me a verbal no action – would you like MOTI to respond - thanks

Cindy Flesh

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Correspondence Analyst

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T: 250 356-5171

FW: FOR REVIEW/APPROVAL: Cruise ship comms

From: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>
To: Mark, Melanie -s.17
Sent: July 14, 2021 11:32:25 AM PDT
Attachments: NR - Cruise Ship Reopening - EN_DMOapproved - VG edits.docx
Draft NR for tomorrow

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FW: Cruise Seeks Clarity for Cruise to Return to Canada in 2022

From: Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>
To: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 21, 2021 11:51:39 AM PDT

Fyi – please let me know if any action is required by me - thanks

Cindy Flesh

Administrative Coordinator to the
Honourable Melanie Mark

Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

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From: Donna Spalding <dspalding@clia-nwc.com>

Sent: June 21, 2021 11:51 AM

To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>

From: Transportation, Deputy Minister TRAN:EX <DeputyMinister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>; Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Cruise Seeks Clarity for Cruise to Return to Canada in 2022

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Neilane:

For your information and with regard to our conversation last week I wanted to keep you in the loop about the [information](#) recently posted to our web site.

Please let me know if you have any questions, we look forward to hearing the results of your assistance toward a meeting with Dr. Henry's office.

Best regards,

Donna

Donna Spalding

Government Affairs & Community Relations

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Fwd: Joint Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau

From: Gala Milne <gmilne@victoria.ca>
To: george.smith@gov.bc.ca, Casselman, Laura TRAN:EX
<Laura.Casselman@gov.bc.ca>, melissa.farrance@gov.bc.ca, Smith, George
PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>, Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX
<Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 16, 2021 11:20:53 AM PDT
Attachments: image002.png, image004.gif, image005.gif, 2021_06_16 - Joint Letter to Prime
Minister Trudeau from Regional Mayors and First Nations Chiefs.pdf,
image003.gif, image001.gif

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Hi all

Please see attached as discussed yesterday.

Thank you

Gala Milne

Head of Strategic Operations

Mayor's Office

City of Victoria

From: Jake McFadden <jmcfadden@victoria.ca>

Sent: Wednesday, June 16, 2021 11:02:04 AM

To: Gala Milne <gmilne@victoria.ca>

Cc: Colleen Mycroft <cmycroft@victoria.ca>

Subject: Joint Letter to Prime Minister Trudeau

Hi Gala,

Please see attached to be sent to the Prime Minister, Premier and the cc'd Ministers.

Sorry for the delay!

Thank you 😊

Kindly,

Jake McFadden

Executive Assistant

Mayor's Office

City of Victoria

1 Centennial Square, Victoria BC V8W 1P6

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June 16, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau
 Prime Minister of Canada
 House of Commons
 Ottawa, ON K1A 0A6

Dear Prime Minister Trudeau,

Cruise is a valuable part of Greater Victoria's visitor economy, contributing more than \$130 million annually and supporting more than 800 jobs. This industry has been successfully built through the significant and concerted efforts of our regional tourism industry and the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority.

US legislation is being drafted right now to make the Passenger Vessel Service Act waiver permanent. The loss of the cruise industry would have deep long-term cuts to our local and BC economy, to tourism and to Canada's west coast tourism experience. Cruise passengers choose Alaska for their cruise and, while Victoria is positively received by cruise passengers, their intentions in choosing this market are based on a journey to Alaska, not British Columbia. What research shows, however, is that once people have even a short stay in BC as part of their cruise journey, they often choose to visit again for longer stays and sometimes also choose to invest in or move business to British Columbia.

The cruise industry plan their routes and itinerary in the fall. We request a signal from the Government of Canada that the cruise order will be rescinded this fall and that there will be no further extension of this order suspending cruise in Canada beyond February 2022. We the undersigned Mayors of the Greater Victoria Region request the Federal Government support our region and make this announcement now without delay as a coupling with the announcement of the reopening plan for the Canada-USA land and marine borders.

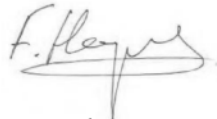
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Sincerely,



Lisa Helps,
City of Victoria Mayor



Fred Haynes
District of Saanich Mayor



John Ranns
District of Metchosin Mayor



Maja Tait
District of Sooke Mayor



Geoff Orr
District of North Saanich



Rob Martin
City of Colwood Mayor



Barbara Desjardins
Township of Esquimalt Mayor



Stew Young
City of Langford Mayor



Ken Williams
District of Highlands Mayor



David Screech
Town of View Royal Mayor



Cliff McNeil-Smith
Town of Sidney Mayor



Kevin Murdoch
District of Oak Bay Mayor



Ryan Windsor
District of Central Saanich



Chief Ron Sam
Songhees Nation Chief



Chief Rob Thomas
Esquimalt Nation Chief

Cc The Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia
 The Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
 The Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

FW: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

From: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
To: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 15, 2021 10:23:08 AM PDT
Attachments: RDIMS-#17632894-v2-
LETTER_TO_BC_MINISTER_FLEMING_CRUISE_SHIPS_FINAL_JUNE....pdf

FYI – Response from the feds.

From: Minister of Transport / Ministre des Transports (TC) <TC.MinisterofTransport-MinistredesTransports.TC@tc.gc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2021 2:11 PM

To: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; dominic.leblanc@parl.gc.ca

Subject: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

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Dear Minister Fleming:

Please find attached correspondence from the Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport.

Minister of Transport



Ministre des Transports

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0N5

The Honourable Rob Fleming, M.L.A.
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Government of British Columbia
Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister:

Thank you for your letter of May 21, 2021, regarding cruise vessels and for meeting with me following the U.S. Senate's approval of the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act*. Since then, the Bill has been signed into law by the U.S. President.

Like you, I recognize the economic impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our communities that rely on cruise ship activities. I have also spoken a number of times with Senator Sullivan of Alaska to explain why Canada took the difficult but necessary decision to continue restricting large cruise ships in Canadian waters until February 28, 2022. In taking this decision, Transport Canada worked in close collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), as well as provincial, territorial, and local health authorities, to ensure that the health and safety of marine workers, marine communities and all Canadians are protected.

The top priority of our government is to protect the health and safety of all Canadians during this pandemic. We are committed to continue working with your government and all provinces, territories and Indigenous partners, to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and its variants in Canada.

We have also been closely engaged with U.S. officials at multiple agencies, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (USCDC), the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Transportation, as well as the cruise industry, to consider scenarios for the safe resumption of cruise ship operations when public health conditions permit it.

Subject to meeting USCDC requirements for safe sailing, the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act* will permit certain large cruise ships to sail to Alaska without stopping in Canada by exempting them from the requirements of the U.S. *Passenger Vessel Services Act*. This temporary legislation is in effect only until the earlier of either March 31, 2022, or once cruise ships are able to resume normal activities in Canada.

Currently, Transport Canada's Interim Order No. 5 Respecting Passenger Vessel Restrictions Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) prohibits the operation of large cruise ships in Canadian waters but contains provisions that allow foreign vessels to apply for exemptions to stop in Canada. These exemptions can be used – or the Interim Order may be varied or rescinded – when public health determines that it is safe to do so to enable a cruise ship to stop at a Canadian Port and disembark passengers, a condition critical to satisfying the requirements of

Canada

the U.S. *Passenger Vessel Services Act*. As Minister of Transport, I will review such applications in consultation with the affected province or territory, its chief public health officers, and the federal Minister of Health, in order to ensure the protection of health and safety.

I am encouraged by recent discussions between our respective departments and British Columbia public health, and the mutual agreement to look at solutions and exemption requests to support a planned restart of the Alaska cruise season when public health conditions dictate (e.g., the Canadian border reopening to non-essential travel, vaccination levels and crowd gathering sizes). This cooperation will be critical as we work together to ensure a unified approach to allow a resumption of cruising activities and the associated on-shore excursions when it is safe to do so.

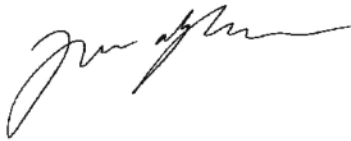
Transport Canada is also working closely with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Transportation to better understand their requirements under the *Passenger Vessel Services Act* and to ensure any approach takes into consideration the situation with the pandemic in both countries, as well as alignment on wider border policy.

While there are a number of provinces battling a third wave of COVID-19, it is encouraging to see the progress happening with Canada's successful vaccine rollout. British Columbians and all Canadians can be proud of what we have accomplished together. As the majority of Canadians receive their vaccinations, we will continue to work together with provincial and territorial governments to determine how to safely reopen our borders.

I continue to monitor the economic impact of the pandemic on Canada's cruise industry, and our government stands ready to consider all opportunities to support industry and promote economic recovery as Canada emerges from the pandemic. As we have done in other areas such as strengthened border measures, I welcome your continued collaboration to ensure Canada and British Columbia can safely welcome cruise ships when the time is right. The existing measures will provide public health authorities with the ability to continue focussing on the most pressing issues at hand.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,



The Honourable Omar Alghabra, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport

c.c. The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada
and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honourable John Horgan, M.L.A.
Premier, British Columbia

The Honourable Melanie Mark, M.L.A.
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, British Columbia

Re: Media Release - Embargoed

From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 22, 2021 7:53:18 AM PDT

Thanks - I've shared with Jimmy and TRAN GCPE.

On Jun 22, 2021, at 7:11 AM, Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Fyi

Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

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From: Ian Robertson <IRobertson@gvha.ca>
Date: Jun. 21, 2021 3:18 p.m.
Subject: Media Release - Embargoed
To: "Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>,"Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc:

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Hi Neilane/Salman,

FYI - sharing with you an embargoed copy of a media release GVHA will be distributing Tuesday morning.

Feel free to reach out with any questions.

Regards

Ian

Ian Robertson

Chief Executive Officer

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

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Fwd: Cruise letter to the feds (4102)

From: Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca, Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX
<Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>
To: Asia TACS:EX Munro <Asia.Munro@gov.bc.ca>, Munro, Asia TRAN:EX
<Asia.Munro@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 30, 2021 12:34:57 PM PDT
Attachments: FOR REFERENCE ONLY - MOTI letter to Minister Alghabra (303900)
Cruiseships - FINAL.docx, 42515 Joly Final 210630.docx

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX" <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>
Date: June 30, 2021 at 12:33:32 PM PDT
To: "Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX" <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: **Cruise letter to the feds (4102)**

Melissa – attached is the Cruise letter to Min. Joly (eApp is now with Marina).

I've also included the finalized letter that TRAN sent to their federal counterpart as reference.

Andrea Berkes
Director, Executive Operations
Deputy Minister's Office
Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture
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RE: Cruise ship batch with TRANS - question

From: Holding, Marina TAC:EX <Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>
To: Correspondence Services TACS:EX <TACS.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 9, 2021 3:03:53 PM PDT

Hi Lindsay,
That's fine with me. He meets with MMM regularly,
Marina

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Sent: July 9, 2021 3:03 PM
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Hi,
TRANS is rethinking the Ian Robertson one. They advise that his incoming wasn't addressed to our government, and Robertson has since met with DM Krishna on this subject on June 24 and they believe he also met with Minister Mark at some point, so their manager feels a belated formal response isn't necessary.
Incoming and draft attached for reference. Please advise if TRANS is ok to removed from batch should they confirm they want to do so.
Thanks!

Lindsay

From: Economy Sector eApprovals <donotreply@sp.gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 8, 2021 3:29 PM
To: Correspondence Services TACS:EX <TACS.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: ALERT - eApprovals Item ID: 4077 - Approved/Rejected - Various - Due 6/24/2021

Holding, Marina [Assignee] approved the item and forwarded it to Correspondence Services for action

Comment: Approved! Lots of edits from MMM. Will need a re-format, also, please add her Nisga'a name to her signature block on each of the outgoings. Please ensure our office sees a final before MOTI CU sends out.

#: 42500 / 42501

Title: RUSH joint response with TRAN: Cruise ship industry and COVID-19

Full Name: Various

Due Date: 6/24/2021

Category: Correspondence - Bullets

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Sent: July 6, 2021 2:23:36 PM PDT
Attachments: 42515 Joly Final 210630_1.docx

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Carla Wormald, MA

Manager Government Communications and Public Engagement

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Cc: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>, Correspondence
Services TACS:EX <TACS.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>, Flesh, Cindy
TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 22, 2021 3:41:57 PM PDT
Attachments: Cruise Seeks Clarity for Cruise to Return to Canada in 2022

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Cruise Seeks Clarity for Cruise to Return to Canada in 2022

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To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: DeputyMinister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca, Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>, Transportation, Deputy Minister TRAN:EX <DeputyMinister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 21, 2021 11:50:42 AM PDT

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303306 - Cruise Vessels in Canadian Waters

From: Kubisheski, Carlee TRAN:EX <Carlee.Kubisheski@gov.bc.ca>
To: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 31, 2021 1:21:09 PM PDT
Attachments: 303306 – Cruise Vessels in Canadian Waters

Hi Chelsea,

Here's the letter to the federal minister:

Thank you!

Carlee Kubisheski | Senior Executive Assistant

To Deputy Minister, Kaye Krishna

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

778-698-1828

303306 – Cruise Vessels in Canadian Waters

From: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>
To: mintc@tc.gc.ca
Cc: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>, Minister, TACS
TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 21, 2021 8:12:34 AM PDT
Attachments: 303306 Alghabra.pdf

Honourable Omar Alghabra
Minister of Transport
Government of Canada
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303306 – Cruise Vessels in Canadian Waters

Dear Minister Alghabra:

Please find attached correspondence from the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure.

Sincerely,

Office of the Minister
Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure



May 21, 2021

The Honourable Omar Alghabra
Minister of Transport
House of Commons
Ottawa ON K1A 0A6

Reference: 303306

Dear Minister Alghabra:

Re: Cruise Vessels in Canadian Waters

I am writing to you with regards to the Government of Canada's Interim Orders prohibiting cruise vessels in Canadian waters until February 28, 2022.

As you know, the cruise sector is an important component of British Columbia's tourism industry. Canada Place serves as the largest cruise ship terminal in Canada and has been the home port to Vancouver-Alaska cruises for more than 30 years. In 2019, Vancouver received 288 ship visits with more than 1 million cruise passengers, reflecting a 22 per cent increase in passenger volumes over 2018. An estimated 1.2 million cruise ship passengers on 310 ships were scheduled to make port in Vancouver during 2020. Each ship translates into \$3 million in tourism spending per visit.

The 2019 cruise season in Victoria saw a record 264 ships and 700,000 passengers visit the city. In 2020, Victoria was expecting a record 300 ship calls and 800,000 passengers. Cruise ship visits to Victoria support more than 800 indirect and direct jobs and generate more than \$130 million in annual economic impact to the region. Cruise ship passengers choose these routes so they can have the experience of visiting British Columbia on their way to Alaska. My colleague the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, has been tirelessly advocating for the tourism industry during the pandemic as we look forward to recovery.

Similarly, the importance of the cruise industry to Alaska has been made clear through the May 11, 2021, letter to the Prime Minister from U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan, and with the likely passage of the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act*.

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In their letter to the Prime Minister, Senators Murkowski and Sullivan point out that they are not asking Canada to lift the Interim Order, but rather to “enable an exemption process, with the ability to expedite, for Conditional Sailing Certificated cruise ships... our ask is that these vessels be permitted to moor in Canadian ports for at least four hours and that Canadian Customs... consider the vessel to be inspected during that time. We understand that passengers will not be permitted to go ashore during this stop.”

If the government of Canada is willing to consider technical solutions that would facilitate some resumption of the cruise ship season, British Columbia will support this position and engage in discussions and planning as required. Our Safer Operations Working Group, chaired by environmental health physicians at the BC Centre for Disease Control and with membership from health authorities and WorkSafe BC, will work expeditiously with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and other public health experts to develop guidance to cruise ship operators to support the resumption of safe operations.

British Columbia’s expectation is that any solution would meet the safety requirements of both countries as well as legislative and public health processes in the United States, including CDC guidelines. On May 5, 2021, CDC released the next two phases of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order (CSO) for cruise ships operating or seeking to operate in U.S. waters. CDC published technical instructions for cruise ship operators preparing to conduct simulated (“trial”) voyages in advance of restricted passenger voyages under a COVID-19 Conditional Sailing Certificate. With the issuance of these next two phases, cruise ship operators now have all the necessary requirements and recommendations they need from the CDC to start simulated voyages before resuming restricted passenger voyages and apply for a COVID-19 conditional sailing certificate to begin sailing with restricted passenger voyages.

British Columbia has appreciated the collaboration with the Government of Canada throughout the pandemic. As Canada and the United States continue discussions on the parameters needed to begin reopening our shared border in a manner consistent with ongoing public health requirements, British Columbia looks forward to working with Canada and with our U.S. neighbours to find constructive and innovative solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rob Fleming", is positioned above the printed name.

Rob Fleming
Minister

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Copy to: Premier John Horgan

Honourable Melanie Mark
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
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RE: CLIA news release

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Cc: Learned, Kristen DBC:EX <Kristen.Learned@destinationbc.ca>, Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 12:55:07 PM PST

Thanks for sharing the CLIA release, Clare.^{s.13}

s.13 applicable PHOs. I expect TC is consulting closely with Dr. Tam and the

Andrew

From: Mason, Clare DBC:EX <Clare.Mason@destinationbc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 12:51 PM
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Cc: Learned, Kristen DBC:EX <Kristen.Learned@destinationbc.ca>; Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CLIA news release

Lots of media interest today in the news from the Feds re: cancellation of the cruise season
We are referring folks to CLIA
Thx
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Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 12:46 PM
Subject: CLIA news release

FW: Harbour Currents - March 2021

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
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To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>, Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 29, 2021 2:48:12 PM PDT

FYI – excerpt from the GVHA Update from the CEO on cruise:

“I believe it is time for the Government of Canada, with the Province of British Columbia and other relevant stakeholders, to determine a road map for the safe reopening of the Canada-U.S. land and marine border. I am not advocating for re-opening before it is safe to do so; I am asking that government, industry, and local communities work together to understand what factors need to be met to begin to welcome our American neighbours back to Canada. A plan must be put in place that allows a methodical, incremental reopening of the border.”

From: Greater Victoria Harbour Authority <newsletter@gvha.ca>
Sent: March 29, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Harbour Currents - March 2021

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FYI: GVHA cruise update

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Sent: October 28, 2020 2:15:07 PM PDT

FYI – article below from Greater Victoria Harbour Authority’s latest newsletter on potential resumption of cruise. They’ve posted a subject-to-change cruise schedule for 2021 – as of now predicting 315 visits: <https://gvha.ca/cruise/cruise-schedule/>. Resumption is subject to Transport Canada removing its cruise ban which currently expires Oct. 31, 2020 (could be extended), and the appropriate health and safety measures being in place to resume. (Port of Vancouver has not yet posted a schedule for 2021.)

Update from CEO Ian Robertson

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Sincerely,
Ian Robertson

You can read the entire newsletter here: <https://mailchi.mp/gvha/harbour-currents-october-2020?e=f6541d6662>

QP topics - cruise industry and tourism

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Sent: March 23, 2021 2:46:33 PM PDT

FYI - Excerpt from Hansard from this morning's Question Period that covered cruise industry/Jones Act, and also tourism recovery and task force. I've highlighted some of the cruise content.

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FYI - Transport Canada cruise ban extended to February 28, 2022

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Sent: February 4, 2021 11:51:10 AM PST

FYI – Transport Canada has banned cruise until February 28, 2022. See TC news release:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-announces-one-year-ban-for-pleasure-craft-and-cruise-vessels.html>

And GVHA statement below.

From: Greater Victoria Harbour Authority <newsletter@gvha.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Statement on the extended suspension of cruise in Canada

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Statement on the extended suspension of cruise in Canada

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FYI - Transport Canada extends cruise ship ban until Feb. 28, 2021

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Sent: October 29, 2020 5:08:32 PM PDT

FYI - this was expected.

Transport Canada news release: <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2020/10/minister-garneau-announces-extended-measures-for-cruise-ships-and-pleasure-craft-in-canada.html>

Victoria Buzz article: <https://www.victoriabuzz.com/2020/10/transport-canada-extends-cruise-traffic-suspension/>

Cruise and borders

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Cc: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 10, 2021 5:02:28 PM PST

Bob, just FYI.

This is info from Tourism Industry Association of BC newsletter today based on discussions at JERI's Industry Engagement Table this week that included Dr. Henry. Please do let us know if you have any engagement from or with Transport Canada related to restricting cruise ships from Canadian waters.

Thanks!
Andrew

Government continues to communicate that international travel is unlikely to take place this summer, while the cruise industry is likely the very last to return. TIABC continues to advocate for a restart plan that recommends government and industry work together to prepare for domestic and international visitors. The organization also continues to advocate on behalf of the cruise sector (& the entire tourism eco-system it supports) by asking the federal government to reassess its order on suspending cruise until 2022, and instead considering a review of the directive every three months.

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FW: Cruise

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Cc: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 3, 2021 8:58:49 AM PST

FYI – TRAN has no concerns with the cruise response we shared with them – will send it back to you in e-apps Amber. Sharing the note below just for context regarding TRAN's role.

KK

From: Steele, Bob D TRAN:EX <Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 2, 2021 1:28 PM
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cruise

Hi Kristie

Sorry for the delayed response.

We have no concerns with your proposed draft response as currently worded.

As Andrew is aware, while MoTI is technically engaged with TC on this issue when TC reaches out to their P/T transportation counterparts, it is as a conduit for providing coordinated provincial feedback on the issue from the s.13

MoTI has not been involved in any analysis with respect to cruise ship ports of call and the Jones Act, and sees this as a TAC and/or JERI lead.

I hope this is of assistance.

Many thanks,
Bob

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Sent: February 23, 2021 9:02 AM
To: Steele, Bob D TRAN:EX <Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Cruise

Good morning Bob:

Sorry to bug you, just circling back on this one to see if you've had a chance to review it?

Thanks again,
Kristie

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX
Sent: February 22, 2021 10:30 AM
To: Steele, Bob D TRAN:EX <Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Cruise

Hi Bob:

I work with Andrew in the Tourism Branch. We have received correspondence regarding the extended cruise ban and have drafted the attached response. Hoping you can please review the draft to ensure it aligns with TRAN messaging and provide any additional messaging that might be useful – particularly regarding the writer's concerns about the Jones Act – see incoming attached.

Thank you,

Kristie Kristofferson
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CLIA letter to MMM and economic contribution of cruise study

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Sent: May 3, 2021 11:43:11 AM PDT
Attachments: April 28, 2021-Minister Melanie Mark Update on Cruise Industry in BC.pdf, CLIA-2019-Canada-EIS-Report-Final.pdf

Hi both of you;

I'm guessing you've both likely already seen the CLIA letter to MMM asking to support 'technical stops as an interim measure' that was included in the TIABC bulletin of last Wednesday, April 28, but I'm attaching it here in case you haven't, along with the economic contribution study also linked that was just published in March 2021.

I've saved both of these in the ^{s.15} folder, as well as alerted Tiffany to the letter for her stakeholder tracking.

Robert Rao
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28 April 2021

Hon. Melanie Mark
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture & Sport
Room 133 Parliament Buildings
Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

Dear Minister Mark:

Re: Update on Cruise Industry in British Columbia & COVID-19

On behalf of the Cruise Lines International Association – North West & Canada (CLIA-NWC) and our member cruise lines, I am reaching out to make you aware of recent developments that could have significant implications for the cruise industry in this province.

The cruise industry contributed \$2.7 billion in economic activity and 17,000 jobs in British Columbia in 2019, along with \$80 million in business taxes and \$185 million in income taxes. These benefits flow to the hotel, transportation, agricultural, ship maintenance and small business sectors of the economy. Regrettably, all of that was lost last year with the COVID-19 induced shut down of the 2020 cruise season.

While we anticipated some extension of Transport Canada's order preventing cruise ships from operating in Canada early in 2021, on February 4th Transport Canada unexpectedly extended the ban by a full additional year, effectively canceling the 2021 season.

The CLIA member cruise lines have aggressively supported efforts to combat COVID-19 and, working with recognized health experts, have developed stringent new requirements to protect passengers, crew and the communities we visit. Since last summer, cruise ships have safely resumed operations in 10 different cruise markets including Europe, Asia and the south Pacific sailing safely with over 400,000 guests - even before vaccinations became widely available.

For more than a century, the U.S. *Passenger Vessel Service Act* (PVSA) has required that non-U.S. flagged passenger-carrying cruise vessels departing from a U.S. port must make at least one international stop before returning to a U.S. destination to disembark (this is often incorrectly referred to as a *Jones Act* requirement but that legislation, while similar, applies to commercial shipping, not passenger vessels). This has been good news for British Columbia – as ports here are uniquely positioned to serve as the international stop satisfying PVSA requirements. The PVSA is often acknowledged as a driving force behind the growth and success of Canada's cruise industry as we know it today.

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On February 24th, the U.S. House of Representative's Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure wrote to Canadian Ambassador Kirsten Hillman noting that Canada plays an integral role in supporting cruise related travel and tourism in Alaska, Washington State, the Great Lakes, and Atlantic Canada, requesting that Canada and the U.S. find a mutually agreeable solution, possibly including permitting stops in Canadian waters without disembarking passengers – known as "technical stops" - to meet the minimum requirements of PVSA. This could potentially salvage part of the 2021 cruise season. However, Canada has not yet agreed to allow technical stops, even though no passengers or crew would get on or off the ships.

In response, U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan introduced the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act* on March 5th. This legislation would allow cruise ships to travel between U.S. west coast ports and Alaska without stopping in Canada. Congressman Don Young introduced similar legislation in the House of Representatives. While these measures are described as temporary, they represent the most significant change to PVSA requirements in modern history.

Cruise lines are still hoping to salvage part of the 2021 summer cruise season, moving ships away to regions that have signaled resumption will take place. They continue to work through the Conditional Sail Order announced in October 2020 by the U.S. Centre for Disease Control (CDC) looking for revisions that recognize the successful vaccine roll out with considerations for all on board to be vaccinated. If cruising resumes in the U.S. this summer and fall, and PVSA exemptions are passed, cruise ships will be bypassing British Columbia's ports of call.

Many of our partners at Canadian ports, tourism businesses, and coastal communities are concerned that such measures – even if temporary – could evolve into permanent changes to U.S. maritime law, potentially a devastating impact on BC's small businesses.

The lengthy ban on cruise ships in Canada is out of line with initiatives of other countries and has negative implications for operations in and out of U.S. cruise ports. Businesses and political leaders in Alaska and elsewhere in the U.S. are actively working on a return of cruise this year. Transport Canada's cancellation of the cruise season in our country threatens to interfere with cruise operations in Canada originating from the U.S. northeast and west coast ports.

We believe it is important to bring this issue to the attention of the BC Government, as the Public Health Agency of Canada and Transport Canada have made it clear they are granting considerable deference to, and are influenced by, the views of the BC Government and the Provincial Health Officer.

Considering the connections between your government and B.C.'s health officials, we ask you to support collective engagement towards the goal of supporting technical stops as an interim measure this summer and fall. This would help protect the future of BC's cruise industry and serve as a 'stepping-stone' towards an eventual safe resumption of this province's once flourishing cruise industry.

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Please contact Donna Spalding (dspalding@clia-nwc.com or at ph. 604-681-9515) if you wish to set up a meeting to discuss this important matter further or receive additional information.

Sincerely,



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Chair, CLIA-NWC
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cc. Premier John Horgan
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Salman Azam, Assistant Deputy Minister
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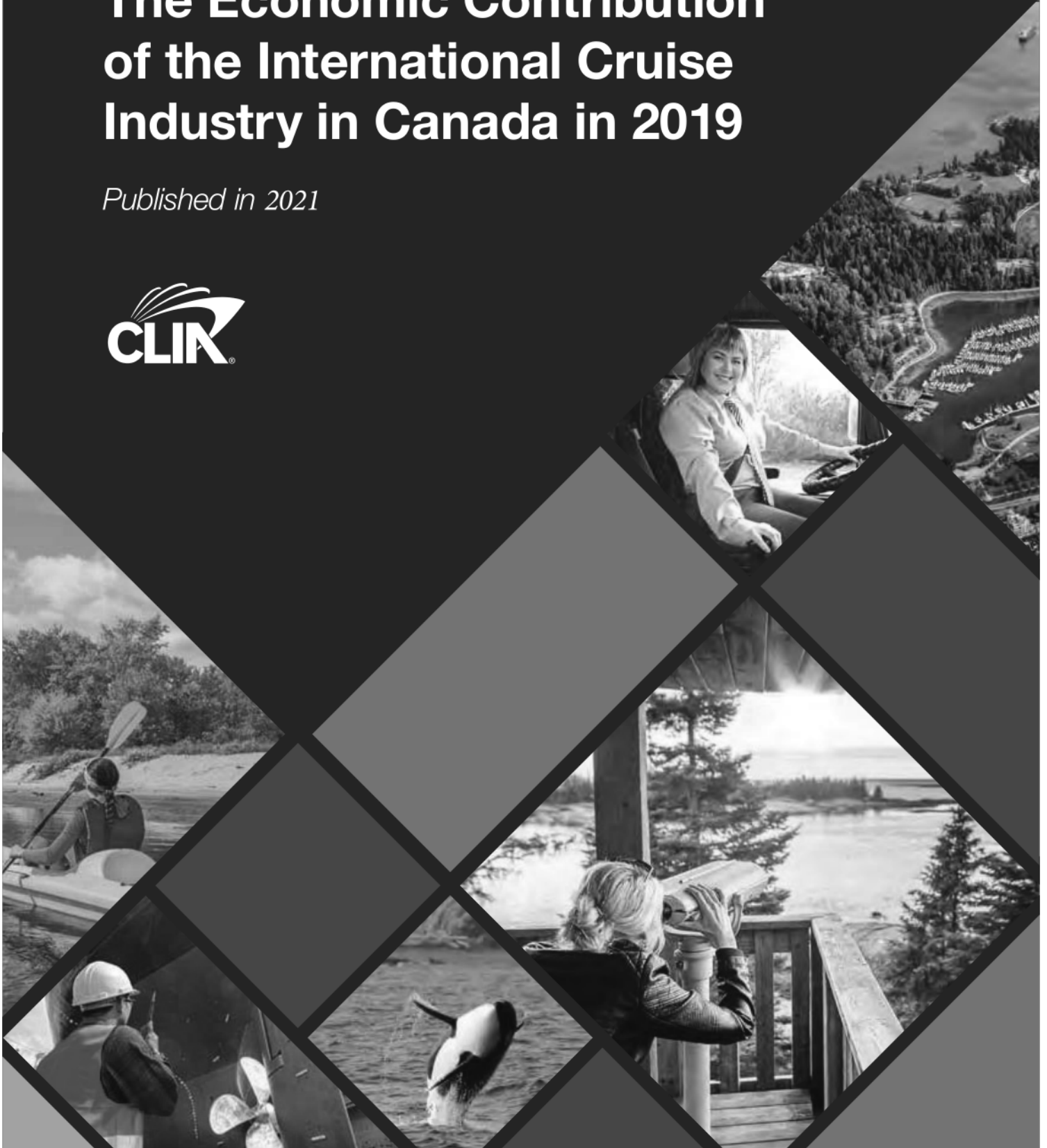
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RE: Feedback from Seattle consulate on AK cruise ships

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Sent: March 24, 2021 1:57:50 PM PDT
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Hi Nicole. We would appreciate a discussion tomorrow or Friday. Would you set up a meeting with the three of us tomorrow after 3 p.m. or Friday after 2 p.m.?

Andrew

From: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 24, 2021 10:56 AM
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Subject: RE: Feedback from Seattle consulate on AK cruise ships

Hi Andrew,

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s.13 . If it works for you I can fill you in on the material we do have so far on Thursday or Friday, and then follow up with the assessment once we've received it, or we can hold until all the materials have come through.

Let me know what you'd prefer,

Nicole

From: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
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To: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi Nicole. Thank you. Yes, we would appreciate a discussion and debrief. Please include Rachelle Ray and Kristie Kristofferson as our leads on the cruise file. Do you have an estimated time for when this might occur?

Andrew

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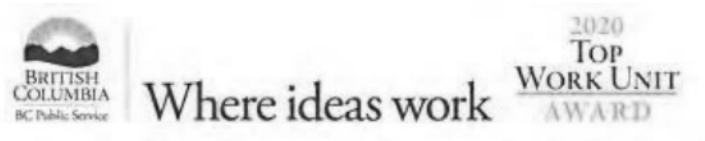
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Let me know if there is anything further we can chase up for you on this file,

Nicole

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Amber – are you good with the content?
Thanks everyone - Lisa

Kristie,

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Apologies – sharing with Kristie this time!

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Hi team – updated our issues notes with a bit of background and dates – please let me know if there is anything else that should be added.

We're getting media requests on this as well now.

Thank you,

Lisa

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<p>CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE</p> <p>Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport Date: June 22, 2020 updated Feb 4, 2021 Minister Responsible: Hon. Melanie Mark</p>	<p>COVID-19: Cruise ship industry</p>
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RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- We recognize the significant contribution the cruise ship industry has on the tourism sector, both in B.C. and internationally, and the businesses that rely on travellers.
- Transport Canada has announced the suspension of the cruise ship season across Canada until February 28, 2022.
- These measures are necessary for us to continue to manage the spread of COVID-19.
- We look forward to welcoming cruise ship visitors back to our shores when it is safe to do so.

BACKGROUND

On February 4, 2021 the Minister of Transport, the Hon. Omar Alghabra extended the federal cruise ship ban for vessels with over 100 passengers, until February 28, 2022. He cites the need to reduce the spread of COVID-19, protect vulnerable communities and to allow public health to focus on the vaccine roll-out and reducing transmission of new variants of COVID-19 that have recently been detected in Canada.

In response, Cruise Lines International Association, Northwest and Canada understands the decision in the current environment and requests an opportunity to revisit the ban in a limited capacity before 2022, as has happened in parts of Europe and Asia. It also notes that pre-pandemic the industry generated a total of \$4.25 billion in economic activity in Canada (2019), a 33% increase from 2016. Further, 29,000 Canadian jobs paying \$1.43 billion in wages were generated in 2019—a 26% increase in employment and 43% increase in wages since 2016.

The B.C. tourism industry has indicated it is seeking innovative approaches to lifting travel restrictions in ways that still keep travellers safe. Last month's report from the Tourism Task Force encouraged governments to take targeted approaches to travel restrictions and risk assessment that help to restore confidence in communities and travellers.

October 30, 2020, the Minister of Transport, the Hon. Marc Garneau, announced a further extension of measures pertaining to cruise ships and pleasure craft until February 28, 2021. This means:

- Cruise ships with overnight accommodations carrying more than 100 people continue to be prohibited from operating in Canadian waters.
- All other passenger vessels must continue following provincial, territorial, local and regional health authority guidance.
- Passenger vessels carrying more than 12 people continue to be prohibited from entering Arctic coastal waters, including Nunatsiavut, Nunavik and the Labrador Coast.
- Adventure-seeking pleasure craft also continue to be banned in Arctic waters.

Essential passenger vessels, such as ferries and water taxis, should continue following federal guidance and provincial, territorial, local and regional protocols, as well as mitigation measures, to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

The cruise ship postponement is in addition to the previous two until October 31, 2020 and before that, the until July 15th because of the pandemic. The impact on the B.C. tourism industry is more pronounced with this postponement. For example, in Victoria, the 2020 season was expected to bring 300 cruise ship calls with 770,000 passengers to Ogden Point. The industry represents 70% of annual revenues supporting 800 jobs and sinks more than \$130m annually into the local economy. (CFAX, May 29th, 2020).

According to Cruise Lines International Association North West & Canada (CLIA-NWC), the cruise industry in Canada generated more than \$4.1 billion in total economic activity and more than 29,000 jobs in 2018 –up from \$3.2 billion and 23,000 jobs just two years earlier. It's estimated that over \$2.3 billion of that economic activity and over 15,000 of those jobs were in B.C.

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RE: Cruise ships - info

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Cc: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>, Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>, Riedel, David E TACS:EX <David.Riedel@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2021 3:32:28 PM PDT

Thanks – I can review and approve quickly once you send it.

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2021 3:29 PM
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CDC Hints That Cruising from U.S. Could Return as Soon as Mid-Summer <https://www.cruisecritic.com/news/6024/>

RE: Cruise ships - updated messages

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To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>, Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 5, 2021 9:27:53 AM PDT
Attachments: IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_April 12 - FINAL.docx

Hi Kristie – this is the latest version of our cruise IN.
Thanks,
Lisa

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 4, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>; Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Cruise ships - updated messages

Hi Lisa – is this the most recent version of this IN? Andrew wants to include it in our estimates binder.

Thanks,
Kristie

From: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2021 2:38 PM
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FYI: Cruise ships - updated messages

From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2021 12:17 PM
To: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Re: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Cruise ships - updated messages

FYI – nothing set yet.

From: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2021 11:57 AM
To: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Re: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cruise ships - updated messages

Hi Chris – BN from IGRS attached.

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Sent: April 8, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

j b: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>

SCcubt: RE: Cruise ships - updated messages

The planning is in the works but no firm date is set. I got the BN from IGRS and it went up to MO. Sorry I forgot to make sure you got a copy.

Chelsea – Can you send the note from IGRS to Chris.

Neilane

From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 8, 2021 11:55 AM

To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

SCcubt: RE: Cruise ships - updated messages

Hi Neilane – any word on a meeting with Alaska? Cheers, Chris

FYI - Cruise articles

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To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>, Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>, Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 26, 2021 11:12:12 AM PDT

Sharing a couple of articles that do a good job of explaining the reality of the US CDC' "Conditional Sail Order", the requirement to stop at a foreign port (Jones Act) and impacts of Canada banning cruise stops.

Why U.S. Cruises Are Still Stuck in Port

<https://www.nytimes.com/2021/03/19/travel/coronavirus-cruises.html>

CDC's No Sail Order has been lifted but cruise lines are extending their pause – why?

<https://www.travelweek.ca/news/cdcs-no-sail-order-has-been-lifted-but-cruise-lines-are-extending-their-pause-why/>

RE: 41911 Cruise ship batch

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To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2021 11:23:56 AM PDT

No. we can hold. MO is looking for response by end of the week. Thanks and keep me updated. I'll return the eapp to you for updating with new info.

Amber

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2021 11:20 AM
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: 41911 Cruise ship batch

Hi Amber:

According to Lisa P, Neilane is supposed to know more about^{s.16} today or tomorrow. Lisa thinks we should hold until we have that info. She'll let us know as soon as she hears more. Can we hold off until then or do we need to push ahead?

KK

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2021 10:35 AM
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: 41911 Cruise ship batch

As discussed, please share with GCPE and IGRS to ensure additional content is okay for MMM response.

Amber

FW: Presentation for Meeting with Minister Mark

From: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 1, 2021 11:07:40 AM PDT
Attachments: 20210407-GVHA-Briefing-Min-Mark.pdf

Hi Salman,

Ian from the GVHAs.²² , he's available Wednesday at 8:30am. I've scheduled a meeting with him then, and have included Andrew (^{S.22} .
Ian's office has shared the attached for your review, the same presentation will be used for the meeting with Minister Mark Wednesday afternoon at 2:45.

Thanks,
Autumn

From: Brian Cant <bcant@gvha.ca>
Sent: Thursday, April 1, 2021 10:59 AM
To: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Presentation for Meeting with Minister Mark

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Hi Autumn,

Ian asked me to pass along this presentation for the upcoming meeting with Salman on Wednesday. This presentation will be used for the meeting with Minister Mark later in the afternoon, but we wanted to ensure Salman had it for the morning meeting.

Thanks,
Brian



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April 2021

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FW: Senator Lee -Bill to Repeal Passenger Vessel Services Act

From : Donna Spalding <dspalding@clia-nwc.com>
To: Andrew Little <andrew.little@gov.bc.ca>, Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 10, 2021 4:26:30 PM PDT

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Andrew:

I thought you might be interested in our message to our port and business partners, it will be interesting to see how much traction this gets.

All the best, -- Donna

You may have heard that Senator Lee from Utah introduced a bill today to repeal and reform the *Passenger Vessel Services Act* (PVSA). CLIA is studying the proposed legislation. Cruise lines are currently focused on a safe resumption of cruising this summer out of U.S. ports, including from Seattle to Alaska.

As you know cruise lines are no longer seeking technical stops in Canada. And while it is discouraging for all of us that there will be no cruise season this year, together with our partners, we are focused on a timely discussions with Canada's government to ensure the return of a full season in 2022.

Cruise lines need a clear signal soon from the Canadian government that there will be no extension of the current Interim Order past next year. We look forward to working with you on planning to identify a forward path to a normal cruise season for 2022.

Please let me know if you have any questions, and feel free to pass this message along to your partners and members.

Best regards,

Donna

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FW: Statement on the extended suspension of cruise in Canada

From: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
To: Steele, Bob D TRAN:EX <Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 11:46:49 AM PST
FYI Haven't seen the TC statement yet.

From: Greater Victoria Harbour Authority <newsletter@gvha.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Statement on the extended suspension of cruise in Canada

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FW: Rush review: Cruise ship correspondence

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To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2021 11:09:25 AM PDT
Attachments: s.13

Some suggestions.

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2021 10:52 AM
To: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Rush review: Cruise ship correspondence
Importance: High

Hi Andrew: I've sent this draft to GCPE, but wanted to run it by you too – any concerns? We've received a number of letters on this topic, so we need a standard response. I asked Lisa P in GCPE to review and share with IGRS GCPE.

KK

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX
Sent: April 7, 2021 10:41 AM
To: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Rush review: Cruise ship correspondence
Importance: High

Hi Lisa:

We've got a number of letters from people concerned about the cruise ban in Canada and the US proposed changes to legislation. Please review the highlighted proposed response in this draft, and can you please run it by IGRS GCPE too to ensure no concerns?

Our MO wants to respond to these asap.

Thank you,
Kristie

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Amber

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FW: Cruise Ships - Feedback for Transport Canada by noon Friday

From: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
To: Sigurdson, Judi IGRS:EX <Judi.Sigurdson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 15, 2020 11:41:01 AM PDT
Attachments: Agenda 8b) - COVID-19 Passenger Vessel Prohibitions beyond Oct 31.docx

From: Portal, Vincent TAC:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 8, 2020 4:55 PM
To: Mattock, Amber TAC:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>; Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Cruise Ships - Feedback for Transport Canada by noon Friday

FYI.

From: Emerson, Brian P HLTH:EX <Brian.Emerson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 8, 2020 4:53 PM
To: Steele, Bob D TRAN:EX <Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca>; McGuire, Caitlin HLTH:EX <Caitlin.McGuire@gov.bc.ca>; Portal, Vincent TAC:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Re: Kirby, Katherine TRAN:EX <Katherine.Kirby@gov.bc.ca>; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX <Bonnie.Henry@gov.bc.ca>; Reka Gustafson <reka.gustafson@phsa.ca>
Subject: RE: Cruise Ships - Feedback for Transport Canada by noon Friday

Hi Bob.

I had a look at this and my main comment/concern is that there is no information about how the "crew flow / interaction with shore personnel" will be managed to minimize risk.

The risk is bi-directional i.e. if there is COVID-19 infected crew there is a risk to the community, and if the crew picks up COVID-19 while on shore there is a risk to the ship crew.

This is the most important issue to nail down from a public health perspective as it will raise many questions and concerns, so clearly much work to be done on this aspect.

I understand that this may come to Dr. Henry and Dr. Gustafson via the Special Advisory Committee discussions or through other channels so am copying them for a head's up so they know it came to me, and my comments.

Thanks.

Brian

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Re: Kirby, Katherine TRAN:EX <Katherine.Kirby@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Cruise Ships - Feedback for Transport Canada by noon Friday

Good morning all

As you will recall, in mid September we provided feedback to Transport Canada on the three options that had been identified for cruise ships given the relevant federal Order was expiring on October 31st (thank you for your feedback).

Transport Canada has now provided us with the attached draft document, and is requesting feedback by the end of this week.

As such, it would be much appreciated if you could provide us with any comments on the attached by no later than noon on Friday (Note: the attached may also be sent from our A/DM Kevin Richter to Stephen Brown).

It is our understanding that federal officials will also be reaching out to P/T Health officials directly in the coming days.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks,
Bob

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To: Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>, Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 4, 2020 3:17:01 PM PST
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Here are the notes

From: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: November 4, 2020 2:16 PM
To: Ray, Rachelle TAC:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: for review s.13

Hi Rachelle and Kristie –

We are in the process of updating our issues notes for a potentially sitting in December. As you will see, there are a few small updates as we had recently updated all of these for the fall session that didn't proceed.

Rachelle, I am making an assumption that you are taking on these pieces that previously were with Vincent, but please let me know if I am incorrect and can redirect any. I normally send to just the directors to review or distribute for factchecking/updates, but know that you and Kristie might have a conversation about these so sending to you both. s.13

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have them to Suzanne that day as well.

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Thanks in advance for your assistance and please let me know if you have any questions!

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Sent: March 26, 2021 11:51:40 AM PDT

There was also this that happened yesterday. There was a lot of US coverage of it, but not much locally. s.13; s.16

Rachelle

From: "Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX" <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 12:02 PM
To: "Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX" <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>, "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, "Mattock, Amber TACS:EX" <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cruise ships

I spoke with Keren Massey, Emergency Manager at Health, who confirmed with Dr. Brian P. Emerson, A/Deputy Provincial Health Officer (who is the FPT rep for Health on marine transport orders) that they are aware of the US CDC order extending the ban until November as per:

“This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until the earliest of (1) the expiration of the Secretary of Health and Human Services’ declaration that COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency; (2) the CDC Director rescinds or modifies the order based on specific public health or other considerations; or (3) November 1, 2021. “

https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/CDC-Conditional-Sail-Order_10_30_2020-p.pdf

And that yes, this effectively puts an end to the Alaska proposal.

From a CNN article:

The US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention declined to act on a cruise industry request to lift its no-sail order Wednesday, saying current rules will stay in effect until November.

The Cruise Lines International Association said it had asked the Biden administration to lift the no-sail order for cruise ships by early July, saying that timeline “is in line with President Biden’s forecast for when the United States will be ‘closer to normal.’”

The CDC said its order would stay in place.

“On October 30, 2020, CDC issued Framework for Conditional Sailing Order (CSO) that remains in effect until November 1, 2021. Returning to passenger cruising is a phased approach to mitigate the risk of spreading Covid-19. Details for the next phase of the CSO are currently under interagency review,” the CDC said in a statement to CNN.

Another US article

<https://www.forbes.com/sites/nicholasreimann/2021/03/24/cdc-rejects-cruise-industry-push-to-resume-sailing-sending-stocks-tumbling/?sh=3eebd464eb11>

One local article:

<https://www.cheknews.ca/u-s-cdc-extends-order-limiting-cruise-ships-rendering-alaska-bill-moot-756015/>

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Attachments: IN for MMM- AK_Cruise - 20210406.docx

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**INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS SECRETARIAT
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INFORMATION NOTE

DATE: April 6, 2021

PREPARED FOR: Hon. Melanie Mark, Minister for Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

ISSUE: Alaskan Cruise Industry

BACKGROUND:

- On February 4, 2021, Transport Canada confirmed that cruise vessels carrying 100 or more passengers would remain prohibited from operating in Canadian waters until February 28, 2022, extending an interim order established in 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. The order further stated that “should the COVID-19 pandemic sufficiently improve to allow the resumption of these activities, the Minister of Transport has the ability to rescind the Interim Orders.”
- The terms of the U.S. *Passenger Vehicle Services Act* (PVSA) state that cruise ships that do not operate under a U.S. flag must undertake at least one stop at a foreign port when sailing between domestic ports (i.e. between Seattle and Ketchikan). There is only one U.S.-flagged large cruise ship currently in operation, which serves Hawaii. Foreign-flagged ships serving the Alaskan cruise route stop at Canadian ports (Victoria, Vancouver and Prince Rupert) to satisfy this regulation.
- While both the *Jones Act* and PVSA regulate the operation of foreign-flagged ships sailing between U.S. ports, only the PVSA applies to cruise ships. The *Jones Act* applies only to vessels carrying cargo.

DISCUSSION:

- s.16
- On February 12, 2021, the Alaskan Congressional delegation wrote a letter to Prime Minister Trudeau expressing their concerns in relation to the cruise industry and the lack of consultation with Alaskan stakeholders prior to the February 4 announcement. Premier Horgan was copied on the letter.
- s.16, Canadian federal leaders including Transport Minister Alghabra and Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. Kirsten Hillman have been in regular contact with members of the Alaskan Congressional delegation. Federal leaders have also taken meetings on the issue with Biden Administration officials, including Transportation Secretary Pete Buttigieg. These high-level contacts have

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been supported by engagements with Congressional staff led by the Canadian consulate in Seattle. IGRS liaises with the Seattle consulate on a weekly basis.

- On March 5, 2021 the Alaska federal senators (Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan) introduced the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act*. The bill would waive the requirement for foreign-flagged cruise ships to stop at a foreign port for the duration of the pandemic. The bill has been read twice and is currently with committee.
- s.16

- The terms of the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act* indicate that the foreign port stop requirement for cruise ships would be temporarily waived for the duration of the pandemic. s.16

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- s.16 so long as there is a limited possibility of the cruise season being reinstated (i.e. as noted in the Transport Canada news release, “should the COVID-19 pandemic sufficiently improve to allow the resumption of these activities”) advocacy by Alaskan officials is likely to continue.
- On April 2, 2021, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) released a new phase of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order for cruise ships in U.S. waters, which includes technical instructions that allow operators to begin running simulation voyages to prepare for a potential season. A report from Bloomberg on April 6 indicated that the CDC may be open to lifting or modifying its Conditional Sailing Order to allow cruise operations to go forward as soon as this mid-summer 2021. s.16

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- Alaskan stakeholders have communicated to staff at both Global Affairs Canada and IGRS that the loss of a second cruise season would be economically “devastating,” particularly for southeast Alaskan communities which rely very heavily on the tourism sector, and which are not easily accessible by other modes of transportation. To date neither the Alaskan nor federal U.S. government has offered major targeted support to the Alaskan cruise industry.

NEXT STEPS:

- s.13; s.16

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Sent: February 4, 2021 12:51:16 PM PST
Attachments: News Release - Response to further one year suspension of cruise in Canada
4 Feb 2021.pdf

Lots of media interest today in the news from the Feds re: cancellation of the cruise season
We are referring folks to CLIA

Thx
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Date: Thursday, February 4, 2021 at 12:46 PM

Subject: CLIA news release

MEDIA RELEASE

February 4, 2021
For Immediate Release

Cruise Industry Responds to One-Year Extension of Prohibition on Cruise in Canada

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FW: Cruise Press Release - CLIA

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Sent: February 4, 2021 12:48:40 PM PST
Attachments: image001.png, News Release - Response to further one year suspension of cruise in Canada 4 Feb 2021.pdf

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May 21, 2021

The Honourable Omar Alghabra
Minister of Transport
House of Commons
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Reference: 303306

Dear Minister Alghabra:

Re: Cruise Vessels in Canadian Waters

I am writing to you with regards to the Government of Canada's Interim Orders prohibiting cruise vessels in Canadian waters until February 28, 2022.

As you know, the cruise sector is an important component of British Columbia's tourism industry. Canada Place serves as the largest cruise ship terminal in Canada and has been the home port to Vancouver-Alaska cruises for more than 30 years. In 2019, Vancouver received 288 ship visits with more than 1 million cruise passengers, reflecting a 22 per cent increase in passenger volumes over 2018. An estimated 1.2 million cruise ship passengers on 310 ships were scheduled to make port in Vancouver during 2020. Each ship translates into \$3 million in tourism spending per visit.

The 2019 cruise season in Victoria saw a record 264 ships and 700,000 passengers visit the city. In 2020, Victoria was expecting a record 300 ship calls and 800,000 passengers. Cruise ship visits to Victoria support more than 800 indirect and direct jobs and generate more than \$130 million in annual economic impact to the region. Cruise ship passengers choose these routes so they can have the experience of visiting British Columbia on their way to Alaska. My colleague the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, has been tirelessly advocating for the tourism industry during the pandemic as we look forward to recovery.

Similarly, the importance of the cruise industry to Alaska has been made clear through the May 11, 2021, letter to the Prime Minister from U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan, and with the likely passage of the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act*.

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In their letter to the Prime Minister, Senators Murkowski and Sullivan point out that they are not asking Canada to lift the Interim Order, but rather to “enable an exemption process, with the ability to expedite, for Conditional Sailing Certificated cruise ships... our ask is that these vessels be permitted to moor in Canadian ports for at least four hours and that Canadian Customs... consider the vessel to be inspected during that time. We understand that passengers will not be permitted to go ashore during this stop.”

If the government of Canada is willing to consider technical solutions that would facilitate some resumption of the cruise ship season, British Columbia will support this position and engage in discussions and planning as required. Our Safer Operations Working Group, chaired by environmental health physicians at the BC Centre for Disease Control and with membership from health authorities and WorkSafe BC, will work expeditiously with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and other public health experts to develop guidance to cruise ship operators to support the resumption of safe operations.

British Columbia’s expectation is that any solution would meet the safety requirements of both countries as well as legislative and public health processes in the United States, including CDC guidelines. On May 5, 2021, CDC released the next two phases of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order (CSO) for cruise ships operating or seeking to operate in U.S. waters. CDC published technical instructions for cruise ship operators preparing to conduct simulated (“trial”) voyages in advance of restricted passenger voyages under a COVID-19 Conditional Sailing Certificate. With the issuance of these next two phases, cruise ship operators now have all the necessary requirements and recommendations they need from the CDC to start simulated voyages before resuming restricted passenger voyages and apply for a COVID-19 conditional sailing certificate to begin sailing with restricted passenger voyages.

British Columbia has appreciated the collaboration with the Government of Canada throughout the pandemic. As Canada and the United States continue discussions on the parameters needed to begin reopening our shared border in a manner consistent with ongoing public health requirements, British Columbia looks forward to working with Canada and with our U.S. neighbours to find constructive and innovative solutions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Rob Fleming', is positioned above the printed name.

Rob Fleming
Minister

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Copy to: Premier John Horgan
Honourable Melanie Mark
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
MLA, Vancouver-Mount Pleasant

eapp 3859 - 42200 Incoming - Greater Victoria Harbour Authority - Value of Cruise

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Sent: May 21, 2021 11:07:57 AM PDT
Attachments: Greater Victoria Harbour Authority - Value of Cruise

Hi Andrew,

Looking for your advice on the attached correspondence item, it will be a Minister reply.

Please call me when you have a minute to chat,^{s.17}

Thanks!

Autumn

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Greater Victoria Harbour Authority - Value of Cruise

From: Ian Robertson <IRobertson@gvha.ca>
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Sent: May 17, 2021 10:45:43 AM PDT

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Hello Minister Mark,

I wanted to share a video created by our organization on the value of cruise to Victoria:

<https://youtu.be/gODZq8zQ7eQ>.

Victoria is Canada's busiest cruise port of call and a strategic port in the Seattle-Alaska cruise itinerary for cruise lines in the region.

While the economic impact without cruise for two years has meant revenues of at least \$260 million have not been realized in our region, the impact to the fabric of our community and small business operators has been profound.

We look forward to continuing to work with all levels of government and the industry on a reopening plan, knowing that Victoria will be ready to welcome back cruise tourism when the time is right. We cannot wait to get back to what we love doing.

I welcome you to circulate this video with your colleagues. I am eager to continue our conversations on the plan for reopening Canada's marine borders.

Thank you.

Ian

Ian Robertson

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Sent: February 22, 2021 10:29:59 AM PST
Attachments: s.13
Hi Bob:

I work with Andrew in the Tourism Branch. We have received correspondence regarding the extended cruise ban and have drafted the attached response. Hoping you can please review the draft to ensure it aligns with TRAN messaging and provide any additional messaging that might be useful – particularly regarding the writer's concerns about the Jones Act – see incoming attached.

Thank you,

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RE: Vaccine passports

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Sent: February 5, 2021 11:23:32 AM PST
Attachments: image002.png, image003.png
Hi. It has also come up as part of the cruise re-start plan.
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Regards,



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Cc: Greene, Maria DBC:EX <Maria.Greene@destinationbc.ca>; Learned, Kristen DBC:EX <Kristen.Learned@destinationbc.ca>
Subject: RE: Vaccine passports

We continue to be very interested in this as well. As of now, we have no information on how or when Canada is planning to facilitate the removal of border restrictions. If they are undertaking planning, it certainly isn't something they are sharing with the provinces yet. At least that my IGR-related colleagues have seen.

Andrew

From: Mason, Clare DBC:EX <Clare.Mason@destinationbc.ca>
Sent: February 5, 2021 10:47 AM
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Subject: Vaccine passports

Hi folks
TGIF!

We've seen some coverage from overseas outlets over the past few days about vaccine passports for travel, as many countries progress with their vaccination programs. Are you able to give us an update on what is being considered for entry to Canada and for Canadians traveling domestically and overseas? It came up at TMC yesterday and is being discussed at the UNWTO, UK, US, Belgium and others.

Thx
Clare



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RE: Urgent Cruise Question

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Sent: February 3, 2021 10:41:01 AM PST
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I heard Transport Canada was considering a 1-year extension of the interim orders limiting cruise ships in Canadian waters with the caveat that proof of safe travel could see the interim orders lifted earlier. I understand TC has consulted with Dr. Tam and the applicable provincial health officers who are all supportive of this.

From: Portal, Vincent TAC:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 3, 2021 10:35 AM
To: Greene, Maria DBC:EX <Maria.Greene@destinationbc.ca>; Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Urgent Cruise Question

I haven't - mind you I have solely been focused on recovery programs roll out.

From: Greene, Maria DBC:EX <Maria.Greene@destinationbc.ca>
Sent: February 3, 2021 10:26 AM
To: Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>; Portal, Vincent TAC:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Urgent Cruise Question
Importance: High

Good morning. We are hearing that potentially today or tomorrow Transport Canada is possibly going to announce a ban on cruise in Canada until Feb 28, 2022. Have you heard anything?

Maria

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RE: Invitation to Roundtable Listening Session with Regional Consuls General on Tourism and Border Issues

From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
To: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 11, 2021 11:06:41 AM PST
Attachments: March 8 21 Roundtable listening session notes-RR.docx

Hi Andrew –

Sorry, yes I did attend the session and take notes, but I then neglected to send it along to you, what with the pivot to ENs and the conference running through all this week.

I've attached my listening notes here, and they are saved in the PNWER folder:

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Essentially, the overall summary of remarks made by all speakers was to emphasize the importance of continuous communication and maintenance of the close relationship between our two countries, and the need for clear communication and signaling of timelines for border reopenings from both countries' federal administrations.

Robert

From: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 11, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Invitation to Roundtable Listening Session with Regional Consuls General on Tourism and Border Issues

Robert, have you written up a summary of this session? Or have I just missed it?

Andrew

From: Little, Andrew TACS:EX
Sent: March 3, 2021 1:41 PM
To: 'Tara Edens' <tara.edens@pnwer.org>
From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Invitation to Roundtable Listening Session with Regional Consuls General on Tourism and Border Issues

Hi Tara. We are very interested to listen in on the discussion with tourism stakeholders, especially those who do regular business across the international border.

Please send the invitation to Robert Rao who is a Policy Analyst with the Tourism Sector Strategy Division here at the B.C. Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport.

Regards,
Andrew

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To: Tara Edens <tara.edens@pnwer.org>

Subject: Invitation to Roundtable Listening Session with Regional Consuls General on Tourism and Border Issues

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Good afternoon,

The Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER) and our Tourism Working Group would like to invite you to participate in a Joint Roundtable Listening Session with Consul General Brandon Lee, Consulate General of Canada in Seattle, and Consul General D. Brent Hardt, U.S. Consulate General Vancouver. This session will take place on **Monday, March 8 from 9:00-10:30am PST.**

This is an opportunity for you--key tourism stakeholders from Canada and the U.S.-- to share your concerns, experiences, and needs with the Consuls General and hear from them and your colleagues in the tourism industry. If you are interested in attending or providing prepared remarks, **please RSVP to this email** and indicate your interest. We would like to keep remarks to 2-3 minutes to allow time for everyone to contribute. A draft agenda is included below.

We hope that you can join us for this crucial discussion as we look toward how we can safely rebuild our tourism and travel industry in the Pacific Northwest.

Thank you!

Tara Edens

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RE: MLA Wat Estimates Response

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 27, 2021 9:58:05 AM PDT

I'm not sure what PJH has been doing specifically about technical stops^{s.13}
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If we want to refer MLA Wat to another ministry about technical stops then I think TRAN is the one, but if its about cruise in general, and what government is doing, I think IGRS is the most appropriate.

Rachelle

From: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 27, 2021 9:28 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: MLA Wat Estimates Response

Rachelle, here is what I have put in the letter to MLA Wat about cruise technical stops. Amber has asked (highlighted part)^{s.13} Also asked if we should point MLA Wat to ask TRAN about this file as it falls outside our portfolio.

Andrew

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RE: PPSC Request for Comments - Transport Canada Marine Interim Orders - Please Respond by Thursday Noon Latest

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Sent: January 22, 2021 2:10:39 PM PST

You are right about competing priorities so thanks for the reminder Bob.

Will connect with Dr. Henry and get you something early next week.

Thanks.

Brian

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Importance: High

All

I appreciate everyone's extremely full calendars.

Just a gentle reminder that it would be much appreciated if you could provide feedback as per my e-mail below and the associated attachment as soon as you are able (Transport Canada was hoping for responses by noon today).

Many thanks to you all.
Bob

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Subject: FW: PPSC Request for Comments - Transport Canada Marine Interim Orders - Please Respond by Thursday Noon Latest

Importance: High

Good morning folks.

Happy New Year to those I have not yet interacted with in 2021.

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It would be much appreciated if you could review the attached, note the questions posed in the document, and provide me with your feedback by noon Thursday. My intent would be to take the feedback provided, and prepare a coordinated provincial response to TC.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your assistance,
Bob

From: John Pearson <jpearson@comt.ca>

Sent: January 19, 2021 7:44 AM

To: Boland, Gail <Gailboland@gov.nl.ca>; Catherine Boyd <Catherine.Boyd@gov.nt.ca>; Crystal Damer <Crystal.Damer@gov.ab.ca>; Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>; Elizabeth Kay-zorowski <Elizabeth.Kay-zorowski@ontario.ca>; Gienow, Wayne <wayne.gienow@gov.sk.ca>; Ian Freeman (<ian.freeman@ontario.ca> <ian.freeman@ontario.ca>; Jennifer Crummey <JenniferCrummey@gov.nl.ca>; John Hawkins <jhawkins@gov.nu.ca>; Lawrence Hanson <lawrence.hanson@tc.gc.ca>; Paul Godfrey <JPGODFREY@gov.pe.ca>; Rich Danis <Richard.Danis@gov.mb.ca>; Richard Danis (<Richard.Danis@leg.gov.mb.ca> <Richard.Danis@leg.gov.mb.ca>; Royden Trainor <royden.trainor@novascotia.ca>; Shannon Sanford <Shannon.Sanford@gnb.ca>; Sherri Young <Sherri.Young@gov.yk.ca>; Unterberg, Jérôme <Jerome.Unterberg@transports.gouv.qc.ca>

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Subject: PPSC Request for Comments - Transport Canada Marine Interim Orders

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To: Policy and Planning Support Committee

Sent on behalf of Transport Canada:

Please find attached for your review documents from Transport Canada's Marine Safety and Security directorate regarding a potential extension of cruise and Arctic pleasure craft vessels beyond February 28, 2021.

It would be appreciated if any comments or other feedback could be provided to [Martin McKay and Aiden Ryan](#) **by noon this Friday (January 22).**

Thank you for your attention.

RE: Minister Garneau announces extended measures for cruise ships and pleasure craft in Canada

From: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
To: Sigurdson, Judi IGRS:EX <Judi.Sigurdson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 29, 2020 12:20:05 PM PDT

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From: Sigurdson, Judi IGRS:EX <Judi.Sigurdson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 29, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Minister Garneau announces extended measures for cruise ships and pleasure craft in Canada

Hi. Do you think there's likelihood any cruise ships will sail with under 100 passengers – more elite, smaller vessels??
Just wondering

From: Cameron, Tara D IGRS:EX <Tara.Cameron@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 29, 2020 11:39 AM
To: Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca>; Plecas, Bobbi IGRS:EX <Bobbi.Plecas@gov.bc.ca>;
Smith, Grant H IGRS:EX <Grant.H.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Periwal, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>;
Sigurdson, Judi IGRS:EX <Judi.Sigurdson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Minister Garneau announces extended measures for cruise ships and pleasure craft in Canada

Feed: Canada News Centre - National News
Posted on: October 29, 2020 11:01 AM
Author: Transport Canada
Subject: Minister Garneau announces extended measures for cruise ships and pleasure craft in Canada

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RE: Premiers office briefing regarding Cruise restart strategy

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 19, 2021 9:14:41 AM PDT

Hello, there is no agenda yet, but there is a meeting tomorrow at 3pm to prepare. The essence of the half hour call is to provide an update/overview on the restart planning work, what's been done so far and what they plan to do next.

Rachelle

From: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 16, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Premiers office briefing regarding Cruise restart strategy

Thx Rachelle for flagging. I think this would be a great opportunity for you to participate, but having said that it may also be a stakeholder meeting that Salman may want to take given the individuals from the Port and the profile that the Cruise issue has been getting. Let me check in with him. I would recommend both Salman and yourself. I will try to get clarification on Monday. Re DBC - I will flag for Salman as well, however Maria is the subject matter expert and the discussion sounds like it will be more on the technical side. Do you have the proposed agenda?

Thx S

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 16, 2021 3:08 PM
To: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Premiers office briefing regarding Cruise restart strategy

Hello Suzanne

There has been a meeting set up for April 27th at the request of the premier's office for a briefing by Deloitte and the Port of Vancouver regarding the cruise re-start strategy work that is underway. It is with their Senior Advisor to the Premier and Manager of Executive Operations at the PO (full list of attendees below).

Maria Greene from DBC and I have been included on the invite list but would like your feedback on our attendance. Richard also asked Maria that we check with you. Maria and I are both okay to attend but are wondering if it's more appropriate for you and Richard. I was just in a meeting with Maria and Deloitte and saw the majority of the draft presentation today and it is very fact-based.

Here is the list of attendees:

Rachel Westgate Manager, Executive Operations, Office of the Premier
Sheena McConnell, Senior Advisor to the Premier
Peter Xotta, Vice President, Planning and Operations, Port of Vancouver
Terry Lalari Manager and Strategic Advisor, Port of Vancouver
Maria Greene, Director of Market Development

Please let me know your preference or if you have any questions, thank you.

Rachelle

RE: Senate Approves Alaska Act About 30 mins ago

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 14, 2021 10:35:58 AM PDT

Ok. No he hasn't reached out, but been wondering what was going on

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 14, 2021 10:04 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Senate Approves Alaska Act About 30 mins ago

Morning – not sure if Salman has reached out to you yet, but cruise is taking over his day today. I expect he may be looping you in once he knows more.

Amber

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 13, 2021 3:18 PM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Senate Approves Alaska Act About 30 mins ago

FYI

Salman

From: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 3:16 PM
To: "Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Re: "Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX" <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Senate Approves Alaska Act About 30 mins ago

FYI – I will be following up with Ian. Deb, I'd like to know if TC is seeing an escalation in risk here – I'd like to connect with you after I speak with Ian.

Salman

From: Ian Robertson <IRobertson@gvha.ca>
Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021 at 3:12 PM
To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Senate Approves Alaska Act About 30 mins ago

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Still has to be approved by HoR. Wanted you to be aware.

Call me if you wish to discuss.22

Ian

Ian Robertson
Chief Executive Officer
Greater Victoria Harbour Authority

RE: New US Senate Bill - permanent bypass for cruise ships

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 10, 2021 3:50:10 PM PDT

I've updated the 2 mtg notes to reflect this.

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 10, 2021 2:53 PM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: New US Senate Bill - permanent bypass for cruise ships
Importance: High

Salman Azam, BA, CPD

*Assistant Deputy Minister, Tourism Sector Strategy
Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture
Cell – 250-361-5440*

From: "Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX" <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021 at 2:36 PM
To: "Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX" <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>, "Holding, Marina TAC:EX" <Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>, "Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX" <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>, "Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX" <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>, "Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>, "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Crebo, David GCPE:EX" <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>, "Bowness, Lisanne GCPE:EX" <Lisanne.Bowness@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: New US Senate Bill - permanent bypass for cruise ships

Flagging!

From: Rob Shaw <rshaw@cheknews.ca>
Sent: June 10, 2021 2:22 PM
To: Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>; Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: us senate bill on cruise ships

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Hi there,
Looking for some sort of BC reaction to this new US senate legislation that would make permanent the Alaska delegations changes and bypass Canadian ports for cruise ships...
<https://www.lee.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=4E2F83D4-5F33-473F-AF8D-00F26F481CCA>

Thanks,
Rob

Rob Shaw | Political Correspondent | CHEK News
Press Gallery, BC Legislature
Victoria, BC V8T 5A2
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RE: Follow Up: Cruise PO Briefing

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2021 11:45:21 AM PDT

Thanks Rachelle. Sounds like a productive meeting. Thanks for supporting.

Amber

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2021 11:10 AM
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>; Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Follow Up: Cruise PO Briefing

Hello, here are some key notes from the Port of Vancouver cruise restart briefing for the Premiers Office this morning:

- The Premier's office including PJH have been advocating strongly and consistently to the federal government about the need for border reopening strategies.
 - There are line items in the federal budget for this planning.

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- There was a lot of discussion arounds.13

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Please let me know if you have any questions or would like more information.

Rachelle

RE: FYI - Transport Canada cruise ban extended to February 28, 2022

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 12:10:58 PM PST
Thanks!

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Mattock, Amber TAC:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FYI - Transport Canada cruise ban extended to February 28, 2022

Will do.

From: Mattock, Amber TAC:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 12:01 PM
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FYI - Transport Canada cruise ban extended to February 28, 2022

I guess the meeting note will need to be updated – can you track down in eapps and have someone update that this has been extended.

Thanks for the heads up.

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 11:51 AM
To: Mattock, Amber TAC:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>; Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>; Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Ray, Rachelle TAC:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Rao, Robert TAC:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>; Butler, Tiffany TAC:EX <Tiffany.Butler@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FYI - Transport Canada cruise ban extended to February 28, 2022
Importance: High

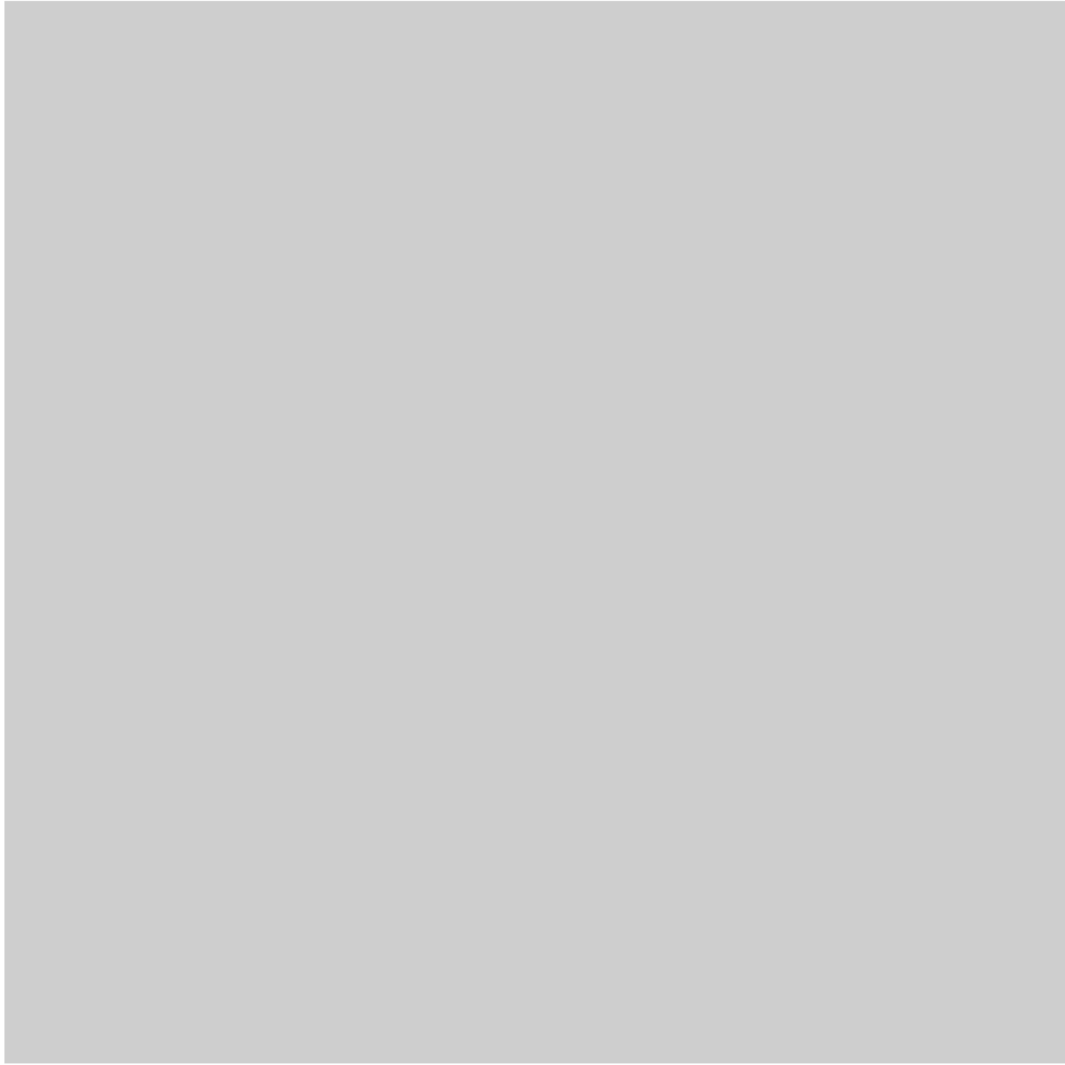
FYI – Transport Canada has banned cruise until February 28, 2022. See TC news release:
<https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-announces-one-year-ban-for-pleasure-craft-and-cruise-vessels.html>

And GVHA statement below.

From: Greater Victoria Harbour Authority <newsletter@gvha.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 11:44 AM
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Statement on the extended suspension of cruise in Canada

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RE: FPT bullet on cruise

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To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>, Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 15, 2021 10:20:21 AM PDT

Thanks Salman confirmed the part about TACS being consulted, which is what I was most concerned about.

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 15, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FPT bullet on cruise

I don't recall hearing about them consulting us – may have happened at an ADM or DM level.

Rachelle – suggest you send a quick note to Suzanne and Salman to see if they can confirm. However, I expect the discussion if any happened before Neilane and Salman joined TACS.

From: Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 15, 2021 9:50 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FPT bullet on cruise

Maybe those conversations happened at a higher level?

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 15, 2021 9:41 AM
To: Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FPT bullet on cruise
Importance: High

Hi

Bob Stelle at MOTI has sent me their BN on cruise for rush review this morning. Do we know if the highlighted bit is true.¹³

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Rachelle Ray
Project Director, Tourism Policy and Programs
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RE: for approval - IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_updated4Feb2021

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>, Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>, Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>, Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 2:21:39 PM PST
No concerns. Thanks Lisa for making the adjustments noted by the team.

From: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 2:21 PM
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>; Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TAC:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Ray, Rachelle TAC:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: for approval - IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_updated4Feb2021

Yes, good call...thank you.

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 2:13 PM
To: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>; Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TAC:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: for approval - IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_updated4Feb2021

No concerns on my part. s.13

Kristie

From: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 2:01 PM
To: Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>; Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TAC:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: for approval - IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_updated4Feb2021

Agree-s.13

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Amber – are you good with the content?
Thanks everyone - Lisa

Kristie,

From: Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 1:44 PM
To: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>; Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TAC:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
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Cc: Ray, Rachelle TAC:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: for approval - IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_updated4Feb2021

Apologies – sharing with Kristie this time!

From: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX
Sent: February 4, 2021 1:29 PM
To: Learned, Kristen DBC:EX <Kristen.Learned@destinationbc.ca>; Amber TAC:EX Mattock (Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca) <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>; Little, Andrew TAC:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Ray, Rachelle TAC:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: for approval - IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_updated4Feb2021

Hi team – updated our issues notes with a bit of background and dates – please let me know if there is anything else that should be added.

We're getting media requests on this as well now.

Thank you,

Lisa

RE: Cruise ships- more info

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>, Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>, Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 26, 2021 3:26:53 PM PDT
Hello

I had a call with Nicole Longpre, an Intergovernmental Relations Advisor at IGRS today about the cruise issues that cropped up this week. She has been working on the cruise file from the IGRS perspective. Here are a few important points for your information:

- The DM at IGRS is working with the PO on next steps and engagement/advocacy with the federal government
- Nicole will see if their DMO can connect with our DMO so that any high level developments can be shared for MMM
- Nicole has committed to sharing information with us at the staff level as it evolves so we can brief up as required
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I'll keep you informed as this progresses.

Rachelle

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 25, 2021 12:10 PM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Cruise ships

Thank you for the follow up on this Rachelle. Much appreciated!

Salman

From: "Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX" <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 12:02 PM
To: "Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX" <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>, "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, "Mattock, Amber TACS:EX" <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cruise ships

Hello

I spoke with Keren Massey, Emergency Manager at Health, who confirmed with Dr. Brian P. Emerson, A/Deputy Provincial Health Officer (who is the FPT rep for Health on marine transport orders) that they are aware of the US CDC order extending the ban until November as per:

“This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until the earliest of (1) the expiration of the Secretary of Health and Human Services’ declaration that COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency; (2) the CDC Director rescinds or modifies the order based on specific public health or other considerations; or (3) November 1, 2021. “

https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/CDC-Conditional-Sail-Order_10_30_2020-p.pdf

And that yes, this effectively puts an end to the Alaska proposal.

Hopefully this is what you need.

Rachelle

From: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 25, 2021 11:25 AM
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
ab: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
SCcubt: RE: Cruise ships

Salman - any further direction you can provide re specific questions for health will be helpful. Rachelle is going to reach out now. Is it just to validate what we understand - or get further info.

Thx

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 25, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
SCcubt: Re: Cruise ships

Yes let's try and cover off that angle.

Salman Azam, BA, CPD

*Assistant Deputy Minister, Tourism Sector Strategy
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From: "Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX" <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
j Dte: Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 10:59 AM
To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
SCcubt: RE: Cruise ships

Salman - confirming if you want us to reach out to health ?

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From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 25, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>
ab: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
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I'm also seeking clarification/confirmation through Health – will update asap. On page 40 of the conditional sailing order:

“This Order is effective upon signature and shall remain in effect until the earliest of (1) the expiration of the Secretary of Health and Human Services’ declaration that COVID-19 constitutes a public health emergency; (2) the CDC Director rescinds or modifies the order based on specific public health or other considerations; or (3) November 1, 2021. “

https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/pdf/CDC-Conditional-Sail-Order_10_30_2020-p.pdf

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From: "Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX" <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>

j Dte: Thursday, March 25, 2021 at 10:51 AM

To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

ab: "Mattock, Amber TACS:EX" <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>, "Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX" <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>, "Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX" <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>

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Salman - as requested - Rachelle has done a bit of digging and was able to find the following statements. Let us know if you want us to dig a bit deeper.

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Sent: Thursday, March 25, 2021 8:34 AM

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Can you see if you can find out anything more on this.

Neilane

From: Kristianson, Eric PREM:EX <Eric.Kristianson@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: March 25, 2021 8:31 AM

To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Cruise ships

<https://www.cheknews.ca/u-s-cdc-extends-order-limiting-cruise-ships-rendering-alaska-bill-moot-756015/>

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RE: Cruise update

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 30, 2021 12:01:04 PM PDT

Thanks Rachelle – this is helpful.

Can you summarize it into a few bullets and send to Salman with a copy to me.

Appreciate the follow-up

Amber

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 30, 2021 11:51 AM
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Cruise update

Hi Amber

I haven't heard back from Nicole yet but Maria forwarded this from an international firm that does work on the cruise industry. See highlighted sections.

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RE: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 25, 2021 3:53:31 PM PDT
Attachments: image001.png

Hi Rachelle,

Thanks for this. Vincent will actually be picking up IGRS from Andrew once we reorg. For now, if you can participate and start to get a sense of the need, we can then see if there is still a need for Vincent to support. If its just a matter of connecting them with other govt colleagues, I think your team can easily support on that.

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From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 25, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

Hi Amber

I spoke with Maria this morning about what they need from TACS for this planning committee. It is essentially an IGR contact to help them navigate different government agencies and let them know who to contact where and when.

I think it is still worthwhile for me to participate for the reasons you describe below, but I'm thinking it would be good for Andrew to participate with me and provide that support they are seeking. It will be a great way for me to learn a bit more about other contacts and agencies as well.

Let me know what you think or if you want to discuss.

Rachelle

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 22, 2021 11:13 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

Hi Rachelle,

As discussed, I would like you participate in the Pacific Rim Cruise Association discussions. I expect we will be receiving requests for other sub-sector restart plans as well. Suzanne and I have discussed the approach here and would like for each director responsible to lead discussions on the sub-sector plan as it relates to their portfolio and then feed this information into Sonja and David Currie who is still actively involved in this area re conduit to the PHO. There will need to be some sort of cross-divisional connections on these plans as they come forward from our stakeholders to ensure alignment and strategy in our response etc. so suggest you guys set up a bit of an informal working group as more plans start to trickle in.

I will let Maria know you're our key contact and will ask she give you a call to get you briefed up.

Thanks,
Amber

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Appreciate your assistance. Thank you!
Maria

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of Transportation and PHO. Who on your team would be best suited to connect with this group?

They are already in touch with the Ministry

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Please let me know if you'd like to connect on this and I will set up some time.

Thank you!

Maria

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RE: Updated 2019 stats for cruise's economic contribution to BC?

From: Donna Spalding <dspalding@clia-nwc.com>
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 22, 2021 3:04:23 PM PDT
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Robert:

Happy to respond to your request. We are just doing the final review of the 2019 Economic Impact Study, but the following will provide you information for B.C. – please note that there are some minor changes for Atlantic Canada that are not reflected here.

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Please let me know if you have any additional questions.

Best regards,
Donna

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From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Friday, March 19, 2021 4:32 PM
To: Donna Spalding <dspalding@clia-nwc.com>
Subject: Updated 2019 stats for cruise's economic contribution to BC?

Hi Donna;

I am a policy analyst with the BC government's tourism policy branch. I was just hunting around for updated 2019 numbers on the economic impact/contribution of cruise to British Columbia specifically – I notice in your most recent news releases you have the 2019 numbers for Canada overall (i.e. \$4.25 billion in economic activity, 29,000 jobs), but am curious if you have them separated out for BC vs. the Maritimes.

For example, the 2018 numbers for BC cited in the summer were \$2.3 billion of economic activity and over 15,000 jobs. I just want to be able to provide the more recent 2019 number for BC.

Thanks in advance for any help you can provide!

Best,
Robert

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RE: Cruise Letter

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 24, 2021 8:58:17 AM PDT

Thanks – did IGRS send a letter or just MOTI? Can you share that draft with me?

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 24, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cruise Letter

Its back with you Amber

From: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 24, 2021 8:20 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Cruise Letter

Rachelle and Amber, please see below about eapp 4102.

Will it be possible to get a draft to DM today?!

From: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 6:25 PM
To: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fwd: Cruise Letter

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Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

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From: "Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Jun. 23, 2021 5:52 p.m.
Subject: Cruise Letter

To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: "Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX" <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>, "Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX" <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>

Just a follow up on this as Kaye, Silas and I have been texting just now. Can you reshape the letter I asked you to prepare to be a letter from MMM to Minister Joly. TRAN will do its own letter and we will look at both together. Also IGRS staff prepared an earlier letter that MRF sent to Minister Alghabra and they have background on this issue so may have feedback on the tone and tenor of our letter so please make sure staff reach out to IGRS. Lastly, is it feasible to get a draft to me tomorrow?

Neilane

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RE: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 19, 2021 11:50:06 AM PST
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Andrew has stepped in on cruise in the meantime with Kristie as lead analyst. I would agree that given its recovery focused that Vincent may be a better fit for this with Kristie's support. We just need to communicate that through Rachelle to ensure she's aware of Kristie's capacity and workload priorities etc.

From: Ferguson, Suzanne A TAC:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 19, 2021 11:48 AM
To: Mattock, Amber TAC:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

Amber - see note below from Maria. Not sure where cruise sits now re who is the lead. Given this is recovery focused, wondering if Vincent might be the logical lead given where we landed yesterday on the plan? For now - I can respond saying we are looking at who is the right person and will let them know next week etc.

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cc: Fielden, Stephanie DBC:EX <Stephanie.Fielden@destinationbc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

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Look forward to hearing from you.

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RE: Cruise contacts

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:57:14 AM PDT

Thanks Rachelle – Carla Wormald in GCPE is working on updating the cruise IN. Are you able to reach out to her this morning and offer any assistance she may need to get the materials updated – I guess there is some level of urgency in advance of QP today.

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:53 AM
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Cruise contacts

Here is the recommend names/associations for who the Ministry (either Minister/DM or ADM) should be engaging with on cruise right now. I collaborated with Maria at DBC on this.

Cruise Lines Int'l Association, BC Chapter- Donna Spalding

Port of Vancouver, Peter Xotta

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority- Ian Robertson

Vancouver Hotel Destination Association -Russ Cowan, Executive Director

TIABC, Walt Judas

Tourism Vancouver - Royce Chwin, CEO

Destination Greater Victoria- Paul Nursey

Rachelle Ray

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RE: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 22, 2021 10:17:13 AM PDT

Agreed and sounds good.

I'll speak to her this morning about the cruise request and will let Maria know she's our key point of contact.

Amber

From: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: March 22, 2021 10:08 AM
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

I like the last one as it gets all involved in a critical piece of work (Rachelle, Vincent and Andrew) - they would need to coordinate and feed into Sonja to facilitate overall development etc. Also need to factor in that David Currie is continuing to be actively involved in this area re conduit to the PHO.

For this one let's assign Rachelle.

Sent from my iPhone

On Mar 22, 2021, at 9:59 AM, Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

I suggest it would be Rachelle as lead for transportation.

However, I expect we'll be getting a few more request for specific sub-sector restart plans, so it begs the question on how we approach it... do we have Vincent lead as part of the recovery team and coordinate all sub sector restart plans working with Sonja as needed or do we assign each restart plan to the SME responsible?

The other approach may be to farm each plan out and then have the directors responsible form a interim internal working group to discuss alignment, strategy etc.

Amber

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Amber - given our structure - I would say this is Vincent as lead for the sub-sectors - or Rachelle for transportation?

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RE: 10:00 meeting Tuesday - Conference Call | Neilane Mayhew, Donna Spalding, Salman Azam and Amber Mattock

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To: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 4:25:58 PM PDT

Yes, that is fine with me. Thanks.
Ambr

From: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 4:23 PM
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: 10:00 meeting Tuesday - Conference Call | Neilane Mayhew, Donna Spalding, Salman Azam and Amber Mattock

Hi Amber,

Salman has been invited to a meeting tomorrow at 10:00-10:30, with Neilane and Donna Spalding. This meeting is in advance of the meeting scheduled on Thursday with Cruise Lines International Association. Salman can only attend for the first 15 minutes, I've asked for you to be invited as well so you can update Salman afterwards (if needed). Neilane is aware.

Hope that's okay!

Autumn

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Heads up: MLA Teresa Wat's letter to Minister Mark

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Cc: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2021 12:02:29 PM PDT
Attachments: Minister Mark .pdf
Hi all: Heads up: MLA Wat re cruise ship industry.

Dave

From: Correspondence Services TACS:EX <TACS.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2021 11:58 AM
To: Riedel, David E TACS:EX <David.Riedel@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>; Correspondence Services TACS:EX <TACS.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: MLA Teresa Wat's letter to Minister Mark

FYI, this is coming your way as soon as its logged.

Thanks!

Lindsay

From: Holding, Marina TAC:EX <Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 8, 2021 11:47 AM
To: Correspondence Services TACS:EX <TACS.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Munro, Asia TACS:EX <Asia.Munro@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: MLA Teresa Wat's letter to Minister Mark

Hello!

Hoping to get a rush on this one for a Minister's response? MO would like to have some say in the draft as well, anyway we can see an early version? I think this will end up being similar to the other cruise related letters but have slight variations.

Thanks!

Marina

From: Wat.MLA, Teresa <Teresa.Wat.MLA@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2021 4:57 PM
To: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: MLA Teresa Wat's letter to Minister Mark

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Dear Minister Mark,

Please find attached a letter from MLA Teresa Wat, Critic for Tourism, Arts & Culture, and Anti-Racism Initiatives. Your prompt response will be greatly appreciated.

Thank you.

*Warm Regards,
Richmond North Centre Constituency Office
Tel.: 604-775-0754*



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Honourable Melanie Mark, MLA
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
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April 7, 2021

Dear Minister Mark,

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Sincerely,

Teresa Wat

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FW: Meeting Materials | GVHA | Date: May 17th | Time: 11:00am

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 11:01:00 AM PDT

From: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 10:55 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting Materials | GVHA | Date: May 17th | Time: 11:00am

Thank you!

Chelsea Wood
Senior Executive Assistant
Deputy Minister's Office
Ministry of Tourism, Art, Culture and Sport
Telephone: 778-974-5432 | Cell: 250-920-6886

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 10:52 AM
To: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting Materials | GVHA | Date: May 17th | Time: 11:00am

Additional info on technical stops:

At this time, technical stops for cruise ships with passengers are not allowed by Transport Canada.

A technical stop or call is when the cruise ship stops somewhere for fuel, provisions, and other services, but passengers do not disembark.

An exemption by Transport Canada to allow these stops at Canadian ports would fulfil the Passenger Vessel Services Act requirements that all non-U.S.-flagged vessels must stop at a 'distant foreign port'

From: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Meeting Materials | GVHA | Date: May 17th | Time: 11:00am

Hi Salman,

Please see request from Melissa below.

Thank you,
Chelsea

From: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:45 AM
To: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>; Holding, Marina TACS:EX <Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>;

Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>; Munro, Asia TACS:EX <Asia.Munro@gov.bc.ca>; Milner, Daniel TACS:EX <Daniel.Milner@gov.bc.ca>; Cardona, Diego TACS:EX <Diego.Cardona@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting Materials | GVHA | Date: May 17th | Time: 11:00am

Hi Chelsea,

Can you follow up with Salman? I'd asked for a one-pager that lays on the issue and specifically MMM would like to know about the technical stop piece.

We are also looking for a copy of the bill that passed.

Thanks,
Melissa

From: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:33 AM
To: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>; Holding, Marina TACS:EX <Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>; Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>; Munro, Asia TACS:EX <Asia.Munro@gov.bc.ca>; Milner, Daniel TACS:EX <Daniel.Milner@gov.bc.ca>; Cardona, Diego TACS:EX <Diego.Cardona@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting Materials | GVHA | Date: May 17th | Time: 11:00am

Please note minor update.

Thanks,
Chelsea

From: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>; Holding, Marina TACS:EX <Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>; Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>; Munro, Asia TACS:EX <Asia.Munro@gov.bc.ca>; Milner, Daniel TACS:EX <Daniel.Milner@gov.bc.ca>; Cardona, Diego TACS:EX <Diego.Cardona@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Meeting Materials | GVHA | Date: May 17th | Time: 11:00am

Good Morning,

Please find attached meeting materials for today's call at 11:00am.

Please note Neilane has not had a chance to review/approved the attached MN.

Thank you,
Chelsea Wood
A/Senior Executive Assistant
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FW: MEDIA RESPONSE: Cruise Bill May 20

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>, Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 20, 2021 1:50:38 PM PDT

Salman Azam, BA, CPD

*Assistant Deputy Minister, Tourism Sector Strategy
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From: "Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX" <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 1:49 PM
To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX" <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: MEDIA RESPONSE: Cruise Bill May 20

Hi Salman,

Please see the following media request regarding cruise and our suggested response below. I am checking with TRAN on the response to #2. Let me know if the other two work for you.

Thanks
Carla

Reporter

Amy Smart, Reporter
Canadian Press (BC Bureau)
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Deadline ASAP

Request

Wondering if the premier and/or Minister Mark have a response to the swift passage of legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives today allowing cruise ships between Washington and Alaska to bypass Canadian ports.

- * Have they managed to speak with their Alaskan counterparts yet? If so, what was said? Have they received any reassurance that the bypass will remain temporary?
- * Have they asked the federal government to allow technical calls, as advocated for by the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority? What was the response?
- * Any response to those who say the B.C. government dropped the ball on this one?

Recommendation

Send the following

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From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
To: Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>, Ian Robertson <IRobertson@gvha.ca>
Cc: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 7, 2021 11:02:03 AM PDT

The Cruise Industry Destruction Act

An 1886 protectionist law gives Canada power over Alaskan tourism.

By
The Editorial Board
July 5, 2021 4:38 pm ET
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FW: Follow Up To Call re: Cruises

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 4, 2021 4:01:38 PM PDT

Salman

From: "Munro, Julene" <julene.munro@tc.gc.ca> on behalf of "Dick, Robert" <Robert.Dick@tc.gc.ca>
Date: Tuesday, May 4, 2021 at 3:04 PM
To: "Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX" <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>, "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Follow Up To Call re: Cruises

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Good afternoon,

Following our meeting on Cruises this morning please find some additional information below.

Links to the latest news releases:

- English: <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-announces-one-year-ban-for-pleasure-craft-and-cruise-vessels.html>
- French: <https://www.canada.ca/fr/transport-canada/nouvelles/2021/02/le-gouvernement-du-canada-annonce-une-interdiction-dun-an-visant-les-embarcations-de-plaisance-et-les-navires-de-croisiere.html>

Standard lines:

Key Messages

- The safety and security of the travelling public and the transportation system is a Government of Canada priority. Decisions are based on science and the best public health advice – currently, this is focused on vaccine rollout and border measures.
- In its ongoing efforts to slow down the spread of COVID-19 and prevent future outbreaks, Transport Canada is restricting cruise vessels and other marine vessels operating in Canadian waters until February 28, 2022.
- These restrictions allow public health authorities to continue focusing on the most pressing issues, including the vaccine rollout and new COVID-19 variants.
- The Interim Order does contain an exception permitting foreign vessels to navigate in the Inside Passage of Canada's west coast, provided passage is expeditious; in other words, a U.S. vessel could transit from Seattle to Anchorage via the Inside Passage as long as there are no stops and the passage is expeditious.
- The Government of Canada continues to monitor and evaluate the situation, including the work of the CDC in this area, and make changes as necessary to ensure the health and safety of all Canadians. Should the COVID-19 pandemic sufficiently improve to allow the resumption of these activities, the Minister of Transport has the ability to rescind the Interim Orders.

If Pressed

- Cruise ships without passengers may apply 60 days in advance for an exemption to come to Canada for fuel, supplies, longer term storage, and planned crew change requests. In reviewing the decision to grant any exemptions, Transport Canada will work extensively with the Public Health Agency of Canada, other levels of government, health officials, transportation industry stakeholders, Indigenous and Inuit peoples, and affected communities. Technical stops for cruise ships with passengers are not allowed at this time.
- The timing for a review of any application would depend on the availability of public health resources and their priorities at that time – at the moment, these resources are focusing on the most pressing issues, including the vaccine rollout and new COVID-19 variants.

Best regards,

Robert Dick

Assistant Deputy Minister, Pacific Region | Sous-ministre adjoint, Région du Pacifique

Transport Canada | Transports Canada

Robert.Dick@tc.gc.ca | [604-666-5849](tel:604-666-5849)

FW: FOR REVIEW/Flags IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17

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To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>, Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 11:25:54 AM PDT

Salman Azam, BA, CPD

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From: "Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX" <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Monday, May 17, 2021 at 11:10 AM
To: "Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>, "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX" <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW/Flags IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17

Lot's to investigate for sure. How about these lines to try and capture that? If they work for you, I will share with TRAN and ensure the MO shares with the PO/GCPE Central to ensure everyone agrees to the approach.

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Sent: May 17, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW/Flags IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17
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Lastly, we still need to confirm s.13

Neilane

From: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW/Flags IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17

Thanks Neilane. How does this work for the technical stop response?

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From: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 10:41 AM
To: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: FOR REVIEW/Flags IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17

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Neilane

From: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FOR REVIEW/Flags IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17

Hi Both,

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I understand you are working on a 1 pager on the technical stops Salman so we can add some KM's in here following that.

Any edits to the attached as it sits now?

Thanks

Carla

FW: Cruise update

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Porges, Richard DBC:EX <Richard.Porges@destinationbc.ca>
Cc: Mackay, Grant DBC:EX <Grant.Mackay@destinationbc.ca>, Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>, Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, Lange, Maya DBC:EX <Maya.Lange@destinationbc.ca>
Sent: May 4, 2021 2:15:17 PM PDT

Hello,

As promised, here is the latest details on the US cruise restart.

Rachelle is our lead on this, so please reach out to hear directly should you have any questions.

Regards,

Amber

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 30, 2021 3:37 PM

To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Cruise update

Hello

I reached out to Nicole Longpre at IGRS yesterday and she is going to get back to me with info from Global Affairs Canada regarding the news about the possibility of US cruise starting in mid-July. I've been in touch with Maria to see if the Pacific Rim Cruise Association are aware as well. Maria forwarded me an article from [Barmello Ajamil and Partners](#) which is an international firm that does work on the cruise industry. Below is a summary of the key points of that article.

- Based on advances in vaccines and medical science, the CDC and cruise lines now estimate that cruise operators could begin passenger voyages from the United States in mid-July, depending on cruise lines' pace and compliance with the CDC's Conditional Sail Order (CSO).
- This new guidance means if a U.S. cruise operator meets the CDC's vaccine threshold, there is no requirement for simulated voyages and cruises can resume as soon as the detailed port plan is approved.
- This is significant as the previous timeline has now been significantly reduced. Startup timing will now primarily depend on the crewing and vaccination process.
- There also remains a path forward for cruise lines that would not meet the vaccination threshold, which would be completed under a different timeline and set of protocols for restart. For example, cruise lines with who meet the vaccination threshold may have only a limited need for shoreside medical and housing facilities compared to operators that do not meet vaccination thresholds. Additionally, those lines that do not meet the threshold would also be subject to simulated voyages.
- The 2021 Alaska season, is still a complex situation, specifically with respect to Canada's cruise ban. Operators would need a waiver from the Passenger Vessel Services Act or from Canada to allow technical stops. The Industry is working on both, but it is a complex situation.
- It should also be stated that this update does not mean cruises will resume with full operations immediately. The restart will still be gradual and deliberate.
- For Alaska, it may allow for some large operators to sail in late July / August, but these will likely be small impacts to the primary cruise communities, as there would be limited time to prepare and the cost may

outweigh the reward for many operators and commercial owners. Additionally, the Canada issue still would need to be resolved in order to sail from Seattle to Alaska.

- The CDC's letter provided five additional points to its phase 2A guidance issued April 2 to allow a resumption of sailing:
 1. **Vaccine Threshold** - Ships can bypass simulated test voyages with volunteers if they begin revenue sailings with 98% of passengers and 95% of crew being fully vaccinated.
 2. **Shortened Review Period** - CDC will review and respond to applications from cruise lines for simulated and revenue voyages within 5 days, a review previously expected to take 30- and 60-days.
 3. **Multi-Port Agreements** - CDC clarified that cruise ship operators may enter into a "multi-port agreement" rather than a single port agreement as long as all port and local authorities sign the agreement. For example, if one port has limited medical/housing capacity, a nearby port would be able to supplement.
 4. **Align Testing & Quarantine for Cruise with General Guidance for Vaccinated Individuals** - CDC updated its testing and quarantine requirements for passengers and crew on revenue sailings to align with the CDC's guidance for fully vaccinated people. For example, instead of taking a PCR lab test ahead of boarding, vaccinated passengers can take a rapid antigen test upon embarkation.
 5. **Align Testing & Quarantine for Cruise with General Guidance for Individuals** - CDC clarified guidance on quarantine guidelines for passengers who may be exposed to or contract COVID-19. For example, local passengers may be able to drive home and passengers who have traveled by air to cruise may quarantine in a hotel. Additionally, requirements for cruise-provided security and the need for separate hotel ventilation systems were removed.

I will let you know when I get information back from IGRS.

Rachelle Ray

Project Director, Tourism Policy and Programs
778-677-6219

FW: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Safely Reopening Large Venues on 7/21/21

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>, Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 30, 2021 10:15:26 AM PDT

FYI, could be very relevant for PavCo venues.

From: Betz Mayer <Betz.Mayer@pnwer.org>
Sent: June 30, 2021 9:45 AM
To: Betz Mayer <Betz.Mayer@pnwer.org>
Subject: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Safely Reopening Large Venues on 7/21/21

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Good morning everyone,

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Feel free to reach out if you have any questions!

Kind regards,
Betz

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FW: Cruise contacts

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To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:56:06 AM PDT

Salman, as discussed, the list below includes a few other names of key stakeholders on the cruise file.

Amber

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:53 AM
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Cruise contacts

Here is the recommend names/associations for who the Ministry (either Minister/DM or ADM) should be engaging with on cruise right now. I collaborated with Maria at DBC on this.

Cruise Lines Int'l Association, BC Chapter- Donna Spalding

Port of Vancouver, Peter Xotta

Greater Victoria Harbour Authority- Ian Robertson

Vancouver Hotel Destination Association -Russ Cowan, Executive Director

TIABC, Walt Judas

Tourism Vancouver - Royce Chwin, CEO

Destination Greater Victoria- Paul Nursey

Rachelle Ray

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41911 Cruise ship batch

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 7, 2021 10:34:41 AM PDT
Attachments: 41911 Cruise ship batch.docx

As discussed, please share with GCPE and IGRS to ensure additional content is okay for MMM response.

Amber

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RE: 4001 - Minister meeting with Cruise Lines International Association

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To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 10, 2021 4:12:22 PM PDT
Attachments: Hon. Minister Mark - CLIA Briefing June 16 2021.pdf, 42359-MN_MMM_CLIA_Meeting.docx

Thanks for preparing this Robert!

Amber made some changes; she's asked me to share with you as an FYI. The eapp is with ADM now for approval. We were provided a copy of the presentation from CLIA this afternoon, sending your way as an FYI!

Much appreciated, thank for all of your hard working rushing this one through 😊
Autumn

From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Wednesday, June 9, 2021 1:02 PM
To: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: 4001 - Minister meeting with Cruise Lines International Association

Oh great, thank you! I will add that into the draft MN now.

From: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 9, 2021 12:56 PM
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: 4001 - Minister meeting with Cruise Lines International Association

Hey Robert,

Attendees list from the DMO for this eapp: 4001 - Minister meeting with Cruise Lines International Association

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EVP Land Operations
Holland America Group | Servicing Princess Cruises, Holland America Line, Seabourn, and P&O Australia

Mike McGarry
SVP, Global Government Affairs
Cruise Lines International Association

Donna Spalding
Government Affairs & Community Relations
Cruise Lines International Association

Barry Penner
Government Affairs & Legal Counsel Consultant
Cruise Lines International Association



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Honourable Melonie Mark

June 16, 2021

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Sent: June 16, 2021 12:13:02 PM PDT

Hi Salman

Here are my notes, I didn't really hear anything new. Charlie Ball has some strong sentiment towards Canada and frequently used the term like hostile, and reiterated the need for Canada to announce a plan so we can have cruise in BC in 2022.

The call was recorded and you can find it here if you like: <http://www.pnwer.org/past-webinars.html>

- Restarting the Cruise Industry
 - **Charlie Ball**, Executive Vice President | Land Operations, Holland America | Serving Princess Cruises, Holland America Line, Seabourn, and P&O Australia
 - Feel like health officials don't appreciate how much planning is needed to restart. Need about 10-12 weeks to ready the ship alone.
 - In Europe their restart planning started last fall initiated by government and they created sub-working groups
 - In Europe there have been cruise since last winter- close to 500K people have gone on cruise already
 - Biden directed a safe restart group for the States, they have been planning for months in the States due to the increasing recognition of the need to get cruise back
 - Pleased about the Alaska Tourism Recovery Act. Expecting 87 calls from Seattle to Alaska this year. Alaska is the most cruise dependant economy in the states
 - Have detailed plans with every community, transparency and safety are top priority.
 - Many crew live in areas with high rates of infection (Indonesia, India etc.). Developing protocols for getting crew to work safely.
 - Have 93 ships in the fleet, only 5 are sailing- in Europe
 - Expect to ramp up about 1/3 of fleet in service by the fall- globally
 - Expect that the more "exotic" locales will be going on 2022, until then it will be mostly domestic
 - **Bryan Fisher**, Director (Acting), Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, State of Alaska COVID / **Cruise Restart Facilitator**
 - Gov. Dunleavy – prioritized economic health along with public health
 - In August last year the CDC asked for feedback on the no-sail order. Alaska requested that they be given autonomy regarding the safe restart of cruise.
 - Developed a consistent set of safety measures and protocols
 - Industry set the requirements for operations- they led the work
 - Asked port communities what their priorities are
 - Industry developed the plans for health and safety so as to not burden port communities if there was an outbreak
 - Alaska was offering vaccines to out of state and foreign workers. Shared their vaccines widely.
- Speaker Q&A (Charlie Ball provided answers)
 - Doesn't think there is going to be patience with cruise operators regarding stopping in BC due to the lack planning and transparency. Need to know now if there will be a Canadian cruise in 2022 and what the restart plan is so they can plan itinerary and market the trips.
 - Feels like engagement with Canada has not been effective and that the ATRA was avoidable if Canada was willing to negotiate
 - Sector was stunned by the Feb 28, 22 date and felt it was a hostile move by Canada
 - Need to figure out what to do for next year ASAP
 - Charlie does not see a chance of having cruise back in Victoria in 2021 even if the border opened tomorrow, due to the planning that has taken place for Alaska cruises (already have their itinerary) and the planning needed

- Best to focus on next year and sell the Victoria experience
- Discussion about vaccine passports and rights and laws. Very complex and expensive.
- Cruises to Alaska this summer will be just over 50% capacity to start but think with high vaccine rates it can be higher.
- Shore excursion products will hard to staff in the near term.
- Alaska is very comfortable with cruise passengers coming due to vaccine rates
- Alaska is not requiring vaccine passports

Rachelle Ray

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From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2021 2:44 PM

To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry

Rachelle, can you confirm you'll be on the call.

Salman

From: "Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 at 2:43 PM

To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, "Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX" <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: "Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX" <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry

Thanks Salman. She should just go ahead then and register. Please ask her to provide a summary after the call.

Neilane

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2021 1:55 PM

To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry

Rachelle on Amber's team has been supporting this file – and I'd put her name forward.

Salman

From: "Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>

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For consideration in terms of having a staff person listen in on this.

Neilane

From: Westgate, Rachael IGRS:EX <Rachael.Westgate@gov.bc.ca>

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Subject: FW: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry

Afternoon all,

Forwarding along at Silas' request should you wish to have any staff join the call.

Thanks,

Rachael Westgate

Manager of Executive Operations

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I respectfully acknowledge the Lekwungen People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, and all the Indigenous Peoples of British Columbia. I am grateful to be able to live, work and play in their territories.

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Sent: June 11, 2021 1:37 PM

To: Westgate, Rachael IGRS:EX <Rachael.Westgate@gov.bc.ca>
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Good afternoon everyone,
Next Wednesday, June 16 at 11 am Pacific, we will have a COVID-19 Recovery Call on "Restarting the Cruise Industry."

Over the past year, the cruise and tourism industries were especially hard hit by pandemic-related closures and unprecedented travel restrictions. With vaccination rates on the rise, and approval from the US CDC, cruise operators are planning to resume sailings between Seattle and Alaska in July. This call will explore how the cruise industry plans to re-scale their workforce, how they're addressing issues of consumer confidence, and ways that their experiences can be translated into best practices for other industries hard-hit by the pandemic.

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Restarting the Cruise Industry
 - **Charlie Ball**, Executive Vice President | Land Operations, Holland America | Serving Princess Cruises, Holland America Line, Seabourn, and P&O Australia
- Speaker Q&A
- Regional Pandemic Resilience Roadmap Requests for Proposal
 - PNWER's ongoing EDA grant project is seeking qualified consultants to assist with project tasks. [The RFPs can be reviewed here.](#)
- Regional Round Robin
 - How are the public and private sectors in your jurisdiction working together to attract both domestic and international tourists?
 - What kinds of specific marketing or programing are you seeing or providing in your jurisdiction to encourage public trust and traveler confidence?
 - With the anticipated reopening of the US-Canada border, what impact will that have on the tourism industry in your jurisdiction? Are preparations being made for international tourists?

Additional information on our past and upcoming COVID-19 Recovery calls can be found on our website at pnwer.org/covid19-recovery-call.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns, and we look forward to hearing from you next week!

Kind regards,

Betz

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Sent: May 17, 2021 3:07:30 PM PDT
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Here you go:

- The cruise industry is a significant contributor to B.C.'s tourism sector and the local economies of port communities, generating \$2.7 billion of economic activity and benefitting over 17,000 jobs in B.C in 2019.
- The cruise sector in Canada is federally regulated by Transport Canada.
- According to a 2017 industry report, cruise ship calls in 2016 at B.C.'s four principal cruise ports (Vancouver, Victoria, Prince Rupert and Nanaimo) represented 70% of the international cruise industry's national impacts on Canada (Cruise Lines International Association-Northwest and Canada chapter).
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Subject: RE: Request for background info: PJH-PSS meeting

Bruce will put some bullets together. If you can provide the cruise side of the business we can combine all into one doc.

I am going to assume she is referring to the close relationship between our two jurisdictions and the fact that several tourism NGO serve both (like go2, GOABC etc).

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Not sure what she means by regional tourism ecosystem though.

Rachelle

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vacation" model which appeals to international visitors. Any background you might be able to share that would help
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Meeting Backgrounder

Prepared For: Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport and the Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

Meeting Date: June 17, 2021 12:30pm

CLIFF #: 42359

Meeting Connection Details:

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MEETING:

Cruise Lines International Association – North West & Canada (CLIA-NWC)

ATTENDEES:

**MINISTRY OF TOURISM, ARTS, CULTURE
AND SPORT**

Hon. Melanie Mark, Minister

Melissa Farrance, Senior MA

Neilane Mayhew, DM

Salman Azam, ADM

**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION AND
INFRASTRUCTURE**

Hon. Rob Fleming, Minister

Kaye Krishna, DM

Deborah Bowman, ADM

CLIA-NWC

Mike McGarry, Senior VP Global
Government Affairs, Cruise Lines
International Association

Donna Spalding, Government Affairs & Community
Relations, Cruise Lines International Association

Charlie Ball, Executive VP Land
Operations, Holland America Group

Barry Penner, Government Affairs & Legal Counsel
Consultant, Cruise Lines International Association

PURPOSE:

- Opportunity to build a strong working relationship with CLIA to support resumption of cruise sector within B.C.
- Cruise industry members will outline and discuss the protocols and policies in place which will lead to the successful and safe return of cruise.
- Opportunity to identify common interests on resumption/border reopening given the new bills introduced in the US, and the rate of vaccinations administered in both Canada and the US.



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- Opportunity to share information on work with federal government and to coordinate activities advocating the federal government for a clear and structured plan for resumption/border reopening.

KEY MESSAGES:

- Our government recognizes the importance of the cruise industry to B.C.'s economy and understands that the closure of both our land and marine borders due to COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on B.C.'s visitor economy overall, as well as a significant impact on the cruise industry and its dependent partners.
- In BC, we have consistently tried to strike a balance of public health and safety with maintaining our economic activity. While this has been a challenge, we are proud of our progress on both fronts and look forward to a strong recovery.
- The temporary measure passed in the U.S. allowing cruise ships to bypass Canadian ports was designed to support Alaska's economy while Canada's ports are not welcoming visitors and as drafted, states that the changes would be automatically rescinded when Canadian ports are reopened to cruise ships.
- We are aware that Senator Mike Lee has recently introduced three bills to repeal and reform the *Passenger Vessel Services Act*; this new proposed legislation is of great concern to British Columbia and Canada and we are taking this matter seriously.
- We have been engaged with the federal government and will continue to push the federal government to ensure they engage with the United States and assert Canadian interests in Washington D.C.
- We want to welcome cruise ships back to Canada when it is safe to do so and would like to work collaboratively with the sector to ensure a structured and planned reopening.
- We want to ensure that the tourism industries both in Canada and the U.S. come back strong.
- We look forward to strengthening our relationship with CLIA and coordinating with you as we all plan for a resumption of 'normalcy' and a thriving B.C.

BACKGROUND:

- Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) is the world's largest cruise industry trade association, representing all major cruise lines and 95% of the world's ocean-going cruise capacity, as well as 15,000 travel agencies.
- The North West & Canada chapter (CLIA-NWC) is a non-profit association representing the major member cruise lines that operate in Canada and the Pacific Northwest including Washington State, Alaska, and Hawaii.
- Due to COVID-19, cruise visitation has been suspended in Canadian ports by Transport Canada until February 28, 2022.
- Transport Canada's decision is based on advice from the Public Health Agency of Canada and supported by B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer.



- Under the U.S. *Passenger Vessel Services Act*, foreign-flagged ships (as most cruise ships are) cannot depart from and return to the same U.S. port unless the ship visits a foreign port in between. This is beneficial to the B.C. tourism industry, as Alaska-bound cruise ships must stop at B.C. ports.
- On May 24, 2021, President Biden signed into law the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act*, allowing foreign-flagged cruise ships to bypass Canadian ports, on a temporary basis.
- On June 10th Senator Mike Lee introduced three bills to repeal and reform the Passenger Vessel Services Act. These new acts would eliminate the requirement that Alaska bound ships that originate in the US to stop at a Canadian port.
- CLIA is currently undertaking analysis of the bills introduced by Senator Lee and does not have a publicly stated position on the bills.
- CLIA is no longer requiring or seeking technical stops in Canada. Rather, they are looking to a resumption of normal cruise operations.
- Several cruise lines are working to resume cruises departing from Washington State to Alaska commencing as early as mid-July 2021. Approval by the US CDC will be required to ensure compliance with the current Conditional Sale Order issued by the US CDC.
- CLIA is advocating for a structured and planned resumption of cruises within Canada as cruise lines require adequate lead time to plan.
- CLIA is also looking for a clear statement from Canada that the current order suspending cruise visitation in Canadian ports will not be extended past February 2022. In other words, they are looking for a clear statement cruise ships will be welcomed back to Canada in 2022 with appropriate health and safety measures in place.
- It is not clear whether cruise lines are looking for an opportunity to resume some cruises in Canada within a shortened season in 2021.

ANTICIPATED MEETING OUTCOME:

- Learn about the cruise industry's COVID-19 pre-boarding screening and on-board safety measures.
- Reiterate federal government's role in providing direction on international reopening.
- Share knowledge and concerns regarding the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act* and the new bills.
- Seek to understand whether cruise lines are looking for resumption of cruise within Canada in 2021.

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Appendix 1: Biographies

Appendix 2: CLIA-NWC Briefing Deck (PDF)



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RESUMPTION OF CRUISE IN CANADA

Honourable Melanie Mark

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Thanks Bruce. This is perfect. s.13; s.16
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From: Whyte, Bruce TACS:EX <Bruce.Whyte@gov.bc.ca>
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Is this something you can assist with? Maybe Kristie can look after the cruise side of the business?

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Not that I am aware of. DBC isn't doing any marketing and the cruise restart group is focused on the port of Vancouver operations

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I don't think so but do you know?

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Hi Vincent,

A follow-up to this^{s.13; s.16}
^{s.13; s.16} and I am pulling together the note to go into approvals for end of day today. I'm referencing the materials you've provided below about cruise, which should be sufficient on that topic, but are there any broader marketing or cooperative initiatives the Premier should be aware of that involve Alaska?

Thanks very much, and sorry for the short notice.

Nicole

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Hi Nicole,

Am back on the IGR file. Andrew took over last September as I was reassigned to tourism recovery programs. The \$53M have gone out now and am back in the saddle.

Here is some background. I hope this helps. I have included some detailed info on cruise in case it is useful although it is very much BC centric. Btw, a cruise passenger used to spend about \$80/ day while a Belleville Terminal passenger (clipper / coho) is about \$400 (not relevant but good back pocket for you) Hope all of this helps. ^{s.13; s.16}
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Hi Vincent,

Good to know you're back at it! Thanks very much for this, exactly the kind of material I was hoping for. s.13; s.16
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Thanks again, and I'll let you know if I hear of any outcomes of interest from the meeting,

Nicole

From: Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 4:42 PM
To: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>
I c: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for background info: PJH-PSS meeting

Hi Nicole,

Am back on the IGR file. Andrew took over last September as I was reassigned to tourism recovery programs. The \$53M have gone out now and am back in the saddle.

Here is some background. I hope this helps. I have included some detailed info on cruise in case it is useful although it is very much BC centric. Btw, a cruise passenger used to spend about \$80/ day while a Belleville Terminal passenger (clipper / coho) is about \$400 (not relevant but good back pocket for you) Hope all of this helps. s.13; s.16
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- The 2019 season in Victoria saw a record 264 cruise ships and 700,000 passengers.
- In 2020, Victoria was expecting a record 300 ship calls and 800,000 passengers.
- Cruise in Victoria is responsible for more than 800 indirect and direct jobs and more than \$130 million in annual economic impact to the region.

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- In 2019, Vancouver received 288 ship visits with more than 1 million cruise passengers, reflecting a 22% increase in passenger volumes over 2018.

- An estimated 1.2 million cruise ship passengers on 310 ships were scheduled to make port in Vancouver during 2020. Each ship translates into \$3 million in tourism spending.
- Canada Place serves as the largest cruise ship terminal in Canada and has been the homeport to the Vancouver-Alaska cruises for more than 30 years.

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- The Pacific Rim Cruise Association is a consortium comprised of Tourism Vancouver, Destination BC, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and Vancouver Airport Authority.

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 17, 2021 3:12 PM

To: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>

I c: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>; Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Request for background info: PJH-PSS meeting

Hi Nicole,

Happy to assist. I've asked Vincent on our team to support this request. I've copied him above should the two of you need to connect for clarification purposes.

Amber

From: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 17, 2021 2:00 PM

To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>

I c: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Request for background info: PJH-PSS meeting

Importance: High

Hi Amber,

s.22 so I'm hoping you can assist in directing my request. Premier Horgan is planning to take a meeting with Yukon Premier Silver, tentatively scheduled for May 20.s.13; s.16

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s.13; s.16 . Any background you might be able to share that would help frame the conversation between the two Premiers would be very helpful. If it would be at all possible to get this background by **enkaHovkaH TueYkaH, MaH18** that would be very much appreciated.

Let me know if there are any concerns with the timeline, or any questions I can answer.

Thanks very much,

Nicole

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FW: Cruise update FYI

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>, Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>, Purcell, Jennifer TACS:EX <Jennifer.Purcell@gov.bc.ca>, Zoeller, Sonja TACS:EX <Sonja.Zoeller@gov.bc.ca>, Purcell, Jennifer JERI:EX <Jennifer.Purcell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 5, 2021 1:49:06 PM PDT
FYI on some of the latest on cruise

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 30, 2021 3:37 PM
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Cruise update

Hello

I reached out to Nicole Longpre at IGRS yesterday and she is going to get back to me with info from Global Affairs Canada regarding the news about the possibility of US cruise starting in mid-July. I've been in touch with Maria to see if the Pacific Rim Cruise Association are aware as well. Maria forwarded me an article from [Barmello Ajamil and Partners](#) which is an international firm that does work on the cruise industry. Below is a summary of the key points of that article.

- Based on advances in vaccines and medical science, the CDC and cruise lines now estimate that cruise operators could begin passenger voyages from the United States in mid-July, depending on cruise lines' pace and compliance with the CDC's Conditional Sail Order (CSO).
- This new guidance means if a U.S. cruise operator meets the CDC's vaccine threshold, there is no requirement for simulated voyages and cruises can resume as soon as the detailed port plan is approved.
- This is significant as the previous timeline has now been significantly reduced. Startup timing will now primarily depend on the crewing and vaccination process.
- There also remains a path forward for cruise lines that would not meet the vaccination threshold, which would be completed under a different timeline and set of protocols for restart. For example, cruise lines with who meet the vaccination threshold may have only a limited need for shoreside medical and housing facilities compared to operators that do not meet vaccination thresholds. Additionally, those lines that do not meet the threshold would also be subject to simulated voyages.
- The 2021 Alaska season, is still a complex situation, specifically with respect to Canada's cruise ban. Operators would need a waiver from the Passenger Vessel Services Act or from Canada to allow technical stops. The Industry is working on both, but it is a complex situation.
- It should also be stated that this update does not mean cruises will resume with full operations immediately. The restart will still be gradual and deliberate.
- For Alaska, it may allow for some large operators to sail in late July / August, but these will likely be small impacts to the primary cruise communities, as there would be limited time to prepare and the cost may outweigh the reward for many operators and commercial owners. Additionally, the Canada issue still would need to be resolved in order to sail from Seattle to Alaska.
- The CDC's letter provided five additional points to its phase 2A guidance issued April 2 to allow a resumption of sailing:

1. **Vaccine Threshold** - Ships can bypass simulated test voyages with volunteers if they begin revenue sailings with 98% of passengers and 95% of crew being fully vaccinated.
2. **Shortened Review Period** - CDC will review and respond to applications from cruise lines for simulated and revenue voyages within 5 days, a review previously expected to take 30- and 60-days.
3. **Multi-Port Agreements** - CDC clarified that cruise ship operators may enter into a "multi-port agreement" rather than a single port agreement as long as all port and local authorities sign the agreement. For example, if one port has limited medical/housing capacity, a nearby port would be able to supplement.
4. **Align Testing & Quarantine for Cruise with General Guidance for Vaccinated Individuals** - CDC updated its testing and quarantine requirements for passengers and crew on revenue sailings to align with the CDC's guidance for fully vaccinated people. For example, instead of taking a PCR lab test ahead of boarding, vaccinated passengers can take a rapid antigen test upon embarkation.
5. **Align Testing & Quarantine for Cruise with General Guidance for Individuals** - CDC clarified guidance on quarantine guidelines for passengers who may be exposed to or contract COVID-19. For example, local passengers may be able to drive home and passengers who have traveled by air to cruise may quarantine in a hotel. Additionally, requirements for cruise-provided security and the need for separate hotel ventilation systems were removed.

I will let you know when I get information back from IGRS.

Rachelle Ray

Project Director, Tourism Policy and Programs
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FW: 303900 Minister Alghabra / cruise industry

From: Gedney, Vanessa R TRAN:EX <Vanessa.Gedney@gov.bc.ca>
To: Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>, Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>, Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>, Kubisheski, Carlee TRAN:EX <Carlee.Kubisheski@gov.bc.ca>, Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 28, 2021 5:28:43 PM PDT
Attachments: 303900.docx

Good afternoon, this is the final that was approved to be sent from MRF.

From: Writing Services, Transportation TRAN:EX <Transportation.WritingServices@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 28, 2021 4:27 PM

To: Champion, Ella D TRAN:EX <Ella.D.Champion@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Grant, Lisa TRAN:EX <Lisa.Grant@gov.bc.ca>; Gedney, Vanessa R TRAN:EX <Vanessa.Gedney@gov.bc.ca>;

Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>; Pilkington, Kim TRAN:EX <Kim.Pilkington@gov.bc.ca>;

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Subject: 303900 Minister Alghabra / cruise industry

Submitted for Rush approval.

Maija Liinamaa

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RE: Draft Letter to Federal Transport Minister

From: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 22, 2021 2:16:36 PM PDT

Chelsea has created eapp 4102 for this letter - I've sent to Rachelle to begin a draft.

From: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 1:25 PM
To: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Draft Letter to Federal Transport Minister
FYI

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 22, 2021 1:15 PM
To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
j b: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>; Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Draft Letter to Federal Transport Minister
No problem – we will get something started.
Salman

From: "Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Tuesday, June 22, 2021 at 12:56 PM
To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
j b: "Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX" <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>, "Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX" <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Draft Letter to Federal Transport Minister

Could you have the team prepare a draft joint letter that would go from MMM and MRF to the federal Transport Canada Minister and Minister Joly.^{s.13}

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Ideally if you could get a first cut to me on Thursday that would be

great.

Neilane Mayhew

Deputy Minister

Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

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FW: CLIA Meeting W/ Min. Mark & Min. Fleming

From: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 17, 2021 3:46:13 PM PDT
Attachments: ACPA Cruise Minister Alhabra June 17 2021 final.pdf
FYI

From: Donna Spalding <dspalding@clia-nwc.com>

Sent: June 17, 2021 2:23 PM

To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: cball@hagroup.com; Barry Penner (pennerpacific@gmail.com) <pennerpacific@gmail.com>; Mike McGarry <mmcgarry@cruising.org>

Subject: CLIA Meeting W/ Min. Mark & Min. Fleming

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Neilane:

Thank you for working with us to schedule today's meeting and the pre-briefing. As time was short today I wanted to offer a couple of additional points in response to our discussion.

It is great to hear that Dr. Henry is familiar with the CDC Conditional Sail Order. A significant amount of the work done by CLIA and our member lines in developing policies and procedures for the resumption of cruise in the United States is representative of the conditions contained in the CSO, in addition to the advice of recognized health experts and epidemiologists.

I also wanted to mention that CLIA is part of the Future Borders Coalition – Maritime Task Force. The FBC was been formed under the umbrella of the Pacific North West Economic Region (PNWER) which you may be familiar with. I wanted to note the importance of the groups, not only by their agenda to work through discussions for reopening the border, but with regard to the Maritime Task Force. This Task Force has completed a significant amount of work including looking at the full spectrum of the cruise guest experience – from arriving at the airport through the community to their cruise, to returning and leaving Canada.

We feel that much of the work completed to date will be important to our health authorities and support many considerations for the resumption of cruising in Canada. Our desire to open the dialogue with Dr. Henry's office and others as appropriate is to advance this work and understand how it fits into B.C. & Canada's expectations for the return of cruise.

I look forward to your assistance and working with you toward the meeting with Dr. Henry's office. For your information and in addition to the information shared by text, I have attached a letter just received which the Association of Canadian Port Authorities has sent to the Transport Minister.

Let me know if you require additional information and thank you again for supporting our meeting with Minister Mark and Minister Fleming.

Best regards,

Donna

Donna Spalding

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ASSOCIATION OF CANADIAN PORT AUTHORITIES
ASSOCIATION DES ADMINISTRATIONS PORTUAIRES CANADIENNES

June 17, 2021

The Honourable Omar Alghabra
Minister of Transport
Ottawa, Ontario
By email

RE: Interim Order Suspending Cruise Ships
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Yours sincerely,

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Wendy Zatylny
President
Association of Canadian Port Authorities

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Dixon', with a large, stylized initial 'A'.

Andrew Dixon
Chair, ACPA Cruise Committee
Saint John Port Authority

FW: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

From: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 1:06:59 PM PDT
FYI

From: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX

Sent: June 14, 2021 9:23 AM

To: Wanamaker, Lori PREM:EX <Lori.Wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>; Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

Hi Lori,

Silas and I connected on Saturday and then we connected with Don and Sheena on Sunday (we will catch Kaye up today). We have talked through an approach/plan and we are working to get common key messages pulled together for this week to support engagement with CLIA and others, messages in the various Estimates debates this week and questions which may come through media this week. Silas or I can debrief in more detail with you but a couple of key points:

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Neilane

From: Wanamaker, Lori PREM:EX <Lori.Wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 12, 2021 5:01 PM

To: Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

Thanks Silas. s.13

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On Jun 12, 2021, at 4:49 PM, Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Lori – I had a long chat with Transport Canada today. s.16

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Neilane and I will

aim to connect tomorrow with Kaye and Don Z to discuss messaging as well as our approach for the meeting later in the week with the industry association and MRF and MMM.

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Thanks.

From: Wanamaker, Lori PREM:EX <Lori.Wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2021 5:38 PM

To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>; Fyfe, Richard J AG:EX <Richard.Fyfe@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>; Brown, Stephen R HLTH:EX <Stephen.Brown@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Fwd: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

Hi all. Neilane, s.13

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Thanks

Lori

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX" <Geoff.Meggs@gov.bc.ca>
Date: June 11, 2021 at 3:34:32 PM PDT
To: "Wanamaker, Lori PREM:EX" <Lori.Wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fw: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

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Geoff

From: Harrison, Veronica TRAN:EX
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 3:16 PM
To: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX; Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX; Fleming, Rob TRAN:EX; Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX; Olson, Michael GCPE:EX; Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX; Maartman, William PSSG:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX
Subject: FW: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS
Response from our May letter received.

From: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 3:02 PM
To: Harrison, Veronica TRAN:EX <Veronica.Harrison@gov.bc.ca>; Champion, Ella D TRAN:EX <Ella.D.Champion@gov.bc.ca>; Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Pilkington, Kim TRAN:EX <Kim.Pilkington@gov.bc.ca>; Casselman, Laura TRAN:EX <Laura.Casselman@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

Hi Veronica and Ella,

Just wanted to flag this correspondence from federal Minister Alghabra in response to Minister Fleming's letter regarding cruise vessels in Canadian waters, sent May 21 (I've attached for reference). Note the 6th paragraph of Minister Alghabra's response in particular.

Let me know if you'd like me to share with IGRS or anyone else.

Ella, I'll leave this in the main inbox for further review and direction for now.

Thanks,

Aaron Shepard

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From: Minister of Transport / Ministre des Transports (TC)
<TC.MinisterofTransport-MinistredesTransports.TC@tc.gc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 2:11 PM

To: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; OfficeofthePremier,
Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; dominic.leblanc@parl.gc.ca
Subject: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

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Dear Minister Fleming:

Please find attached correspondence from the Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport.

RE: MOTI bullet on cruise for fact check

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 15, 2021 10:16:29 AM PDT

Thank you

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 15, 2021 10:16 AM

To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: MOTI bullet on cruise for fact check

Yes, I took part in a call with HLTH, Dr.Henry (PHO) and Transport Canada on May 19, 1030 am.

Salman Azam, BA, CPD

Assistant Deputy Minister, Tourism Sector Strategy

Ministry of Tourism, Arts & Culture

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From: "Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX" <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>

Date: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at 10:11 AM

To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, "Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX" <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: MOTI bullet on cruise for fact check

Hi Salman and Suzanne

Bob Stelle at MOTI has sent me their BN on cruise for rush review this morning. I've been trying to fact check the highlighted piece below, in particular our Ministry's involvement. Are you able to confirm that the PHO has consulted with our Ministry on the cruise ban?

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Thank you,

Rachelle Ray

Project Director, Tourism Policy and Programs

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RE: B.C. Cruise summary

From: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 15, 2021 1:47:35 PM PDT

Thanks he's come back still asking about data and economic impacts.

----- Original message -----

From: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2021-06-15 1:40 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX" <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: B.C. Cruise summary
Yes we will teach something down. s.13
s.13 Will do our best

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 15, 2021, at 1:04 PM, Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks this is helpful but also think we need current data like what's the traffic been like in US since the industry has resumed. The opposition was asking my minister for some recent numbers Do you have anything on that front?

----- Original message -----

From: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Date: 2021-06-15 12:44 p.m. (GMT-08:00)
To: "Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX" <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: B.C. Cruise summary
We have put this together – take a look – we can provide more if needed.

Salman

B.C. Cruise summary

From: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>, Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>, Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 15, 2021 12:42:23 PM PDT
Attachments: Cruise Industry in British Columbia - June 2021.docx

Salman, as per your request for a summary of the current state of cruise industry before 1 p.m. to share with TRAN, I've taken the attached from a couple of recent briefing notes and the information that CLIA provided to us for the meeting with the Ministers.

Hope this helps. Let me know if anything is missing.

Andrew

Andrew Little

Director of Planning, Priorities and Reporting

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Cruise Industry in British Columbia

Key Messages

- Our government recognizes the importance of the cruise industry to B.C.'s economy and understands that the closure of both our land and marine borders due to COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on B.C.'s visitor economy overall.
- We are confident that B.C. and our B.C. ports will remain a preferred and sought out destination for cruise when the Canadian government allows it.
- The *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act* allowing cruise ships to bypass Canadian ports, as drafted, states that the changes would be automatically rescinded when Canadian ports are reopened to cruise ships.
- I am aware that Senator Mike Lee has recently introduced three bills to repeal and reform the *Passenger Vessel Services Act*; and I will be monitoring the situation closely. We are taking this matter seriously and speaking with all the required parties.
- There are several conversations that have happened since the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act* was passed:
 - Premier Horgan met with the Alaska senators on June 9 on this matter and other issues.
 - Minister Fleming has sent a letter to his federal colleagues around the logistics of technical stops.
 - Minister Mark has met with the US Consulate General in Vancouver and spoken to federal Economic Development Minister Melanie Joly on the matter.
 - The B.C. inter-governmental relations team meets with the Seattle Consulate weekly.
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Background on Cruise Industry in British Columbia

The Cruise Lines International Association estimates benefits to British Columbia from Alaska-bound cruises in 2019 include:

- \$2.72 billion impact on economy
- 17,389 jobs supported
- \$878.6 million in wages

Vancouver is primarily a port of embarkation and debarkation (homeport) for Alaska cruises. Victoria, Prince Rupert, and Nanaimo primarily serve as ports of call for Alaska cruises that originate at U.S. ports (mostly Seattle and Anchorage).

Under the U.S. Passenger Vessel Services Act, foreign-flagged ships (as most cruise ships are) cannot depart from and return to the same U.S. port unless the ship visits a foreign port in between. This is beneficial as Alaska-bound cruise ships can depart from or stop at B.C. ports.

In 2019, Vancouver welcomed more than one million cruise passengers on 288 ship visits, reflecting a 22% increase in passenger volume over 2018. Each cruise ship that visits Vancouver is estimated to stimulate \$3 million in direct local economic activity.

In 2019, 256 cruise ships carrying 709,000 passengers arrived at Greater Victoria Harbour Authorities' Ogden Point facilities as a stop on Alaska cruises. Cruise operations contribute an estimated \$130 million in economic impact to Victoria annually.

Due to COVID-19, cruise visitation has been suspended in Canadian ports by Transport Canada until February 28, 2022.

Transport Canada's decision is based on advice from the Public Health Agency of Canada and supported by B.C.'s Public Health Officer.

In October 2020, the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention lifted its "no sail" order on cruise ships but replaced it with a "Conditional Sailing Order", effective until November 1, 2021, that set out a phased framework for resumption of the industry in the U.S.

On May 24, 2021, President Biden signed into law the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act*, allowing foreign-flagged cruise ships to bypass Canadian ports, on a temporary basis.

On June 10th Senator Mike Lee introduced three bills to repeal and reform the Passenger Vessel Services Act. These new acts would eliminate the requirement that Alaska bound ships that originate in the US to stop at a Canadian port.

FW: Revised Cruise Ship KMs

From: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 1:11:11 PM PDT
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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 14, 2021 9:10 AM

To: Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>; Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>;

Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>

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Subject: Revised Cruise Ship KMs

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Dave Crebo

Communications Director

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

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FW: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

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To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 1:09:50 PM PDT
Attachments: RDIMS-#17632894-v2-
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From: Wanamaker, Lori PREM:EX <Lori.Wanamaker@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2021 5:38 PM

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Sj cebt**:** Fwd: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

Hi all. Neilane, s.12

s.12 Thanks
Lori

Sent from my iPhone

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Lori,s.13

Geoff

From: Harrison, Veronica TRAN:EX
Sent: Friday, June 11, 2021 3:16 PM
To: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX; Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX; Fleming, Rob TRAN:EX; Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX; Olson, Michael GCPE:EX; Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX; Maartman, William PSSG:EX; Meggs, Geoff PREM:EX

Sj cebt**:** FW: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

Response from our May letter received.

From: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2021 3:02 PM

To: Harrison, Veronica TRAN:EX <Veronica.Harrison@gov.bc.ca>; Champion, Ella D TRAN:EX <Ella.D.Champion@gov.bc.ca>; Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Pilkington, Kim TRAN:EX <Kim.Pilkington@gov.bc.ca>; Casselman, Laura TRAN:EX <Laura.Casselman@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

Hi Veronica and Ella,

Just wanted to flag this correspondence from federal Minister Alghabra in response to Minister Fleming's letter regarding cruise vessels in Canadian waters, sent May 21 (I've attached for reference). Note the 6th paragraph of Minister Alghabra's response in particular.

Let me know if you'd like me to share with IGRS or anyone else.

Ella, I'll leave this in the main inbox for further review and direction for now.

Thanks,

Aaron Shepard

Manager | Corporate Writing Services

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

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From: Minister of Transport / Ministre des Transports (TC) <TC.MinisterofTransport-MinistredesTransports.TC@tc.gc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2021 2:11 PM

To: Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX <Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Minister, TACS TACS:EX <TACS.Minister@gov.bc.ca>; OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>; dominic.leblanc@parl.gc.ca

Subject: CRUISE VESSELS IN CANADIAN WATERS

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Dear Minister Fleming:

Please find attached correspondence from the Honourable Omar Alghabra, Minister of Transport.

Minister of Transport



Ministre des Transports

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0N5

The Honourable Rob Fleming, M.L.A.
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Government of British Columbia
Minister.Transportation@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister:

Thank you for your letter of May 21, 2021, regarding cruise vessels and for meeting with me following the U.S. Senate's approval of the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act*. Since then, the Bill has been signed into law by the U.S. President.

Like you, I recognize the economic impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our communities that rely on cruise ship activities. I have also spoken a number of times with Senator Sullivan of Alaska to explain why Canada took the difficult but necessary decision to continue restricting large cruise ships in Canadian waters until February 28, 2022. In taking this decision, Transport Canada worked in close collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), as well as provincial, territorial, and local health authorities, to ensure that the health and safety of marine workers, marine communities and all Canadians are protected.

The top priority of our government is to protect the health and safety of all Canadians during this pandemic. We are committed to continue working with your government and all provinces, territories and Indigenous partners, to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and its variants in Canada.

We have also been closely engaged with U.S. officials at multiple agencies, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (USCDC), the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Transportation, as well as the cruise industry, to consider scenarios for the safe resumption of cruise ship operations when public health conditions permit it.

Subject to meeting USCDC requirements for safe sailing, the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act* will permit certain large cruise ships to sail to Alaska without stopping in Canada by exempting them from the requirements of the U.S. *Passenger Vessel Services Act*. This temporary legislation is in effect only until the earlier of either March 31, 2022, or once cruise ships are able to resume normal activities in Canada.

Currently, Transport Canada's Interim Order No. 5 Respecting Passenger Vessel Restrictions Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) prohibits the operation of large cruise ships in Canadian waters but contains provisions that allow foreign vessels to apply for exemptions to stop in Canada. These exemptions can be used – or the Interim Order may be varied or rescinded – when public health determines that it is safe to do so to enable a cruise ship to stop at a Canadian Port and disembark passengers, a condition critical to satisfying the requirements of

the U.S. *Passenger Vessel Services Act*. As Minister of Transport, I will review such applications in consultation with the affected province or territory, its chief public health officers, and the federal Minister of Health, in order to ensure the protection of health and safety.

I am encouraged by recent discussions between our respective departments and British Columbia public health, and the mutual agreement to look at solutions and exemption requests to support a planned restart of the Alaska cruise season when public health conditions dictate (e.g., the Canadian border reopening to non-essential travel, vaccination levels and crowd gathering sizes). This cooperation will be critical as we work together to ensure a unified approach to allow a resumption of cruising activities and the associated on-shore excursions when it is safe to do so.

Transport Canada is also working closely with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Transportation to better understand their requirements under the *Passenger Vessel Services Act* and to ensure any approach takes into consideration the situation with the pandemic in both countries, as well as alignment on wider border policy.

While there are a number of provinces battling a third wave of COVID-19, it is encouraging to see the progress happening with Canada's successful vaccine rollout. British Columbians and all Canadians can be proud of what we have accomplished together. As the majority of Canadians receive their vaccinations, we will continue to work together with provincial and territorial governments to determine how to safely reopen our borders.

I continue to monitor the economic impact of the pandemic on Canada's cruise industry, and our government stands ready to consider all opportunities to support industry and promote economic recovery as Canada emerges from the pandemic. As we have done in other areas such as strengthened border measures, I welcome your continued collaboration to ensure Canada and British Columbia can safely welcome cruise ships when the time is right. The existing measures will provide public health authorities with the ability to continue focussing on the most pressing issues at hand.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Omar Alhabra', with a stylized flourish at the end.

The Honourable Omar Alhabra, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport

c.c. The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada
and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs

The Honourable John Horgan, M.L.A.
Premier, British Columbia

The Honourable Melanie Mark, M.L.A.
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, British Columbia

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RE: for approval - Media Request from Ming Pao

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Sent: June 14, 2021 12:31:29 PM PDT

Excellent – thank you,
Lisa

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

Date: June 14, 2021 12:24 PM

To: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>; Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: for approval - Media Request from Ming Pao

Yes this looks good to me.

Salman

From: "Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX" <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>

Re: Monday, June 14, 2021 at 11:47 AM

To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: "Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX" <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>, "Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX" <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: for approval - Media Request from Ming Pao

Good morning Salman,

We've received a couple of questions from Ming Pao on summer travel and tourism supports. Below is our suggested response, all pulled from previously approved KM's and with Suzanne's approval.

Please let me know if this works and I'll send along to Neilane this afternoon.

Thank you,

Lisa

1. does BC government have plan to welcome more tourists from international and other provinces after reopen?

- Yesterday we announced we are moving to Step 2 of BC's ReStart Plan where travel restrictions between regional zones are now removed in and we can resume much needed visits with friends and family and support a strong economic recovery for our province.
- We're planning for inter-provincial travel in Step 3, starting in July.
- We will continue to monitor metrics and data, and will move to through the steps when public health advises it is safe to do so.
- We're looking forward to welcoming back travellers from across Canada, but only when public health advises us it's safe to do so.

On international travel:

- The provinces and the federal government have been talking about how opening our borders could look.
 - We look forward to welcoming back international tourists when it is safe to do so.
- The federal government has said it's looking at changes in early July for people who are fully vaccinated.
- Ultimately, the decision about opening the borders will be made by the federal government, based on vaccination uptake.
- We are encouraging the federal government to develop a plan – similar to our plan in B.C. – with specifics around immunization rates and cases so the tourism sector can make plans to reopen.

2. will cruise allowed to depart at Local port?

- The Federal Government has jurisdiction over the borders and ports and the Federal restrictions on cruise ships are in place February 28, 2022.

- Americans and international tourists want to visit Canadian destinations, and it enriches the experience cruise operators can offer to their passengers.
- We are working collaboratively with the sector and are advocating on their behalf with the federal government to ensure a structured and planned reopening. Canadian cities are already a part of the 2022 cruise itinerary and we will continue to work with the industry to keep cruising a part of our tourism landscape.

3. how will BC Government to cooperate with or help local travel industries for sooner recovery.

- Throughout the pandemic, the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport has consulted extensively with business owners, sector associations and marketing organizations to hear their priorities for recovery and ideas to help British Columbia remain a globally competitive destination. Stronger BC: BC's Economic Recovery Plan and BC's Restart plan include a cross-government approach to help all aspects of the tourism industry recover, create jobs and grow the economy.
- For a full list of provincial supports provided to the tourism sector, please visit <https://news.gov.bc.ca/factsheets/covid-19-economic-recovery-plan-boosts-bc-tourism-industry>
- Budget 2021 included \$120 million in further funding for tourism recovery, including support for major anchor attractions and \$50 million in investment in destination development, to support the tourism sector to continue to be a destination of choice.
- The ministry is working closely with the Tourism Advisory Table on how to best allocate these funds and to help pave a path forward for the tourism industry.

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Robert Chu, Reporter

Ming Pao

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604-247-4313 c: 778-855-9999

Deadline Tuesday, June 15, 2021 12:00 PM

Request

My name is Robert, reporter from Ming Pao News. How are you.

As we know, B.C. will welcome reopen soon, and provincial government already introduce the restart plan.

After reopen, we can imagine more tourists will come to B.C. and it will help our travel industries.

But I talked to some travel agencies or industry workers, they still worried their business will not recover soon.

So I have couple questions, please do me a favor.

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My deadline is noon. of this Tuesday (June 15th)

Sincerely

Robert

Re: Revised Cruise Ship KMs

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From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX

Sent: Monday, June 14, 2021 9:13:35 AM

To: Cardona, Diego TACS:EX; Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX; Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX; Holding, Marina TACS:EX; Milner, Daniel TACS:EX; Munro, Asia TACS:EX

Cc: GCPE Communications - Tourism, Arts, Culture & Sport; Azam, Salman TACS:EX; Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX

Subject: FW: Revised Cruise Ship KMs

FYI

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Sent: June 14, 2021 9:10 AM

To: Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>; Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>; Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>

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Dave Crebo

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RE: Info re value of cruise ship industry to the BC economy

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Cc: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 3:31:57 PM PDT

Thanks! Much appreciated.

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2021 3:26 PM

To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>; Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Info re value of cruise ship industry to the BC economy

Here's the most recent stats we have:

- The cruise industry is a significant contributor to B.C.'s tourism sector and the local economies of port communities, generating \$2.7 billion of economic activity and benefitting over 17,000 jobs in B.C in 2019.

Victoria Cruise Terminal at The Breakwater District (Greater Victoria Harbour Authority)

- The 2019 season in Victoria saw a record 264 cruise ships and 700,000 passengers.
- In 2020, Victoria was expecting a record 300 ship calls and 800,000 passengers.
- Cruise in Victoria is responsible for more than 800 indirect and direct jobs and more than \$130 million in annual economic impact to the region.

Vancouver Canada Place Terminal (Port of Vancouver/Vancouver Fraser Port Authority)

- In 2019, Vancouver received 288 ship visits with more than 1 million cruise passengers, reflecting a 22% increase in passenger volumes over 2018.
- An estimated 1.2 million cruise ship passengers on 310 ships were scheduled to make port in Vancouver during 2020. Each ship translates into \$3 million in tourism spending.
- Canada Place serves as the largest cruise ship terminal in Canada and has been the homeport to the Vancouver-Alaska cruises for more than 30 years.

Port of Nanaimo does not break out cruise ship numbers (they are combined with air, ferry and miscellaneous passengers).

Port of Prince Rupert – in 2018 handled roughly 10,100 cruise passengers and spending of \$832,000 by crew and passengers.

Rachelle

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2021 3:16 PM

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Cc: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Info re value of cruise ship industry to the BC economy

Looping in Rachelle on this, who is our lead on cruise. Hoping she can provide any updated info we may have available (if any).

Amber

From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2021 2:45 PM

To: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Info re value of cruise ship industry to the BC economy

Hi there – in an older issues note, we have this info:

According to Cruise Lines International Association North West & Canada (CLIA-NWC), the cruise industry in Canada generated more than \$4.1 billion in total economic activity and more than

29,000 jobs in 2018 –up from \$3.2 billion and 23,000 jobs just two years earlier. It's estimated that over \$2.3 billion of that economic activity and over 15,000 of those jobs were in B.C.

Do you happen to have any more and/or current info on jobs, economic activity, spend per person, number of stops, etc. for the cruise ship industry in B.C.? Any BC-wide info you have or can point me to would be great! Thanks!

Cheers, Chris

Chris Harbord

Communications Director

Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

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FW: Breaking News on cruise

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Sent: May 20, 2021 1:07:59 PM PDT

Please see news below. The Alaska Tourism Restoration Act has now been passed by the US House and president Biden is expected to sign. This will allow for the temporary waiver of the Passenger Services Act and allow for cruises homeported in Seattle to sail directly to Alaska without making a distant foreign port stop (ie - Victoria, Prince Rupert or Nanaimo).

From: Donna Spalding <dspalding@clia-nwc.com>

Date: May 20, 2021 at 11:23:20 AM PDT

Subject: [External] - Breaking News & Report from CLIA-NWC | TC/PHAC Meeting May 19, 2021

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A few q's at today's presser re: Cruise and Canada day:
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RE: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry

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Sent: June 11, 2021 2:45:58 PM PDT

For sure, happy to.
Rachelle

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 2:44 PM
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry
Rachelle, can you confirm you'll be on the call.
Salman

From: "Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 at 2:43 PM
To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, "Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX" <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Re: "Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX" <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry
Thanks Salman. She should just go ahead then and register. Please ask her to provide a summary after the call.
Neilane

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 1:55 PM
To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry
Rachelle on Amber's team has been supporting this file – and I'd put her name forward.
Salman

From: "Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Friday, June 11, 2021 at 1:53 PM
To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, "Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX" <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry
For consideration in terms of having a staff person listen in on this.
Neilane

From: Westgate, Rachael IGRS:EX <Rachael.Westgate@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 1:51 PM
To: Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>; Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>
Re: Gedney, Vanessa R TRAN:EX <Vanessa.Gedney@gov.bc.ca>; Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry
Afternoon all,
Forwarding along at Silas' request should you wish to have any staff join the call.
Thanks,
Rachael Westgate
Manager of Executive Operations
Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat | Office of the Premier
O: 778-974-5461

I respectfully acknowledge the Lekwungen People, known today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nations, and all the Indigenous Peoples of British Columbia. I am grateful to be able to live, work and play in their territories.

From: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 1:37 PM

To: Westgate, Rachael IGRS:EX <Rachael.Westgate@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry
From: Betz Mayer <Betz.Mayer@pnwer.org>
Sent: June 9, 2021 1:01 PM
Subject: COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry

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Good afternoon everyone,
Next Wednesday, June 16 at 11 am Pacific, we will have a COVID-19 Recovery Call on "Restarting the Cruise Industry."

Over the past year, the cruise and tourism industries were especially hard hit by pandemic-related closures and unprecedented travel restrictions. With vaccination rates on the rise, and approval from the US CDC, cruise operators are planning to resume sailings between Seattle and Alaska in July. This call will explore how the cruise industry plans to re-scale their workforce, how they're addressing issues of consumer confidence, and ways that their experiences can be translated into best practices for other industries hard-hit by the pandemic.

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Restarting the Cruise Industry
 - **Charlie Ball**, Executive Vice President | Land Operations, Holland America | Serving Princess Cruises, Holland America Line, Seabourn, and P&O Australia
- Speaker Q&A
- Regional Pandemic Resilience Roadmap Requests for Proposal
 - PNWER's ongoing EDA grant project is seeking qualified consultants to assist with project tasks. [The RFPs can be reviewed here.](#)
- Regional Round Robin
 - How are the public and private sectors in your jurisdiction working together to attract both domestic and international tourists?
 - What kinds of specific marketing or programming are you seeing or providing in your jurisdiction to encourage public trust and traveler confidence?
 - With the anticipated reopening of the US-Canada border, what impact will that have on the tourism industry in your jurisdiction? Are preparations being made for international tourists?

Additional information on our past and upcoming COVID-19 Recovery calls can be found on our website at pnwer.org/covid19-recovery-call.

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns, and we look forward to hearing from you next week!

Kind regards,

Betz

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Betz Mayer
Program Manager
Pacific NorthWest Economic Region (PNWER)
betz.mayer@pnwer.org
She/Her/Hers

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Re: New US Senate Bill - permanent bypass for cruise ships

From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
To: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>, Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>, Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 6:10:13 AM PDT
FYI - Minister Fleming sent this statement:

"The temporary measure passed in the U.S. was designed to support Alaska's economy while Canada's ports were not welcoming visitors. This new proposed legislation is of greater concern to British Columbia and Canadians.

"I have been engaged with the Federal government on this issue for some time and am requesting urgent meetings with the federal Minister of Transportation and the Canadian Ambassador to the U.S. We have also just spoken to the Prime Minister's Office about this. This is not what cruise ship travelers want: Americans and international tourists want to visit Canadian destinations, and it enriches the experience cruise operators can offer to their passengers.

"We want to ensure that the tourism industries in both Canada and the U.S. come back strong."

On Jun 10, 2021, at 2:36 PM, Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Flagging!

From: Rob Shaw <rshaw@cheknews.ca>

Sent: June 10, 2021 2:22 PM

To: Smith, George PREM:EX <George.Smith@gov.bc.ca>; Byers, Lindsay PREM:EX <Lindsay.Byers@gov.bc.ca>; Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: us senate bill on cruise ships

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Hi there,

Looking for some sort of BC reaction to this new US senate legislation that would make permanent the Alaska delegations changes and bypass Canadian ports for cruise ships...

<https://www.lee.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=4E2F83D4-5F33-473F-AF8D-00F26F481CCA>

Thanks,
Rob

Rob Shaw | Political Correspondent | CHEK News
Press Gallery, BC Legislature
Victoria, BC V8T 5A2
Cell: 250-893-0841

FYI: Liberal Townhall re cruise ships

From : Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
To: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>, Holding, Marina
TAC:EX <Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>, Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX
<Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>, Azam, Salman TACS:EX
<Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>, Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX
<Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>, Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 4, 2021 11:05:19 AM PDT

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From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
To: Smith, Jimmy GCPE:EX <Jimmy.Smith@gov.bc.ca>, Cardona, Diego
TACS:EX <Diego.Cardona@gov.bc.ca>, Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX
<Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>, Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX
<Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>, Holding, Marina TAC:EX
<Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>, Milner, Daniel LASS:EX
<Daniel.Milner@leg.bc.ca>, Munro, Asia TACS:EX <Asia.Munro@gov.bc.ca>,
Munro, Asia TRAN:EX <Asia.Munro@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>, Pilling, Lisa
GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>, Avison, Claire TACS:EX
<Claire.Avison@gov.bc.ca>, Azam, Salman TACS:EX
<Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX
<Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>, Bhat, Asha TACS:EX <Asha.Bhat@gov.bc.ca>,
Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 10:47:38 AM PDT
Attachments: Media Scan - Cruise Ships - May 17.docx

Hi there – here is the media scan MMM requested. Cheers, Chris

Media Scan
Cruise Ships – US Senate Bill Approval
May 17, 2021

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Palmer - cruise ship bypass

By CKNW View From Victoria

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**Cruise ships bound for Alaska set to bypass B.C. this summer
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RE: FOR REVIEW/Flags IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17

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To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>, Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 11:24:15 AM PDT

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From: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 11:23 AM
To: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW/Flags IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17

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From: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 11:11 AM
To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW/Flags IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17
Lot's to investigate for sure. How about these lines to try and capture that? If they work for you, I will share with TRAN and ensure the MO shares with the PO/GCPE Central to ensure everyone agrees to the approach.

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Sent: May 17, 2021 11:05 AM
To: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW/Flags IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17
Importance: High

A technical stop does not require the US to amend their legislation. The idea of a "technical stop" is to actually have a "stop" that is sufficient to meet the requirements of the existing legislation which requires a stop at a foreign port.

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Lastly, we still need to confirm^{s.13}
Neilane

From: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 10:48 AM
To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FOR REVIEW/Flags IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17
Thanks Neilane. How does this work for the technical stop response?

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Sent: May 17, 2021 10:41 AM
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Thanks
Carla

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FW: Looking for direction: Alaska cruise ship bill statement

From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>, Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 14, 2021 1:46:25 PM PDT

Final statement going shortly (I hope)... Cheers, Chris

From: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 14, 2021 1:44 PM

To: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Dinicol, Sam GCPE:EX <Sam.Dinicol@gov.bc.ca>; Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>; Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Marriott@gov.bc.ca>; Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Looking for direction: Alaska cruise ship bill statement

Good on my end

Sage (she/her)

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From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 14, 2021 1:43 PM

To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Dinicol, Sam GCPE:EX <Sam.Dinicol@gov.bc.ca>; Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>; Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Marriott@gov.bc.ca>; Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Looking for direction: Alaska cruise ship bill statement

Here is MMM's feedback (in red). Please let me know of any concerns. We are teed up to send as soon as we get the okay. Cheers, Chris

Statement from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport:

"On May 13, the US Senate approved a bill that proposes to temporarily allow U.S. ships to bypass Canadian ports for the duration that our borders are closed. To become law, this bill must still pass in the US House of Representatives and then be signed by President Joe Biden. In addition, cruise ships wishing to resume operations to Alaska must first follow a return-to-sail program overseen by the CDC.

As expected, the legislation is clear that the changes would be automatically rescinded when Canadian ports are reopened to cruise ships. This means that as soon as Canadian ports are ready to welcome cruise ships again, they will be required by US law to stop here on their way to Alaska, even if the current bill becomes law. Premier Horgan has reached out to meet with Alaska senators in the coming weeks on this matter and other issues.

Our government has been relentless in our advocacy to the federal government to support and defend B.C.'s tourism industry and all the people, businesses and communities who depend on it. We share have a common a desire with the people of Alaska to see a safe return to the cruise ship industry to the benefit of both of our regions.

B.C.'s tourism industry has been incredibly hard hit, and we are responding by providing much needed direct support. With the number of cases going down and now more than 50% of eligible British Columbians having received the vaccine, there is reason to be hopeful.

British Columbians and the tourism sector are eager to welcome visitors back when its safe to do so."

From: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 14, 2021 12:47 PM

To: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Dinicol, Sam GCPE:EX <Sam.Dinicol@gov.bc.ca>; Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>; Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Marriott@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Looking for direction: Alaska cruise ship bill statement

Fine with me

Sage (she/her)

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Subject: RE: Looking for direction: Alaska cruise ship bill statement
Hi there – our DM says this line should be changed from:

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Agree?

From: McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 14, 2021 11:01 AM
To: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: Re: Looking for direction: Alaska cruise ship bill statement
I'm good with that!

Sent from my iPhone

On May 14, 2021, at 10:26 AM, Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Sounds good. FYI here are the reporters/outlets that covered the story:

- Amy Judd/Grace Ke – Global BC
- Vaughn Palmer/Katie De Rosa – Vancouver Sun
- Andrew Duffy/Les Leyne – TC
- Simi Sara/Mike Smyth/Jill Bennet – CKNW
- Gregor Craigie – CBC On the Island
- Carolina De Ryk - CBC Daybreak North
- Ryan Price/Al Ferraby – CFAX
- Stephen Quinn - CBC Early Edition/BC Today – CBC radio
- Tanya Fletcher – CBC TV and online
- Rob Shaw/Roslyn Kunin – the Orca
- Mi Jung Lee - CTV News
- Tom Fletcher – Black Press
- Elana Shepert – Vancouver is Awesome/Castanet
- Andrew MacLeod – the Tyee
- Brett Mineer – CHNL

Confirming our shop will send them the statement via email (similar to a media response/no statement template) from the Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport (not MMM)?
Thanks! Cheers, Chris

From: Dinicol, Sam GCPE:EX <Sam.Dinicol@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: Looking for direction: Alaska cruise ship bill statement
Great – thanks, Sage.
Chris, I will leave this with you if Sheena is good with that line.
Sam Dinicol

From: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 14, 2021 9:47 AM

To: Dinicol, Sam GCPE:EX <Sam.Dinicol@gov.bc.ca>; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>; Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Marriott@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Looking for direction: Alaska cruise ship bill statement

Hi Sam,

Here's my suggestion for the Alaska Senator line – Sheena will let me know if this works.

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Sage (she/her)

778-678-0832

From: Dinicol, Sam GCPE:EX <Sam.Dinicol@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 14, 2021 9:21 AM

To: Aaron, Sage PREM:EX <Sage.Aaron@gov.bc.ca>; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX <Sheena.McConnell@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>; Marriott, Sarah GCPE:EX <Sarah.Marriott@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Looking for direction: Alaska cruise ship bill statement

Hi Sage and Sheena,

Just filling in fo^{s.22}

– covering TAC. Below is a draft statement, with s.13; s.16

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Please let me know if you would like any changes. Additionally, TAC is looking for direction on:

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I'm including Sarah, Melissa, and Chris here too. This issue is new to me, so please let me know if I'm missing anything.

Thanks,

-Sam

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FOR REVIEW/Flags IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17

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To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>, Azam, Salman
TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 10:28:24 AM PDT
Attachments: IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 17.docx

Hi Both,

Thanks for all of your details/background this morning here is the IN we drafted on the Cruise issue.

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Thanks
Carla

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RE: FYI: Media Response - Cruise Ships

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To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>, Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 14, 2021 12:42:17 PM PDT

Thanks!

From: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 14, 2021 12:36 PM
To: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
ub: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Sj c@bt: RE: FYI: Media Response - Cruise Ships
Importanbe: High
Sheena has weighed in s.13

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From: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX
Sent: May 14, 2021 12:15 PM
To: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
ub: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Sj c@bt: RE: FYI: Media Response - Cruise Ships
Yes and he has looped in Sheena in the PO. He has specifically asked that she weigh in on this. I say this because there had been discussion about not proactively saying anything about the Premier trying to meet.

From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 14, 2021 12:12 PM
To: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
ub: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Sj c@bt: RE: FYI: Media Response - Cruise Ships
Thanks – did you speak with the DM? Just trying to triangulate and finalize this.

From: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
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ub: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Sj c@bt: RE: FYI: Media Response - Cruise Ships
I have checked with my IGRS colleague and s.13

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Cc: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 14, 2021 12:16:18 PM PDT

Okay thx – she did approve the language I included.

From: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 14, 2021 12:15 PM
To: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: FYI: Media Response - Cruise Ships
Yes and he has looped in Sheena in the PO.s.13

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Good morning. Forwarding the cruise re-start meeting invite for tomorrow.

Maria

-----Original Appointment-----

From: Westgate, Rachael IGRS:EX <Rachael.Westgate@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 15, 2021 10:47 AM

To: Westgate, Rachael IGRS:EX; McConnell, Sheena PREM:EX; 'Peter.Xotta@portvancouver.com'; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX; 'apau@deloitte.ca'; Greene, Maria DBC:EX; 'Terry.Lalari@portvancouver.com'

Subject: Video Conference: Cruise Update from the VFPA

When: April 27, 2021 10:30 AM-11:00 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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From: sylvie.pinon@tc.gc.ca <sylvie.pinon@tc.gc.ca>; On Behalf Of Gascon, Julie

Sent: June 17, 2021 9:17 AM

To: Gascon, Julie; Dick, Robert; Rousseau, Suzie; Caffrey, Heather; Joly, Brigitte (IC); Calvin.Christiansen@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca; Alain.Tellier@international.gc.ca; katarina.stephenson@canada.ca;

Evelyne.Coulombe@international.gc.ca; nancy.kearnan@canada.ca; Rouben.Khatchadourian@pco-bcp.gc.ca;

Matthew.Lynch@pco-bcp.gc.ca; Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX; Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX; Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX;

Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX; Rongve, Ian HLTH:EX; Munn, Ross; McKay, Martin; Trager, Diana

Cc: David.MacDuff@international.gc.ca; Buettner, Monic

Subject: Interdepartmental meeting on cruise ships

When: June 18, 2021 3:00 PM-4:00 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams and Teleconference

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Good day,

As per the attached correspondence, thank you for agreeing to meet following the discussion between Minister Alghabra and Minister Fleming on cruise ships last week. This is a great opportunity to share the latest developments on this file, and to hear more about BC's views on potential cruise ship restart in Canada. Attached is a proposed agenda for the meeting.

Thank you in advance for your participation.

Best regards,

Julie Gascon

DG Marine Safety and Security, Transport Canada

DG Sécurité et sûreté maritime, Transports Canada

C: (343) 572-1277

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AGENDA – MEETING WITH BC ON CRUISE SHIPS

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Re: to outline protocols and policies in place which have lead to the successful and safe return of cruise

MRF

DM Kaye Krishna and ADM Deborah Bowman

Charlie Ball

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From: Dick, Robert & Robert.Dick@tc.gc.ca

Sent: May 14, 2021 9:50 AM

To: Dick, Robert; McKay, Martin; Gascon, Julie; Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX; Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX; Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX; Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX

Cc: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX

Subject: Call re: Cruise

When: May 14, 2021 10:00 AM-10:30 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

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From: Rongve, Ian HLTH:EX

Sent: May 14, 2021 11:13:26 PM UTC

To: Rongve, Ian HLTH:EX; Henry, Bonnie HLTH:EX; Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX; 'robert.dick@tc.gc.ca'; Brosseau, Kevin

Subject: Cruise Industry - Ian Rongve, Bonnie Henry, Silas Brownsey, Robert Dick, Kevin Brosseau

When: May 19, 2021 5:30 PM-6:00 PM.

Where: Microsoft Teams Meeting

Replacing previously scheduled Skype meeting with MS Teams meeting. Skype meeting will be cancelled.

Thank you.

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RE: RUSH info needed on Cruise

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>, Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 11:25:47 AM PDT

TRAN does not usually get involved with cruise much, but when I or Andrew have needed to connect, we've reached out to Bob Steele, Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca.

Remember to keep Andrew looped in as the IGRS lead.

KK

From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: RUSH info needed on Cruise

I am checking with Nicole Longpre via IM right now. Who is our contact at MOTI for cruise?

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 11:04 AM
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>; Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: RUSH info needed on Cruise

Thank you. Can you please contact MOTI or IGRS and see if they have any more on this?

From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 10:05 AM
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: RUSH info needed on Cruise

Here is a definition that I've cobbled together from a couple of online sources, including a recent Vancouver Sun article on the issue:

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From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 10:00 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: RUSH info needed on Cruise

Here's an excerpt from an article in today's TNO report.

Robertson - cruise ship industry

CFOX

Friday, May 14, 2021, 15:49

By CFOX Ryan Price

EXCERPT

Price: Talking to the CEO of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, Ian Robertson is here. Anything else to add on this as we watch it? Again, it's a little bit early because the US Senate might have passed this yesterday, this temporary exemption, but the president of the US and the House, I guess, still has to get their hands on it and approve it. But you know, it might be a little bit too early to make any real declarations of where it's going, but any final thoughts on it?

Robertson: Well, the other thing that it does, it puts pressure on the Canadian government to consider the ships, allowing to make a technical call, which means that they would be able to come alongside, throw their lines, tie up, stay here for four hours with no passengers getting off, and that way they could fulfill the waiver without this legislation having to come into play.

I do know that Senators Murkowski and Sullivan, yesterday wrote a letter to the Prime Minister asking him to reconsider the ability for these ships to make technical calls. And we're open to the idea because we know working with the CDC, that almost 100% of the passengers would be vaccinated. And again, I underscore the fact none of them would be getting off. So it's an interesting development. Lots of moving parts of this, Ryan, that we're all going to have to watch over the next week or so.

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:57 AM
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: RUSH info needed on Cruise
Importance: High

Can you please find a summary/info on cruise technical stops? Need ASAP please.

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:56 AM
To: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting Materials | GVHA | Date: May 17th | Time: 11:00am

Hello

The Bill was included as attachment 2 to the meeting note. Also we don't have information about technical stops readily available as that is a detailed operational issue not managed by us. I can see if we can track something down from MOTI perhaps.

Rachelle

From: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:48 AM
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Meeting Materials | GVHA | Date: May 17th | Time: 11:00am

Hi Salman,

Please see request from Melissa below.

Thank you,
Chelsea

From: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:45 AM
To: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>; Holding, Marina TAC:EX <Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>;
Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>; Munro, Asia TACS:EX <Asia.Munro@gov.bc.ca>; Milner, Daniel
TACS:EX <Daniel.Milner@gov.bc.ca>; Cardona, Diego TACS:EX <Diego.Cardona@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting Materials | GVHA | Date: May 17th | Time: 11:00am

Hi Chelsea,

Can you follow up with Salman? I'd asked for a one-pager that^{s.13}
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We are also looking for a copy of the bill that passed.

Thanks,
Melissa

From: Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 9:33 AM
To: Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>; Holding, Marina TAC:EX
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<Diego.Cardona@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting Materials | GVHA | Date: May 17th | Time: 11:00am

Please note minor update.

Thanks,
Chelsea

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Sent: May 17, 2021 9:21 AM
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<Asia.Munro@gov.bc.ca>; Milner, Daniel TACS:EX <Daniel.Milner@gov.bc.ca>; Cardona, Diego TACS:EX
<Diego.Cardona@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Meeting Materials | GVHA | Date: May 17th | Time: 11:00am

Good Morning,

Please find attached meeting materials for today's call at 11:00am.

Please note Neilane has not had a chance to review/approved the attached MN.

Thank you,
Chelsea Wood

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Deputy Minister's Office
Ministry of Tourism, Art, Culture and Sport
Telephone: 778-974-5432 | Cell: 250-920-6886

FW: Ltr_MMM_MMJ_v2

From: Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 29, 2021 2:35:10 PM PDT
Attachments: 303900.docx, Ltr_MMM_MMJ_v2.docx

Salman – I'll add this version of the Melanie Joly Cruiseship letter to our eApp (4102) to ensure version control. I will then send the eApp back to you to verify #'s. Once you've verified the #'s please return to me so I can share with MO for their consideration.

Andrea Berkes
Director, Executive Operations
Deputy Minister's Office
Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

From: Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 29, 2021 1:46 PM

To: Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Ltr_MMM_MMJ_v2

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FW: Wall Street Journal: The Cruise Industry Destruction Act

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To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, Krishna, Kaye
TRAN:EX <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 7, 2021 11:15:37 AM PDT
Attachments: image001.png

Not sure if you've seen this... sharing, thanks, db

From: Steele, Bob D TRAN:EX <Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: July 6, 2021 4:26 PM

To: Bowman, Deborah TRAN:EX <Deborah.Bowman@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Kirby, Katherine TRAN:EX <Katherine.Kirby@gov.bc.ca>; Wood, Jeremy TRAN:EX <Jeremy.Wood@gov.bc.ca>;

Courtnall, Andrea TRAN:EX <Andrea.Courtnall@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Wall Street Journal: The Cruise Industry Destruction Act

Hi Deborah et al

FYI, as per the e-mail and link below from IGRS, the Wall Street Journal published an editorial yesterday supporting Sen. Lee's legislative efforts to allow cruise ships to permanently bypass Canadian ports (as the link in the e-mail below was not providing access to the full article, I have inserted the full article immediately below).

Thx.

Bob

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From: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: July 6, 2021 3:58 PM

To: Maranda, Pierrette IGRS:EX <Pierrette.Maranda@gov.bc.ca>; Periwai, Sukumar IGRS:EX <Sukumar.Periwal@gov.bc.ca>; Westgate, Rachael IGRS:EX <Rachael.Westgate@gov.bc.ca>; van Marum, Karen IGRS:EX <Karen.vanMarum@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Parvani, Sasha IGRS:EX <Sasha.Parvani@gov.bc.ca>; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Steele, Bob D TRAN:EX <Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca>

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RE: Ltr_MMM_MMJ_v2

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 30, 2021 10:44:44 AM PDT
Attachments: Ltr_MMM_MMJ_v2_TACS fact check.docx

Please see attached. There were errors in the letter, which are corrected with track changes.

Facts on tourism numbers were taken from the Tourism Economic Contribution in BC Estimates Note and Tourism HR Canada's labour force survey. There were no facts to check in the TRAN note (303900).

Let me know if you have any additional questions.

Rachelle

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 30, 2021 10:18 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Ltr_MMM_MMJ_v2

Rachelle – can you please confirm these tourism numbers. I'd like to approve by noon today. Sorry for the rush – appreciate if you can turn it around.

Salman

From: "Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX" <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Tuesday, June 29, 2021 at 1:45 PM
To: "Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX" <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>, "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>, "Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX" <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>
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RE: Updated cruise messaging?

From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
To: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 9, 2021 11:32:30 AM PDT

Thank you so much Lisa, much appreciated! This is very useful.

From: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 9, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Updated cruise messaging?

Hi Robert – our attached IN is slightly more recent and hope it is useful.
Cheers,
Lisa

From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 9, 2021 10:57 AM
To: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Updated cruise messaging?

Hi Lisa;

I am working on a couple of meeting notes for upcoming meeting with both industry (CLIA-NWC cruise line members) and labour (ILWU, the longshore/warehousing union).

Do you have updated recent messaging around cruise, technical stops, etc? The latest we have that I am working off is the meeting note with Ian Robertson of GVHA last month (May 17), and of course the situation has developed since then.

Thanks in advance!
Robert

Robert Rao
Policy Analyst
Tourism Branch
Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture
(236) 478-2539

RE: Updated cruise messaging?

From: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 9, 2021 11:11:40 AM PDT
Attachments: IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_May 28 - FINAL.docx

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ADVICE TO MINISTER

<p>CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE</p> <p>Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport Date: June 22, 2020, updated May 28, 2021 Minister Responsible: Hon. Melanie Mark</p>	<p>COVID-19: Cruise ship industry</p>
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RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

- On May 24, U.S. President Joe Biden signed the bill temporarily allowing cruise ships traveling between U.S. ports to bypass Canadian ports for the duration that our borders are closed.
- The law is clear that the changes would be automatically rescinded when Canadian ports are reopened to cruise ships.
- The federal government has jurisdiction over our borders and ports, but our government has been relentless in our advocacy including:
 - Premier Horgan is meeting the Alaska senators on June 9 on this matter and other issues.
 - Minister Fleming has sent a letter to his federal colleagues around the logistics of technical stops.
 - Minister Mark has met with the US Consulate General in Seattle and discussed the issue.
 - Minister Mark has spoken to federal Economic Development Minister Melanie Joly on the matter.
 - Minister Mark has met multiple times with Ian Robertson from the Greater Victoria Port Authority and Ian is also a member of the tourism advisory table.
 - The B.C. inter-governmental relations team meets with the Seattle Consulate weekly.
- The provincial government shares a common a desire with the people of Alaska to see a safe return to the cruise ship industry to the benefit of both of our regions.
- The Province will continue to support and defend B.C.'s tourism industry and all the people, businesses and communities who depend on it.

If asked: What does this mean for B.C.'s already struggling tourism industry?

- B.C.'s tourism industry has been incredibly hard hit.
- We are responding by providing much needed direct support.
- With the number of cases going down and now more than 60% of eligible British Columbians having received the vaccine, there is reason to be hopeful.
- As I stated before, this would be a temporary measure and Premier Horgan and I will continue to be relentless in our advocacy to the federal government to support and defend B.C.'s tourism industry and all the people, businesses and communities who depend on it.

What about a technical stop? Are you looking at that?

- That is an interesting short-term idea and something that we are open to discussing.
- There are a number of pieces that would need to be addressed and in particular the details of what constitutes a sufficient stop to meet the requirements of the current US legislation.
- Again, it's something we are very open to discussing but many details that need to be sorted and something my federal counter parts would need to lead.
- Nothing is off the table and we're looking at creative solutions to address this challenge.

BACKGROUND

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There has been significant media interest on this issue.

Actions:

- Starting in February, the Province has received assurance that Canadian federal leaders and diplomats are in regular contact with members of the Alaskan Congressional delegation about the bill.
- Federal leaders have also taken meetings on the issue with Biden Administration officials.
- IGRS has received regular updates about these engagements.
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- Minister Mark met with US Consulate General
- Minister Mark met with Ian Robertson on May 17
- Minister Mark met with Minister Joly May 18, 27 and regularly as part of the FPT.
- Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure spoke with his federal counterpart about the logistics of temporary stops and sent a letter on May 22.

Technical stop option:

- At this time, technical stops for cruise ships with passengers are not allowed by Transport Canada.
- A technical stop or call is when the cruise ship stops somewhere for fuel, provisions, and other services, but passengers do not disembark.
- An exemption by Transport Canada to allow these stops at Canadian ports would fulfil the Passenger Vessel Services Act requirements that all non-U.S.-flagged vessels must stop at a 'distant foreign port'

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The cruise ship postponement is in addition to the previous two until October 31, 2020 and before that, the until July 15th because of the pandemic. The impact on the B.C. tourism industry is more pronounced with this postponement. For example, in Victoria, the 2020 season was expected to bring 300 cruise ship calls with 770,000 passengers to Ogden Point. The industry represents 70% of annual revenues supporting 800 jobs and sinks more than \$130m annually into the local economy. (CFAX, May 29th, 2020).

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RE: Totenson comments on Technical Stops

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To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 10:44:27 AM PDT

Can you connect with Autumn on this to have her return the notes and update them accordingly – I don't need to see the edits given the rush approvals.

Thx.
Amber

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 10:40 AM
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Totenson comments on Technical Stops

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meetings will be on reopening/resuming and the new US bills.

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Totenson comments on Technical Stops

Thanks – do you think this needs to be flagged in the Meeting notes?

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 9:23 AM
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Totenson comments on Technical Stops

Hi Amber

Just a heads up that I noted in the media clips today that Ian Totenson is basically saying there is no point in pursuing technical stops now that the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act* has passed....essentially the US have what they need to not stop in Canada, so even if we allowed technical stops ships wouldn't do it.

Rachelle

RE: GVHA meeting - update to cruise ban

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>, Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
To: Marshall, Autumn TAC:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>, Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Azam, Salman TAC:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, Rao, Robert TAC:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>, Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>, Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 12:32:07 PM PST

Yes, I will update and return to Salman directly via e-apps.

Kristie

From: Marshall, Autumn TAC:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 12:29 PM
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
ub: Azam, Salman TAC:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>; Rao, Robert TAC:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sj c ebt: RE: GVHA meeting - update to cruise ban

Afternoon Kristi,

If you don't mind, I'll send eapp 3127 back to you for editing quickly. If you could please do so and send back to Salman directly in eapps. DMO is expecting this item, due today.

Salman – FYI so you are aware. Cruise ban NR below, along with GVHA's statement in response.

Thanks in advance!
Autumn

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:21 PM
To: Marshall, Autumn TAC:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Sj c ebt: GVHA meeting - update to cruise ban

Hi Autumn:

I have an update for the GVHA note that I believe you've already sent to Salman and the DM for the GVHA shore power meeting that Salman and the DM are attending on Feb. 8th. I can update the note if you wish, s.13

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Also, the GVHA issued a statement in response to Transport Canada's cruise ban extension:
<https://mailchi.mp/gvha/statement-on-the-extended-suspension-of-cruise-in-canada?e=f6541d6662>

And here's the Transport Canada news release: <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-announces-one-year-ban-for-pleasure-craft-and-cruise-vessels.html>

Regards,

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RE: recent cruise MN

From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 9, 2021 1:55:07 PM PDT

Okay, will do.

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 9, 2021 1:49 PM
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: recent cruise MN

Thank you. Can you please add the bio info for each? Once that is done you can send me the ILWU one to me, but the CLIA one needs background on CLIA.

Rachelle

From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 9, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: recent cruise MN

Thanks – I've updated both Cruise MNs, using a more recent IN from Lisa Pilling as well.

They are ready for your review in eApps – items 4000 and 4001.

Thanks again!
Robert

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 8, 2021 9:50 AM
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: recent cruise MN

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RE: Revised Cruise Ship KMs

From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 10:52:04 AM PDT
Attachments: image001.png

Thank you, these will surely be useful going forward for any new cruise correspondence we'll be likely to get.

The current correspondence I'm working on, to/from the James Bay Community Assoc on cruise visitation and its impacts, makes some interesting points -- i.e. that any permanent change to the US PVSA wouldn't actually affect Vancouver's situation too much, as it is mainly a home-port (cruises starting and ending there), with only 7 port-of-call visits in 2019.

And they cite a 'cruise industry survey done years ago' that suggests cruise lines would include Victoria as a port-of-call, even without the US PVSA requirement.

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Robert

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 10:09 AM
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Revised Cruise Ship KMs

FYI

I have saved to the LAN and renamed:

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From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 9:10 AM
To: Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>; Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>; Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: j b: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Bowness, Lianne GCPE:EX <Lianne.Bowness@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Revised Cruise Ship KMs

Good morning all - these KMs are fully approved:

Key Message

- The temporary measure passed in the U.S. was designed to support Alaska's economy while Canada's ports were not welcoming visitors.
- This new proposed legislation is of greater concern to British Columbia and Canadians and we take that seriously.
- I have been engaged with the Federal government on this issue for some time.

- I met with the federal Minister of Transportation on the new bill on Friday and I was very clear with him that we need and expect the federal government to step up to defend Canada's tourism sector.
- We have also spoken with the Prime Minister's office about this.
- We will continue pushing the federal government to ensure they engage with the United States and assert Canadian interests in Washington DC.
- I have also requested an urgent meeting with the Canadian Ambassador to the U.S.
- This is not what cruise ship travellers want: Americans and international tourists want to visit Canadian destinations, and it enriches the experience cruise operators can offer to their passengers.
- We are working collaboratively with the sector and are advocating on their behalf with the federal government to ensure a structured and planned reopening.
- We want to ensure that the tourism industries in both Canada and the U.S. come back strong.

Do you regret not doing more when the initial legislation was being considered earlier this year?

- We have been working closely with our federal counterparts to find solutions since this issue first began.
- It is a federal measure at the heart of it and we have been pushing them to address.
- Additionally, we met with elected officials from Alaska and Washington who agree that our existing agreements are mutually beneficial.
- Ultimately the ports and the border are the responsibility of the federal government and we are reliant on their relationships with the US government to influence the consideration of this new legislation.

Do you think cruise ships will return, even if they don't have to as a result of this proposed legislation?

- We know that cruise ship passengers want to experience British Columbia, and we know that British Columbians want to welcome them to our cities when it is safe to do so.
- That's why we are advocating so urgently with the federal government to take action on this important issue.
- The borders and the ports are their jurisdiction so we are ensuring they are hearing loud and clear from our cruise ship industry and from this government that they need to step up and work hard to solve this problem.
- I have been in discussions with port officials and have taken their concerns to the federal government.

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RE: MOTI up in estimates today 4pm - topic cruise

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To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 2:21:43 PM PDT

Thanks for the heads up – hopefully it goes smoothly for them.

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 2:20 PM
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: MOTI up in estimates today 4pm - topic cruise

Hi Amber

You may be aware that MOTI is starting estimates today at 4pm and they have been told they will be questioned on cruise. We are sharing our ADM EN although the KMs and some of the background are outdated. It still has lots of good facts though. They also have the latest IN shared by GCPE.

I agreed to listen in for the first bit in case anything came up that they needed our help on. I doubt it though, Fleming is so involved he'll know what to say. He is very good in estimates from my experience at Education.

Rachelle Ray

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RE: Cruise

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
To: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>, Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>, Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 5, 2021 3:12:49 PM PDT
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FYI - I see that today the US CDC issued the update below:

May 5, 2021 Update

On May 5, 2021, CDC released the next two phases of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order (CSO) for cruise ships operating or seeking to operate in U.S. waters. CDC published [technical instructions](https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/cruise/covid19-cruiseships.html) for cruise ship operators preparing to conduct simulated ("trial") voyages in advance of restricted passenger voyages under a COVID-19 Conditional Sailing Certificate. With the issuance of these next two phases, cruise ship operators now have all the necessary requirements and recommendations they need to start simulated voyages before resuming restricted passenger voyages and apply for a COVID-19 conditional sailing certificate to begin sailing with restricted passenger voyages. CDC may adjust these requirements and recommendations based on public health considerations and other factors.

<https://www.cdc.gov/quarantine/cruise/covid19-cruiseships.html>

Regards,
Kristie

From: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 5, 2021 2:43 PM
To: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Cruise

Hi all,

I just wanted to touch base on the cruise file in anticipation of your ministry going up for Estimates next week. We have not received any further guidance from the federal government as to the impact of the CDC announcement last week, but I noted that the Alaska Tourism Recovery bill remains in Committee, and was amended on April 29 to include the updated CDC pieces. Let me know if there are any outstanding concerns or questions on your side that I can help to address.

Thanks,

Nicole

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Pronouns: she/her/hers

RE: Greater Victoria Harbour Authority advocates for Transport Canada to announce plans for 2022 cruise season

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To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>, Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 12:51:41 PM PDT

It was from Thursday, not today.

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX
Sent: June 14, 2021 12:51 PM
To: Robert TAC:EX Rao (Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca) <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>; Rachelle TAC:EX Ray (Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca) <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Greater Victoria Harbour Authority advocates for Transport Canada to announce plans for 2022 cruise season

FYI – not sure if you two subscribe to the GVHA newsletter or not, but see today's CEO message on cruise below.

From: Greater Victoria Harbour Authority <newsletter@gvha.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 11:00 AM
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Greater Victoria Harbour Authority advocates for Transport Canada to announce plans for 2022 cruise season

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RE: CLIA letter to MMM and economic contribution of cruise study

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To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>, Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 3, 2021 11:50:17 AM PDT

I hadn't seen it so thanks for sharing. In particular the BC-specific stats are useful for BN/estimates notes etc., going forward. Previously we were using stats provided by CLIA-NW from 2016 data.

- The cruise industry contributed \$2.7 billion in economic activity and 17,000 jobs in British Columbia in 2019, along with \$80 million in business taxes and \$185 million in income taxes. These benefits flow to the hotel, transportation, agricultural, ship maintenance and small business sectors of the economy.

From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 3, 2021 11:43 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>; Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: CLIA letter to MMM and economic contribution of cruise study

Hi both of you;

I'm guessing you've both likely already seen the CLIA letter to MMM asking to support 'technical stops as an interim measure' that was included in the TIABC bulletin of last Wednesday, April 28, but I'm attaching it here in case you haven't, along with the economic contribution study also linked that was just published in March 2021.

I've saved both of these in the **S.15** folder, as well as alerted Tiffany to the letter for her stakeholder tracking.

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FW: Cruise ships - updated messages

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Sent: May 5, 2021 9:34:48 AM PDT
Attachments: IN_COVID19 and Cruise industry_April 12 - FINAL.docx

Just FYI – Andrew will add it to the estimates binder.

KK

From: Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 5, 2021 9:28 AM
To: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>; Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cruise ships - updated messages

Hi Kristie – this is the latest version of our cruise IN.
Thanks,
Lisa

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TACS:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 4, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>; Pilling, Lisa GCPE:EX <Lisa.Pilling@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Cruise ships - updated messages

Hi Lisa – is this the most recent version of this IN? Andrew wants to include it in our estimates binder.

Thanks,
Kristie

ADVICE TO MINISTER

<p>CONFIDENTIAL ISSUES NOTE</p> <p>Ministry of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport Date: June 22, 2020, updated April 12, 2021 Minister Responsible: Hon. Melanie Mark</p>	<p>COVID-19: Cruise ship industry</p>
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RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

General

- COVID-19 has had a profound impact on the people and businesses in B.C.'s tourism industry.
- We recognize the significant contribution the cruise ship industry has on the tourism sector, both in B.C. and internationally, and the businesses that rely on travellers.
- Transport Canada has announced the suspension of the cruise ship season across Canada until February 28, 2022.
- These measures are necessary for us to continue to manage the spread of COVID-19, however this will continue to impact B.C.'s tourism and hospitality businesses.
- Throughout the pandemic, we have consulted extensively with business owners and sector leaders.
- We are working to address the recommendations of the Tourism Task Force which include helping reinforce consumer and community confidence in the sector's safety measures.
- And we look forward to welcoming cruise ship visitors back to our shores when it is safe to do.

US Regulatory Changes

- The cruise ship industry is a vital part of B.C.'s tourism ecosystem and we want to ensure British Columbia continues to be a favourite spot for cruises when the borders reopen.
- To prevent the spread of COVID 19, the federal government closed our borders to international travelers - that has meant that cruise ships cannot dock at Canadian ports.

- **There has been some discussion in the United States about temporary changes to their travel rules while Canadian ports are not accepting cruise ships.**
- **We will be speaking with the government in Alaska about this and a range of issues to ensure the interest of British Columbians are considered now and in the long term.**
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The B.C. tourism industry has indicated it is seeking innovative approaches to lifting travel restrictions in ways that still keep travellers safe. Last month's report from the Tourism Task Force encouraged governments to take targeted approaches to travel restrictions and risk assessment that help to restore confidence in communities and travellers.

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Essential passenger vessels, such as ferries and water taxis, should continue following federal guidance and provincial, territorial, local and regional protocols, as well as mitigation measures, to reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19.

The cruise ship postponement is in addition to the previous two until October 31, 2020 and before that, the until July 15th because of the pandemic. The impact on the B.C. tourism industry is more pronounced with this postponement. For example, in Victoria, the 2020 season was expected to bring 300 cruise ship calls with 770,000 passengers to Ogden Point. The industry represents 70% of annual revenues supporting 800 jobs and sinks more than \$130m annually into the local economy. (CFAX, May 29th, 2020).

Communications:	Lisa Pilling	250-952-2928
Program:	Rachelle Ray	778-677-6219
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FYI on some current action on cruise

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 20, 2021 2:53:54 PM PDT
Attachments: RE: Request for background info: PJH-PSS meeting, FW: Cruise
Stats/Messages for RVC, FW: Breaking News & Report from CLIA-NWC |
TC/PHAC Meeting May 19, 2021, RE: MEDIA RESPONSE: Cruise Bill May
20, FW: Alaska/BC initiative

Rachelle Ray

Project Director, Tourism Policy and Programs
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RE: Request for background info: PJH-PSS meeting

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Sent: May 20, 2021 12:26:47 PM PDT
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Yes.

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Sent: May 20, 2021 12:25 PM
To: Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for background info: PJH-PSS meeting

Thanks very much Vincent, this is helpful. Assuming you've seen that the waiver legislation has just passed the house...

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Sent: May 20, 2021 12:24 PM
To: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for background info: PJH-PSS meeting

This may be of general interest (if needed to support the statement around shared visitor economy):

25+ year consumer marketing partnership between Alaska Tourism Industry Association, Destination BC, Travel Alberta and Tourism Yukon

- Marketing focused on the "lower 48" to encourage travel to Alaska through Western Canada, with stops along the way
- Maintain www.northtoalaska.com and provide updated content and suggested itineraries
- Active social media campaign to the North to Alaska Facebook page
- Quarterly newsletter to database (DBC has an industry-facing and public-facing list/database)
- Attend annual RV consumer show in Quartzsite, Arizona (pre-C19)

Other data points that may be of general interest to you/for your general info

- Seattle, our competitor and partner, cannot handle the entire cruise volume to Alaska.
- Vancouver was one of the oldest home ports, even before Seattle
- Vancouver is a very profitable home port for the major cruise lines who operate in our waters. BC is a draw for cruisers due to the product offering we have plus great air capacity (pre-pandemic).
- The infrastructure (physical, tourism businesses) and the seamless process integration from YVR to the vessels to handle several thousand cruise passengers in Vancouver/BC are in place (anywhere from 3000-5500 pax per ship).
- BC accounts for 66% of direct cruise industry spending; Quebec accounts for 15%; Atlantic Canada accounts for 7%. Other provinces and territories also benefit, as recipients of spending on ship provisions, equipment, tourism, advertising and agent commissions.

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Sent: May 20, 2021 9:21 AM
To: Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for background info: PJH-PSS meeting
Importance: High

Hi Vincent,

A follow-up to this,^{s.13; s.16}
s.13; s.16 and I am pulling together the note to go into approvals for end of day today. I'm referencing the materials you've provided below about cruise, which should be sufficient on that topic, but are there any broader marketing or cooperative initiatives the Premier should be aware of that involve Alaska?

Thanks very much, and sorry for the short notice.

Nicole

From: Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 4:42 PM
To: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Request for background info: PJH-PSS meeting

Hi Nicole,

Am back on the IGR file. Andrew took over last September as I was reassigned to tourism recovery programs. The \$53M have gone out now and am back in the saddle.

Here is some background. I hope this helps. I have included some detailed info on cruise in case it is useful although it is very much BC centric. Btw, a cruise passenger used to spend about \$80/ day while a Belleville Terminal passenger (clipper / coho) is about \$400 (not relevant but good back pocket for you) Hope all of this helps.s.13; s.16
s.13; s.16

Vincent

s.13; s.16

s.16

CRUISE:

Victoria Cruise Terminal at The Breakwater District (Greater Victoria Harbour Authority)

- The 2019 season in Victoria saw a record 264 cruise ships and 700,000 passengers.
- In 2020, Victoria was expecting a record 300 ship calls and 800,000 passengers.
- Cruise in Victoria is responsible for more than 800 indirect and direct jobs and more than \$130 million in annual economic impact to the region.

Vancouver Canada Place Terminal (Port of Vancouver/Vancouver Fraser Port Authority)

- In 2019, Vancouver received 288 ship visits with more than 1 million cruise passengers, reflecting a 22% increase in passenger volumes over 2018.
- An estimated 1.2 million cruise ship passengers on 310 ships were scheduled to make port in Vancouver during 2020. Each ship translates into \$3 million in tourism spending.
- Canada Place serves as the largest cruise ship terminal in Canada and has been the homeport to the Vancouver-Alaska cruises for more than 30 years.
- s.13
- The Pacific Rim Cruise Association is a consortium comprised of Tourism Vancouver, Destination BC, the Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and Vancouver Airport Authority.

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 17, 2021 3:12 PM

To: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>; Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Request for background info: PJH-PSS meeting

Hi Nicole,

Happy to assist. I've asked Vincent on our team to support this request. I've copied him above should the two of you need to connect for clarification purposes.

Amber

From: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: May 17, 2021 2:00 PM

To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Request for background info: PJH-PSS meeting

Importance: High

Hi Amber,

s.22 so I'm hoping you can assist in directing my request. Premier Horgan is planning to take a meeting with Yukon Premier Silver, tentatively scheduled for May 20.s.16

s.16

s.16 Would you be able to provide some material outlining the regional tourism ecosystem?

s.13; s.16

s.13; s.16 Any background you might be able to share that would help frame the conversation between the two Premiers would be very helpful. If it would be at all possible to get this background by **end of day on Tuesday, May 18** that would be very much appreciated.

Let me know if there are any concerns with the timeline, or any questions I can answer.

Thanks very much,

Nicole

Nicole Longpré

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FW: Cruise Stats/Messages for RVC

From: Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
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Just spoke to Maria re IGRS request. She sent me the info below.

From: Greene, Maria DBC:EX <Maria.Greene@destinationbc.ca>
Sent: May 20, 2021 11:12 AM
To: Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Cruise Stats/Messages for RVC

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Sent: May 14, 2021 11:50 AM
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Subject: Cruise Stats/Messages for RVC

Here you go....

General

- PRCA has been in place since 1991 (30 years!) to support the development of the cruise sector in BC.
- Seattle, our competitor and partner, cannot handle the entire cruise volume to Alaska.
- Vancouver was one of the oldest home ports, even before Seattle, in NA. There were only 4 ports of call in NA
- Operating cruises for 100 years approx.

- Vancouver is a very profitable home port for the major cruise lines who operate in our waters. BC is a draw for cruisers due to the product offering we have plus great air capacity (pre-pandemic) and from international markets cruise is one element of a LH trip in BC.
- The infrastructure (physical, tourism businesses) and the seamless process integration from YVR to the vessels to handle several thousand cruise passengers in Vancouver/BC are in place (anywhere from 3000-5500 pax per ship).

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BC accounts for 66% of direct cruise industry spending; Quebec accounts for 15%; Atlantic Canada accounts for 7%. Other provinces and territories also benefit, as recipients of spending on ship provisions, equipment, tourism, advertising and agent commissions.

Ports of call

2019– 289 with 1.1m pax

2022– 319 calls with smaller vessels @ 50% capacity; 656k pax; if at 100% would be 1.2m

Messaging re the US decision:

Imminent issue is to the smaller ports

They may still stop in Victoria on way back

Decision was to support Alaska tourism

Positives: Cruise is still happening, cruise can prove they can operate in this environment and only till Feb.

Port of Seattle told them that Senator of UTAH objected but they managed to convince him.

Disney to be part of our cruise re-start workshop today for future re-start. Disney has strong expertise in the movement of people!

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Subject: Breaking News & Report from CLIA-NWC | TC/PHAC Meeting May 19, 2021

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Please see news below. The Alaska Tourism Restoration Act has now been passed by the US House and president Biden is expected to sign. This will allow for the temporary waiver of the Passenger Services Act and allow for cruises homeported in Seattle to sail directly to Alaska without making a distant foreign port stop (ie - Victoria, Prince Rupert or Nanaimo).

From: Donna Spalding <dspalding@clia-nwc.com>
Exe: May 20, 2021 at 11:23:20 AM PDT
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RE: MEDIA RESPONSE: Cruise Bill May 20

From: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>, Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>, Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 20, 2021 2:04:33 PM PDT

You bet I'll confirm with them both just to be sure 😊

Many thx

From: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Date: May 20, 2021 2:03 PM
To: Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: MEDIA RESPONSE: Cruise Bill May 20

I know that IGRS is coordinating connection with Government. It could very well be Tran – I'm sorry to confuse – we may need to confirm with Tran to make sure.

Salman

From: "Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX" <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 2:01 PM
To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX" <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>, "Mattock, Amber TACS:EX" <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>, "Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX" <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: MEDIA RESPONSE: Cruise Bill May 20

Ok thanks.13 and is IGRS is coordinating the technical stops too? I thought it was TRAN.

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Date: May 20, 2021 2:00 PM
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Subject: Re: MEDIA RESPONSE: Cruise Bill May 20

For the second question IGRS is coordinating discussions with the Feds.

s.13

Salman

From: "Wormald, Carla GCPE:EX" <Carla.Wormald@gov.bc.ca>

j Re: Thursday, May 20, 2021 at 1:49 PM

To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: "Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX" <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: MEDIA RESPONSE: Cruise Bill May 20

Hi Salman,

Please see the following media request regarding cruise and our suggested response below. I am checking with TRAN on the response to #2. Let me know if the other two work for you.

Thanks

Carla

paBorear

Amy Smart, Reporter

Canadian Press (BC Bureau)

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Deadline ASAP

Request

Wondering if the premier and/or Minister Mark have a response to the swift passage of legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives today allowing cruise ships between Washington and Alaska to bypass Canadian ports.

- * Have they managed to speak with their Alaskan counterparts yet? If so, what was said? Have they received any reassurance that the bypass will remain temporary?
- * Have they asked the federal government to allow technical calls, as advocated for by the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority? What was the response?
- * Any response to those who say the B.C. government dropped the ball on this one?

Recommendation

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FW: Alaska/BC initiative

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Sent: May 20, 2021 12:00 PM
To: Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mason, Clare DBC:EX <Clare.Mason@destinationbc.ca>
Subject: Alaska/BC initiative

In case you need this.....

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Invitation to PNWER's COVID-19 Recovery Call - Restarting the Cruise Industry

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Good afternoon all,

I wanted to invite you to a call that PNWER is holding **next Wednesday, June 16 at 11am Pacific on "Restarting the Cruise Industry."** If you are interested in joining this session, you can [add the event to your calendar and access the call information here](#). This is part of an ongoing series from PNWER on COVID-19 Recovery. Additional information on our past and upcoming COVID-19 Recovery calls can be found on our website at pnwer.org/covid19-recovery-call.

Restarting the Cruise Industry in the U.S.

Over the past year, the cruise and tourism industries were especially hard hit by pandemic-related closures and unprecedented travel restrictions. With vaccination rates on the rise, and approval from the U.S. CDC, cruise operators are planning to resume sailings between Seattle and Alaska in July. This call will explore how the cruise industry plans to re-scale their workforce, how they are addressing issues of consumer confidence, and ways that their experiences can be translated into best practices for other industries hard-hit by the pandemic.

Agenda:

- Introductions
- Restarting the Cruise Industry
 - **Charlie Ball**, Executive Vice President | Land Operations, Holland America | Serving Princess Cruises, Holland America Line, Seabourn, and P&O Australia
 - **Bryan J Fisher**, Director, Alaska Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, State of Alaska COVID/Cruise Restart Facilitator
- Speaker Q&A
- Regional Pandemic Resilience Roadmap Requests for Proposal
 - PNWER's ongoing EDA grant project is seeking qualified consultants to assist with project tasks. [The RFPs can be reviewed here](#).
- Regional Round Robin
 - How are the public and private sectors in your jurisdiction working together to attract both domestic and international tourists?
 - What kinds of specific marketing or programing are you seeing or providing in your jurisdiction to encourage public trust and traveler confidence?
 - With the anticipated reopening of the U.S.-Canada border, what impact will that have on the tourism industry in your jurisdiction? Are preparations being made for international tourists?

Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions or concerns, and we look forward to having you join us next week.

Have a lovely weekend!

Tara Edens

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Letter from JBNA

From: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 11:47:14 AM PDT
Attachments: Premier Horgan-cruise June 4 2021.pdf

Hi Rachelle;

Attached find the letter to PJH and MMM from the James Bay Neighbourhood Assoc.

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June 4th, 2021

The Honourable John Horgan,
Premier, Province of British Columbia.

Dear Premier Horgan:

Rethinking Cruise Tourism and Cruise Industry Operations in Victoria, British Columbia

On behalf of the James Bay Neighbourhood Association (JBNA), we respectfully request that the Province of British Columbia consider our neighbourhood priority to rethink cruise tourism, with the goal of creating a more sustainable tourism model, a model which respects the Province's ***CleanBC Plan*** and the City of Victoria's ***Climate Leadership Plan***

Victoria has been a cruise ship destination since the 1990s. By 2005 Seattle's cruise industry growth had brought significant and increasingly unwanted impacts to James Bay. The number of cruise ships visiting Victoria increased from 34 in 1999 to 267 in 2019, with larger ships carrying more passengers. For 2020, the schedule was for passenger growth of 32% over 2019, until the Government of Canada banned all cruise ship travel from Canadian waters due to the pandemic. We believe that the cruise-industry can alter its practices and once again be welcomed in our neighbourhood.

James Bay is a neighbourhood of 12,000 residents in the City of Victoria within the capital region. Tourism has been a welcome part of James Bay for over 100 years. The James Bay Neighbourhood Plan recognizes the positive contribution of tourism to our community. We host many hotels and our residents enjoy interacting with stay-over tourists; giving directions, suggesting restaurants or specialty retail stores, and just getting to know each other.

Cruise tourism has altered this tourist-resident relationship and has brought over-tourism to our neighbourhood as it has to many parts of the world. During cruise season, from April to October, the benefits to the local and regional economy come with a number of negative environmental and social impacts on our neighbourhood including air pollution, increased traffic volumes, noise, overcrowding, and the import of foreign garbage and many thousands of tonnes of other waste. The Covid-19 pandemic has also highlighted the role the cruise industry plays in the transmission of diseases.

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JBNA has long advocated for more responsible cruise industry practices. Over the past 15 years, our association has worked diligently to forward quality of life needs of our residents during the cruise season. We have conducted resident surveys, analysed traffic volumes, commissioned noise studies, initiated air quality assessments, completed a cost-benefit analysis and researched successful global approaches to addressing cruise over-tourism. JBNA's long-standing approach to analysis and positioning has been data-based and science driven.

While media attention has focused on overtourism in major cities such as Amsterdam, Venice, and Barcelona, many other communities around the world have experienced negative impacts from cruise tourism. JBNA has worked with groups including people from the United Kingdom, several cities in Europe, the Caribbean, Africa, Australia and the states of Washington, Alaska, New York, Maine, Florida, and South Carolina, to create principles directed to a global approach to responsible cruise tourism.

These global discussions have alerted us to steps taken in some countries, gaps in Canadian oversight due to jurisdictional issues, and initiatives taken in the United States to safeguard the Coastal waters along the Strait of Juan de Fuca. The renewal of the State of Washington, Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA), and the Port of Seattle MOU, which was created to protect Puget Sound from the discharging of wash-water and other effluents, showed us what could be done with political will. While the cities of Bergen, Amsterdam, Barcelona have been setting limits to control tourism, Los Angeles has led the way with ship emissions.

The temporary suspension of cruise travel to Canada due to Covid-19 presents an opportunity for transformative change of cruise travel from the current mass-tourism approach to a more sustainable, responsible and intergenerational tourism model for Victoria as a port-of-call. Post-Covid, we may see a permanently altered visitor economy. The experience of a pandemic and the call for action on man's contribution to climate change may alter human behaviour.

Victoria's situation is very different from Vancouver's. For the most part, Vancouver cruise operations are not dependent on the US Passenger Vessel Services Act (PVSA). Rather, Vancouver serves the industry as a home-port, handling the overflow for Seattle's Alaska run. Vancouver's "share" of the Alaska run decreased significantly when additional docks in Seattle became cruise-terminals in 2009 resulting in a drop in Vancouver ship calls from 254 to 177 in one year. Since that time, Vancouver's cruise activity increased as Seattle did not have the capacity to handle the industry growth. Port of Vancouver's 2019 Annual Report identifies 288 ship visits, with only 7 being port-of-call visits. The greatest threat to Vancouver's lucrative home-port operations is the Port of Seattle plan to transform Pier 46 into a cruise-terminal, not from changes in the PVSA.

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A cruise industry survey done years ago suggested that many ship itineraries would include Victoria as a port-of-call even without the US PVSA requirement for a foreign port-of-call to be included in the Seattle-Alaska cruise-run. Another survey suggested that many passengers questioned the value of short-stays and night-time stays in Victoria, whereas the port-of call component of Vancouver's operations typically involve visits of 9-12 hours.

JBNA knows that there are measures that can protect our residents' quality of life during cruise season and enhance the cruise ship experience for passengers. Given our extensive knowledge of local cruise operations, we believe that we would represent the public interest of James Bay residents and our larger community.

We respectfully ask to be recognized as an essential stakeholder and full participant during provincial discussions about the restart of cruise industry activities in our neighbourhood.

Thank you for considering our request.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in dark ink, consisting of a stylized, cursive 'M' followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Marg Gardiner
President, JBNA

CC: The Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport
The Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy
Laurel Collins, MP, Victoria
Grace Lore, MLA, Victoria-Beacon Hill

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Heads up: PO log 746800^{s.22}

From: Riedel, David E TACS:EX <David.Riedel@gov.bc.ca>
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 28, 2021 2:14:13 PM PDT
Attachments: 41911 Various Cruise Final 210415.docx

Hi Rob: Heads up of a Premier's Correspondence redirect regarding the cruise industry, at the start of this thread. Rachelle assigned you to update content of the previous response attached. Please watch for the eApp item. It will need to be approved through normal channels.

Thanks.

Dave

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 28, 2021 2:04 PM
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Subject: RE: Question re: PO log 746800s.22

It will need updating. It can be directed to Robert please.

Rachelle

From: Riedel, David E TACS:EX <David.Riedel@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 28, 2021 2:00 PM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Question re: PO log 746800 s.22

Hi Rachelle:

Premier's Correspondence is requesting a redirect to TACS, in reply to the incoming email below, regarding the cruise industry. Is the attached reply from batch 41911 still sufficient or does it need updating?

Thanks.

Dave

From: Correspondence Services TACS:EX <TACS.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 28, 2021 1:36 PM
To: Riedel, David E TACS:EX <David.Riedel@gov.bc.ca>
From: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>; Correspondence Services TACS:EX <TACS.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Question re: PO log 746800s.22

Hi,

See PO inquiry below. We had that batch 41911 earlier this month. Wonder if TACS should respond and if the final version for that batch would be appropriate?

Thanks!

Lindsay

From: Wolansky, Allegra PREM:EX <Allegra.Wolansky@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 28, 2021 12:43 PM
To: Correspondence Services TACS:EX <TACS.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Question re: PO log 746800 s.22

Hi TACS,

Are you responding to any incomings on the cruise ship issue? We've received a few which I've primarily been filing but wanted to check if you think a response from your ministry is needed on this one?

Thanks!

Allegra Wolansky

Correspondence Officer | Office of the Premier
(778) 698-5465 | pronouns: she/her/hers

From: s.22
Sent: May 24, 2021 5:18 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX <Premier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Cruise Ships - A reply would be great

What are you doing to make sure that cruise ships will be allowed back here before February 2022 and what are you doing to stimulate new business and get our tourists back.

AS PREMIER YOU SHOULD BE FIGHTING FOR CRUISE SHIPS BEFORE FEBRUARY 2022 or at least let them come in as the Senator from Alaska asked AND HAS HAD NO RESPONSES.

They would like to come in just for maintenance and refuel, stock up without disembarking. THAT WILL KEEP A FEW PEOPLE EMPLOYED. WHAT ARE YOU DOING?

Concerned citizen

Sent from Mail for Windows 10

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FW: New US Senate Bill - permanent bypass for cruise ships

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Portal, Vincent TACS:EX <Vincent.Portal@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 10, 2021 2:58:17 PM PDT

This just in!

<https://www.lee.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=4E2F83D4-5F33-473F-AF8D-00F26F481CCA>

FW: GVHA meeting - update to cruise ban

From: Marshall, Autumn TAC:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>, Marshall, Autumn
: TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
To: Rao, Robert TAC:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>, Rao, Robert TACS:EX
<Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: February 4, 2021 12:23:19 PM PST
FYI – I'll send the eapp back to Kristi to update.

From: Kristofferson, Kristie L TAC:EX <Kristie.Kristofferson@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 4, 2021 12:21 PM
To: Marshall, Autumn TAC:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: GVHA meeting - update to cruise ban

Hi Autumn:

I have an update for the GVHA note that I believe you've already sent to Salman and the DM for the GVHA shore power meeting that Salman and the DM are attending on Feb. 8th. I can update the note if you wish, s.13

s.13

Also, the GVHA issued a statement in response to Transport Canada's cruise ban extension:
<https://mailchi.mp/gvha/statement-on-the-extended-suspension-of-cruise-in-canada?e=f6541d6662>

And here's the Transport Canada news release: <https://www.canada.ca/en/transport-canada/news/2021/02/government-of-canada-announces-one-year-ban-for-pleasure-craft-and-cruise-vessels.html>

Regards,

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Cruise follow up info

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>, Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>, Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 17, 2021 12:12:08 PM PDT
Hello

Here is some additional information as requested. The exemption information in part 2 is from the order and is very technical. I do not want to try to interpret it for risk of interpreting incorrectly, however it is clear that public health is the priority.

Part 1 regarding technical stop definition:

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- According to the Transport Canada Interim Order No5 a technical stop includes embarkation, disembarkation, refueling, resupplying, and restocking. However specific details of who embarks or disembarks is not provided in the order.

Part 2 regarding Canadian exemption provisions as per the Interim Order No. 5 Respecting Passenger Vessel Restrictions Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) :

Statement from Transport Canada: Cruise vessels in Canadian waters pose a risk to our health care systems. The government of Canada will continue to evaluate the situation and make changes as necessary to ensure the health and safety of all Canadians. Should the COVID-19 pandemic sufficiently improve to allow the resumption of these activities, the Minister of Transport has the ability to rescind the interim orders.

Passenger Vessels

13 (1) The Minister may, in writing, exempt a passenger vessel from any of the restrictions or prohibitions set out in this Interim Order if

- **(a)** after consulting with the government of the province or territory concerned, the Minister determines that
 - **(i)** that the exemption is necessary to allow for viable, effective and economical marine transportation and commerce, or
 - **(ii)** that it is not practical, under the circumstances, for the vessel to comply with the prohibition or restriction; and
- **(b)** after consulting with the chief public health officer of the province or territory concerned and with the Minister of Health, the Minister determines that navigation safety, public health and safety and the protection of the marine environment will, to the extent possible, be maintained.

60 days' notice

(2) At least 60 days before the expected date of arrival of the vessel in Canadian waters, the master must give written notice to the Minister of the arrival of the vessel in those waters.

Application for exemption

14 (1) An authorized representative of a passenger vessel may apply to the Minister for an exemption under any of sections 11 to 13.

Conditions of exemption

- (2) An exemption is subject to any conditions that the Minister considers appropriate.

Rachelle Ray

Project Director, Tourism Policy and Programs
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RE: Revised Bullets for Ministers Cruise Meetings - Please Review ASAP - Thx

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Steele, Bob D TRAN:EX <Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca>, Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 15, 2021 10:17:14 AM PDT

Hi Bob
Just one thing.^{s.13}
Rachelle

From: Steele, Bob D TRAN:EX <Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 15, 2021 9:32 AM

To: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Revised Bullets for Ministers Cruise Meetings - Please Review ASAP - Thx

Importance: High

Hi Nicole and Rachelle

We have revamped and made some additional edits to the Bullet BN for the upcoming Ministers Cruise meetings.

Can you please review asap to ensure we have not missed anything of significance or misconstrued any key items in our re-drafting.

Please provide any edits in track changes asap.

Many thanks,

Bob

recent cruise MN

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 8, 2021 9:49:36 AM PDT
Attachments: 42194 MN_Minister_GVHA CEO Robertson_Alaska Tourism Restoration Act.docx

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Meeting Backgrounder

Prepared For: Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport

Meeting Date: May 17, 2021 11:00-11:30 am **CLIFF #:** 42194

Meeting Connection Details:
DMO to confirm

MEETING:

Meeting with Greater Victoria Harbour Authority (GVHA).

ATTENDEES:

MINISTRY

Melanie Mark, Minister
Melissa Farrance, Senior Ministerial Advisor
Neilane Mayhew, Deputy Minister
Salman Azam, Assistant Deputy Minister

ORGANIZATION

Ian Robertson, Chief Executive Officer

PURPOSE:

To discuss the recent passing of the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act* to permit cruise to bypass Canadian waters and ports for ships bound to Alaska

AGENDA:

TOPIC	LEAD	TIME ALLOTTED (IN MINUTES)
<i>ALASKA TOURISM RESTORATION ACT</i>	Minister Mark	30

KEY MESSAGES:

- We understand the US Senate has passed the bill that approves the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act* to allow cruise ships bound from the State of Washington to the State of Alaska to bypass Canadian ports and waters.
- This is a significant milestone; however, this does not automatically mean cruise ships will begin sailing and there are a number of significant legislative and operational steps that must be met before cruise could be viable.

- Also, this is still being presented as a temporary measure and we are confident that B.C. and the B.C. ports will remain a preferred and sought out destination for cruise when the Canadian government allows it.
- There are several conversations that have happened since we learned this news. The Premier has met with the Alaska government and we've had conversations with the federal government and other government departments in the United States.
- We are taking this matter seriously and speaking with all the required parties.

BACKGROUND:

- Due to COVID-19, cruise visitation has been suspended in Canadian ports by Transport Canada until February 28, 2022.
- Transport Canada's decision is based on advice from the Public Health Agency of Canada and supported by B.C.'s Public Health Officer. The GVHA has also supported these decisions.
- Under the U.S. *Passenger Vessel Services Act*, foreign-flagged ships (as most cruise ships are) cannot depart from and return to the same U.S. port unless the ship visits a foreign port in between. This is beneficial as Alaska-bound cruise ships can depart from or stop at B.C. ports. (See Appendix 2 for more information.)
- Recently, two Alaska senators introduced a Bill to U.S. Congress that, if passed, will allow foreign-flagged cruise ships to bypass Canadian ports on a temporary basis.
- On May 13, 2021 the proposed *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act* was passed in the Senate.
- B.C. Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat staff have been in contact with their federal colleagues at the Canadian Consulate in Seattle, who are closely following the issue, liaising with Ottawa.

ANTICIPATED MEETING OUTCOME:

- Share concerns and knowledge of the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act*.

Program Area Contact: Amber Mattock, Senior 778-698-1699
Director

Appendix 1: Biographies

Attachment 2: Copy of the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act* (PDF)

Appendix 1: Biographies

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RE: Cruise materials ^{s.13}

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 16, 2021 8:58:13 AM PDT

You hadn't responded, but thank you!

From: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 16, 2021 8:51 AM

To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Cruise materials and s.13

Sorry Rachelle, can't remember if I replied to this yesterday. The 2 meeting notes for this week's Minister cruise meetings have been updated to s.13

When the eapps come back to me for filing – I'll ensure they replace any previous versions on the LAN.

Thanks 😊

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Tuesday, June 15, 2021 1:21 PM

To: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>; Rao, Robert TACS:EX <Robert.Rao@gov.bc.ca>

cc: Little, Andrew TACS:EX <Andrew.Little@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Cruise materials s.13

Hi

s.13

Autumn, are you able to update this in the current items in eApprovals and Robert can you please make sure our stuff on the LAN is updated?

Thanks,

Rachelle Ray

Project Director, Tourism Policy and Programs
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RE: Draft Bullets on Cruise Issue

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>, Steele, Bob D
TRAN:EX <Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 11, 2021 3:53:23 PM PDT
Attachments: Bullets for Meetings on Cruise Industry (Dr1)_TACS .docx

Hi Bob, I have made some edits, please see attached. This aligns with our messaging and I didn't see anything of concern.

Please let me know if you need anything further from me.

Rachelle Ray

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From: Steele, Bob D TRAN:EX <Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2021 3:44 PM

To: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Draft Bullets on Cruise Issue

Importance: High

Nicole/Rachelle

Just received the attached response from Minister Alghabra to MRF letter (if you have not already seen).

Am just reading through it now – please take into consideration when providing your comments on the draft bullets.

Thx.

Bob

From: Steele, Bob D TRAN:EX

Sent: June 11, 2021 3:13 PM

To: Longpre, Nicole IGRS:EX <Nicole.Longpre@gov.bc.ca>; Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Draft Bullets on Cruise Issue

Hi Nicole and Rachelle

Thanks for your time earlier today.

Further to our discussions, please find attached draft bullets as requested by MRF for his and MMM's meeting with the International Longshore and Warehouse Union. I am thinking that these bullets would likely also be used for when those two Ministers meet with CLIA.

It would be much appreciated if you could carefully review the attached, and provide any edits back in track changes by 4:15 today if possible.

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I am around for the remainder of the afternoon if you wish to discuss the attached at all.

Many thanks to you both,

Bob

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RE: Cruise BN

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Greene, Maria DBC:EX <Maria.Greene@destinationbc.ca>
Sent: June 15, 2021 5:06:35 PM PDT
Attachments: image001.png

Hi, sorry for the delay. Here is what has been ADM approved. As I mentioned it is very high level.

KEY MESSAGES:

- Our government recognizes the importance of the cruise industry to B.C.'s economy and understands that the closure of both our land and marine borders due to COVID-19 has had a devastating impact on B.C.'s visitor economy overall.
- We are confident that B.C. and our B.C. ports will remain a preferred and sought out destination for cruise when the Canadian government allows it.
- The *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act* allowing cruise ships to bypass Canadian ports, as drafted, states that the changes would be automatically rescinded when Canadian ports are reopened to cruise ships.
- I am aware that Senator Mike Lee has recently introduced three bills to repeal and reform the *Passenger Vessel Services Act*; and I will be monitoring the situation closely. We are taking this matter seriously and speaking with all the required parties.
- There are several conversations that have happened since the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act* was passed:
 - Premier Horgan met with the Alaska senators on June 9 on this matter and other issues.
 - Minister Fleming has sent a letter to his federal colleagues around the logistics of technical stops.
 - Minister Mark has met with the US Consulate General in Vancouver and spoken to federal Economic Development Minister Melanie Joly on the matter.
 - The B.C. inter-governmental relations team meets with the Seattle Consulate weekly.

BACKGROUND:

- Cruise Lines International Association (CLIA) is the world's largest cruise industry trade association, representing all major cruise lines and 95% of the world's ocean-going cruise capacity, as well as 15,000 travel agencies.
- The North West & Canada chapter (CLIA-NWC) is a non-profit association representing the major member cruise lines that operate in Canada and the Pacific Northwest including Washington State, Alaska, and Hawaii.
- CLIA is no longer requiring or seeking technical stops in Canada. Rather, they are looking to a resumption of normal cruise operations.
- Due to COVID-19, cruise visitation has been suspended in Canadian ports by Transport Canada until February 28, 2022.
- Transport Canada's decision is based on advice from the Public Health Agency of Canada and supported by B.C.'s Provincial Health Officer.
- Under the U.S. *Passenger Vessel Services Act*, foreign-flagged ships (as most cruise ships are) cannot depart from and return to the same U.S. port unless the ship visits a foreign port in between. This is beneficial to the B.C. tourism industry, as Alaska-bound cruise ships must stop at B.C. ports.
- On May 24, 2021, President Biden signed into law the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act*, allowing foreign-flagged cruise ships to bypass Canadian ports, on a temporary basis.
- On June 10th Senator Mike Lee introduced three bills to repeal and reform the *Passenger Vessel Services Act*. These new acts would eliminate the requirement that Alaska bound ships that originate in the US to stop at a Canadian port.
- B.C. Intergovernmental Relations Secretariat staff have been in contact with their federal colleagues at the Canadian Consulate in Seattle, who are closely following the issue, liaising with Ottawa.

ANTICIPATED MEETING OUTCOME:

- Learn about the cruise industry's COVID-19 pre-boarding screening and on-board safety measures.
- Reiterate federal government's role in providing direction on international reopening.
- Share knowledge and concerns regarding the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act* and the new bills.

From: Greene, Maria DBC:EX <Maria.Greene@destinationbc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2021 4:59 PM

To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Cruise BN

Hi Rachelle. Can we see a copy of the BN before it goes to MMM? Richard Porges meets with her regularly and it would be good for him to have the BN for reference in case it comes up.

Please advise.

Thank you.

Maria

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Regards,



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RE: Cruise Letter

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 24, 2021 9:00:50 AM PDT
Attachments: Letter from MRF to Alghabra re reopening cruise May 2021.pdf

This is the earlier letter that MRF sent. We don't have MOTIs current draft. Again, maybe they can review both our letter and the one from MRF to make sure they are aligned with tone.

From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 24, 2021 8:58 AM
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cruise Letter

Thanks – did IGRS send a letter or just MOTI? Can you share that draft with me?

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 24, 2021 8:47 AM
To: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cruise Letter

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From: "Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX" <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>
Date: Jun. 23, 2021 5:52 p.m.
Subject: Cruise Letter
To: "Azam, Salman TACS:EX" <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Berkes, Andrea TACS:EX" <Andrea.Berkes@gov.bc.ca>, "Wood, Chelsea TACS:EX" <Chelsea.Wood@gov.bc.ca>
Just a follow up on this as Kaye, Silas and I have been texting just now. s.13

s.13 TRAN will do its own letter and we will look at both together. Also IGRS staff prepared an earlier letter that MRF sent to Minister Alghabra and they have background on this issue so may have feedback on the tone and tenor of our letter so please make sure staff reach out to IGRS. Lastly, is it feasible to get a draft to me tomorrow?

Neilane

Sent from Workspace ONE Boxer

FW: Revised Cruise Ship KMs

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Steele, Bob D TRAN:EX <Bob.Steele@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 2:08:08 PM PDT

As discussed.

From: Crebo, David GCPE:EX <David.Crebo@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 14, 2021 9:10 AM

To: Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>; Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>; Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Bowness, Lianne GCPE:EX <Lianne.Bowness@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Revised Cruise Ship KMs

Good morning all - these KMs are fully approved:

Key Message

- The temporary measure passed in the U.S. was designed to support Alaska's economy while Canada's ports were not welcoming visitors.
- This new proposed legislation is of greater concern to British Columbia and Canadians and we take that seriously.
- I have been engaged with the Federal government on this issue for some time.
- I met with the federal Minister of Transportation on the new bill on Friday and I was very clear with him that we need and expect the federal government to step up to defend Canada's tourism sector.
- We have also spoken with the Prime Minister's office about this.
- We will continue pushing the federal government to ensure they engage with the United States and assert Canadian interests in Washington DC.
- I have also requested an urgent meeting with the Canadian Ambassador to the U.S.
- This is not what cruise ship travellers want: Americans and international tourists want to visit Canadian destinations, and it enriches the experience cruise operators can offer to their passengers.
- We are working collaboratively with the sector and are advocating on their behalf with the federal government to ensure a structured and planned reopening.
- We want to ensure that the tourism industries in both Canada and the U.S. come back strong.

Do you regret not doing more when the initial legislation was being considered earlier this year?

- We have been working closely with our federal counterparts to find solutions since this issue first began.
- It is a federal measure at the heart of it and we have been pushing them to address.
- Additionally, we met with elected officials from Alaska and Washington who agree that our existing agreements are mutually beneficial.
- Ultimately the ports and the border are the responsibility of the federal government and we are reliant on their relationships with the US government to influence the consideration of this new legislation.

Do you think cruise ships will return, even if they don't have to as a result of this proposed legislation?

- We know that cruise ship passengers want to experience British Columbia, and we know that British Columbians want to welcome them to our cities when it is safe to do so.
- That's why we are advocating so urgently with the federal government to take action on this important issue.
- The borders and the ports are their jurisdiction so we are ensuring they are hearing loud and clear from our cruise ship industry and from this government that they need to step up and work hard to solve this problem.
- I have been in discussions with port officials and have taken their concerns to the federal government.

Dave Crebo

Communications Director

Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure

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RE: ALERT - eApprovals Item ID: 4077 - Item Forwarded - Various - Due 6/23/2021

From: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
To: Marshall, Autumn TACS:EX <Autumn.Marshall@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 17, 2021 4:13:59 PM PDT
Attachments: FW: Revised Cruise Ship KMs

Hi Autumn. MOTI has a least 2 recent BNs on the topic that I have provided input to in the past week as well as approved key messages, so I would suggest that they have bullets already. See attached for their approved key messages.

Here are a few other comments:

MRF is meeting with TIABC next week, that is one of the BNs I have already reviewed.

The Rethinking Cruise Tourism and Cruise Industry Operations in Victoria, British Columbia was assigned to us for ADM direct reply, we have it as item 4034

Please let me know if I still need to action this.

Rachelle

From: Economy Sector eApprovals <donotreply@sp.gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 17, 2021 10:44 AM

To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: ALERT - eApprovals Item ID: 4077 - Item Forwarded - Various - Due 6/23/2021

Marshall, Autumn [Colleague of Riedel, David E TAC:EX] forwarded an eApprovals item to Ray, Rachelle TAC:EX for action

Comment: High Priority RUSH - Hi Rachelle, we've been asked to prepare bullets to support TRAN replies to the attached incoming - on the topics of: cruise ships, BC Restart, advocacy to Feds, etc. Due to ADMO June 21.

#: 42496

Title: RUSH Bullets for TRAN: cruise ship industry and COVID-19

Full Name: Various

Due Date: 6/23/2021

Category: Correspondence - Bullets

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From: Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
To: Ray, Rachelle TACS:EX <Rachelle.Ray@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 9:14:44 AM PDT
FYI

From: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 14, 2021 9:14 AM
To: Cardona, Diego TACS:EX <Diego.Cardona@gov.bc.ca>; Farrance, Melissa TACS:EX <Melissa.Farrance@gov.bc.ca>; Flesh, Cindy TACS:EX <Cindy.Flesh@gov.bc.ca>; Holding, Marina TACS:EX <Marina.Holding@gov.bc.ca>; Milner, Daniel TACS:EX <Daniel.Milner@gov.bc.ca>; Munro, Asia TACS:EX <Asia.Munro@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: GCPE Communications - Tourism, Arts, Culture & Sport <GCPETAC@Victoria1.gov.bc.ca>; Azam, Salman TACS:EX <Salman.Azam@gov.bc.ca>; Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Revised Cruise Ship KMs

FYI

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Sent: June 14, 2021 9:10 AM
To: Krishna, Kaye TRAN:EX <Kaye.Krishna@gov.bc.ca>; Brownsey, Silas IGRS:EX <Silas.Brownsey@gov.bc.ca>; Mayhew, Neilane TACS:EX <Neilane.Mayhew@gov.bc.ca>; Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Harbord, Chris GCPE:EX <Chris.Harbord@gov.bc.ca>; Bowness, Lianne GCPE:EX <Lianne.Bowness@gov.bc.ca>
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- I met with the federal Minister of Transportation on the new bill on Friday and I was very clear with him that we need and expect the federal government to step up to defend Canada's tourism sector.
- We have also spoken with the Prime Minister's office about this.
- We will continue pushing the federal government to ensure they engage with the United States and assert Canadian interests in Washington DC.
- I have also requested an urgent meeting with the Canadian Ambassador to the U.S.
- This is not what cruise ship travellers want: Americans and international tourists want to visit Canadian destinations, and it enriches the experience cruise operators can offer to their passengers.
- We are working collaboratively with the sector and are advocating on their behalf with the federal government to ensure a structured and planned reopening.
- We want to ensure that the tourism industries in both Canada and the U.S. come back strong.

Do you regret not doing more when the initial legislation was being considered earlier this year?

- We have been working closely with our federal counterparts to find solutions since this issue first began.
- It is a federal measure at the heart of it and we have been pushing them to address.
- Additionally, we met with elected officials from Alaska and Washington who agree that our existing agreements are mutually beneficial.
- Ultimately the ports and the border are the responsibility of the federal government and we are reliant on their relationships with the US government to influence the consideration of this new legislation.

Do you think cruise ships will return, even if they don't have to as a result of this proposed legislation?

- We know that cruise ship passengers want to experience British Columbia, and we know that British Columbians want to welcome them to our cities when it is safe to do so.
- That's why we are advocating so urgently with the federal government to take action on this important issue.
- The borders and the ports are their jurisdiction so we are ensuring they are hearing loud and clear from our cruise ship industry and from this government that they need to step up and work hard to solve this problem.
- I have been in discussions with port officials and have taken their concerns to the federal government.

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FW: FYI - TAIC forms National Cruise Committee

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Sent: June 15, 2021 11:30:01 AM PDT

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Sent: June 15, 2021 8:58 AM

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Subject: FYI - TAIC forms National Cruise Committee

I noticed this in last Friday's TIABC info bulletin – hopefully this link works. It is the second item down in the bulletin (June 11 edition):

<https://myemail.constantcontact.com/TIAC-announces-formation-of-National-Cruise-Committee.html?soid=1103726288554&aid=axGB9TOLfa0>

"This committee will allow for coordinated advocacy for this sector," said Danielle Timmons, TIAC National Cruise Committee Chair. "This is a pivotal time to be launching – the committee is in full support of TIAC's recent campaign launch on opening the U.S. Canada border – we hope to bring awareness, education and support for the cruise supply chain businesses that are still in 'lockdown'."

"The committee hopes to send a clear message that the sector is ready to safely welcome ships back, and that we have confidence in our cruise line partners that their restart will follow the necessary protocols to keep their guests, crew, and the communities they visit safe."

Robert Rao

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CLIA statement- FYI

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Sent: June 22, 2021 8:34:51 AM PDT

<https://clia-nwc.com/index.php/2021/06/19/cruise-lines-seek-clarity-for-returning-to-canada-in-2022/>

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June 16, 2021



Re: British Columbia's Cruise Sector & Request for Meeting

Dear Minister Fleming,

On behalf of the Tourism Industry Association of British Columbia (TIABC), I am writing to express our concerns regarding the escalating cruise industry situation that has the potential to cause further damage to an already reeling visitor economy.

As you know, the cruise sector is a vital part of British Columbia's tourism and hospitality industry. Absence of a second straight cruise season has led to additional business closures and/or further hardships for many tourism operators. Although TIABC earlier this year appealed directly to your federal counterparts to consider a partial season in fall 2021 dependent on a number of considerations (e.g. increasing vaccination and declining COVID transmission rates), we're now more concerned that there are still no assurances for 2022. We suggest the current Canadian order vis-à-vis the ban on cruise ships be rescinded in November (concurrent with the scheduled expiry of the CDC conditional sail order) to allow cruise lines and the industry in BC to plan for next season.

On a related note, the threat of a permanent measure as the corollary to recent temporary U.S. legislation that allows cruise ships to bypass British Columbia to sail straight from Seattle to Alaska, is very real and deeply concerning to our sector. Suffice it to say, this issue must be addressed immediately.

In spite of British Columbia's advanced cruise infrastructure and resources, not to mention our appeal as a desirable destination and port-of-call, we cannot afford to take our cruise industry and the benefits we enjoy for granted, especially given American protectionist measures that have been applied to multiple sectors of our economy and now also include tourism.

To that end, TIABC has joined together with a national coalition of businesses, sector associations and other interests to appeal to the federal government to stand up for Canada's cruise sector. We are also working closely with our members at CLIA North West and Canada to support their efforts on practices and policies that foster a safe, secure, healthy, and sustainable cruise environment.

Minister, I appeal to your leadership to resolve this impasse with your U.S. counterparts, and to advocate to the federal government to not only make a firm commitment to the cruise sector in BC and across Canada, but to actively lobby American decision-makers at the highest level to ensure that any permanent bill allowing cruise ships to bypass our waters does not move forward under any circumstances.

Thank you for your attention to this matter and for your support of British Columbia's tourism and hospitality industry during the pandemic. I respectfully request to meet with you at your earliest convenience to discuss TIABC's position and to learn more about the Province's efforts on this file. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Best Regards,



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Lori Wanamaker, Cabinet Secretary & Head of the Public Service
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RE: TVAN Request FW: Cruise | Bill to permanently bypass Canada

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Sent: June 15, 2021 5:03:02 PM PDT
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Hi Maria

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. MRF was in estimates debates the last

2 days and was questioned for hours about cruise and what the government is doing about the recently proposed bills, so there will be info in the Hansard that is more detailed. Also the Premier is up now in estimates and it is expected that cruise will be a big focus still.

Here is some recently approved key messages though from the Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure:

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Hi Rachelle. Is there anything we can share?

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Subject: Cruise | Bill to permanently bypass Canada

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Hi Maria,

Hope I may ask your help. We're being asked by our Board and advocacy partners what actions are being taken by the provincial government to address the bill tabled last week in the US Senate to allow cruise ships to permanently bypass Canada. Are there any updates you can share re actions being taken with the government?

The last article I saw references a quote from Minister Rob Fleming. Is Minister Fleming now responsible for the cruise file?

I greatly appreciate any info you can share, Maria. Happy to connect by phone if it's easier.

Many thanks.

Karen

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FW: PPSC Request for Comments - Transport Canada Marine Interim Orders - Please Respond by Thursday Noon Latest

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FYI

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Good morning folks.

Happy New Year to those I have not yet interacted with in 2021.

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It would be much appreciated if you could review the attached, note the questions posed in the document, and provide me with your feedback by noon Thursday. My intent would be to take the feedback provided, and prepare a coordinated provincial response to TC.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Many thanks for your assistance,
Bob

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Sent: January 19, 2021 7:44 AM

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To: Policy and Planning Support Committee

Sent on behalf of Transport Canada:

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It would be appreciated if any comments or other feedback could be provided to Martin McKay and Aiden Ryan **cy noon this FridCy (JCnj Cry 22).**

Thank you for your attention.

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Sent: January 27, 2021 5:06:12 PM PST

Amber, FYI there has been no public announcement about Transport Canada lifting or extending the Interim Orders prohibiting cruise ships from Canadian waters that expires February 28, 2021. However, given that there does not appear to be support from public health officials for lifting them this year, we can reasonably assume Alaska cruises will not return to B.C. waters this year.

Please note the information below about the interim orders that I worked on with Bob Steele at MoTI.

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Subject: RE: PPSC Request for Comments - Transport Canada Marine Interim Orders

Thanks for the update Bob.

I connected with Dr. Henry on this yesterday and she confirmed that she did meet with someone from Transport Canada (I am not sure who) and that this has issue also been discussed at the FPT Special Advisory Committee, which is the group coordinating the pan-Canadian public health response to COVID-19.

From a public health perspective there is not support for a 2021 restart. The restart will likely be reasonable for 2022.

Thanks.

Brian

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Please see below for the response we provided to Transport Canada.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Many thanks,

Bob

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Hi Craig, Martin and Aiden

I hope you and your families are well.

In response to John's e-mail and the attachment referenced below, and further to my e-mail to Craig earlier today, I can advise as follows with respect to comments from our PHO and from our Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture:

PHO

- As I believe you are aware, our Provincial Health Officer Dr. Bonnie Henry has reached out directly to TC's Pacific Region (I believe to ADM Robert Dick) with her input.

Ministry of Tourism, Arts and Culture

- The principal cruise season in BC is six months long and generally begins in May and extends through October. All large-scale commercial cruises (over 100 people) that embark or stop in B.C. are bound for or from Alaska. Cruise-related expenditures in B.C.'s ports of Vancouver, Victoria, Nanaimo and Prince Rupert typically exceed \$1B annually.
- Most of the discussion questions in the document from Transport Canada relate to the management of the pandemic in the context of health facilities and protocols. These will have to be addressed by public health officials.
- It would be helpful to have a decision from Transport Canada about reopening the cruise season with as much notice as possible, recognizing the extensive planning required to initiate a cruise, such as planning itineraries between destinations where Covid is under control, selling vacations, rehiring crews, positioning ships, sourcing supplies, etc. When the interim orders are lifted, it will be important for potential passengers and port communities to know that public health officials support the re-opening of the cruise ship industry.
- The B.C. tourism industry has indicated it is seeking innovative approaches to lifting travel restrictions in ways that still keep travellers safe. Last month's report from the government-appointed Tourism Task Force encouraged governments to take targeted approaches to travel restrictions and risk assessment that help to restore confidence in communities and travellers.
- We would encourage Transport Canada to:
 - Continue to work with public health officials to determine an appropriate time for lifting the Interim Orders, recognizing the planning needs of the cruise industry;
 - Continue to engage with the cruise industry on innovative means of delivering cruises that are tested and shown to keep people safe; and,
 - Undertake on-going engagement with U.S. maritime transportation officials to understand their progress towards cruise-ship resumption.

My apologies for the delayed response.

Many thanks,
Bob

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It would be appreciated if any comments or other feedback could be provided to Martin McKay and Aiden Ryan **by noon this Friday (January 22).**

Thank you for your attention.

FW: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

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Hi Rachelle. Nice to e-meet you. At the bottom of this email you will see a quick summary (sent to Suzanne) on our involvement in cruise and what the group is looking for in terms of TACS involvement. I have also attached the draft plan.

Would you like to join the meetings which take place every few weeks? OR would you prefer to connect with Deloitte first to understand the project and determine your involvement?

Next meeting is on Thurs this week from 3:05-3:30 with various industry stakeholders representing sectors impacted by cruise.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Maria
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Regards,



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Subject: RE: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

Hi Maria,

Sorry for the delay in getting back to you on this. I hope you are keeping well!
Rachelle Ray will be the director lead from TACS to support these discussions going forward.
Please feel free to reach out to her directly to bring her up to speed on meetings/conversations to date.



Thanks,
Amber

From: Greene, Maria DBC:EX <Maria.Greene@destinationbc.ca>
Sent: March 22, 2021 8:32 AM
To: Ferguson, Suzanne A TACS:EX <Suzanne.Ferguson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Fielden, Stephanie DBC:EX <Stephanie.Fielden@destinationbc.ca>; Mattock, Amber TACS:EX <Amber.Mattock@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

Hi Suzanne and Amber. Hope you are both well.
We are meeting with this group on March 25 and I'd like to advise them of the TACS contact.

Appreciate your assistance. Thank you!
Maria
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Regards,



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Subject: RE: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

Thanks Maria - we are just figuring out who our lead person will be. Will be able to let you know next week. Hope this works.

From: Greene, Maria DBC:EX <Maria.Greene@destinationbc.ca>
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Subject: RE: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

Hi Suzanne. Hope you are well. While cruising is not allowed until next Feb, protocols and processes still need to be developed for the restart and this work can inform/support other areas of our industry (gaming, film etc).

Who on the TACS team is best to be part of this discussion? The group will likely meet monthly to work through the details/logistics on this plan.

Look forward to hearing from you.

Maria

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Cc: Fielden, Stephanie DBC:EX <Stephanie.Fielden@destinationbc.ca>
Subject: Cruise Industry Re-Start Plan - Request for TACS Contact

Hi Suzanne. Hope you are well.

Stephanie Fielden and I are part of the Pacific Rim Cruise Association made up of Tourism Vancouver, Vancouver Port, YVR and DBC. This Association has been in existence for approx 2 decades with the objective of developing the Van-Alaska cruise market in BC, plus support some coastal ports of call.

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Their ask of TACS is a connection for the groups.¹³
 of Transportation and PHO. Who on your team would be best suited to connect with this group?

They are already in touch with the Ministry

The PRCA members (incl Stephanie and I) are part of the industry engagement sessions which begin this afternoon. It is not a large group today as one of the topics is determine other organizations who should be invited. Also, the PRCA is developing a communications plan to inform industry on this initiative and cruise updates.

Please let me know if you'd like to connect on this and I will set up some time.

Thank you!

Maria

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BULLETS

DATE: June 16, 2021

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure

ISSUE: Bills recently tabled in US Senate to Repeal/Reform US *Passenger Vessel Services Act*

KEY FACTS

- Under the US federal *Passenger Vessel Services Act* foreign-flagged (i.e. non US-flagged) cruise ships sailing from one US port to another must make a stop in a foreign port as part of their itinerary. For example, a non US-flagged cruise ship sailing from Washington state to Alaska must make a stop in a port along the Canadian coast, such as Victoria.
- On May 24th U.S. President Biden signed the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act* which temporarily allows cruise ships traveling between US ports to bypass Canadian ports for the duration that the Canada/US border is closed. This temporary legislation is in effect only until the earlier of either March 31, 2022, or once cruise ships are able to resume normal activities in Canada.
- Currently, Transport Canada's Interim Order No. 5 Respecting Passenger Vessel Restrictions Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) prohibits the operation of large cruise ships in Canadian waters until February 28, 2022.
- According to Transport Canada, the Interim Order may be varied or rescinded when public health determines that it is safe to do so to enable a cruise ship to stop at a Canadian Port and disembark passengers, a condition critical to satisfying the requirements of the U.S. *Passenger Vessel Services Act*.
- On June 10th Utah Senator Mike Lee introduced legislation in the US Senate that includes the repeal of the *Passenger Vessel Services Act*. If this legislation was to pass Congress (House and Senate), and is then signed by the President, foreign-flagged vessels could permanently bypass Canadian ports when transporting passengers between two US ports, e.g. between Washington State and Alaska.
- The cruise sector is a critical component of the BC tourism industry and economy, supporting a significant number of direct and in-direct jobs, including those at BC ports.
- BC continues to work with the federal government, which has jurisdiction over borders and ports, on a possible plan for a potential phased reopening of the cruise industry in BC that would meet the safety requirements of both the U.S. and Canada.
- From discussions with the cruise ship sector, the province recognizes industry's need for notification from the Canadian federal government well in advance of any full re-opening of the sector to provide sufficient time for industry planning and preparation.
- In support of these discussions government is consulting the Centre for Disease Control, the provincial health officer and Canadian federal counterparts for science-based guidance on the safe reopening of the cruise ship sector.

PAST INTERACTIONS:

- In a May 11th letter to Prime Minister Trudeau, US Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan identified to the Canadian federal government the importance of the cruise industry to Alaska, and the likely passage of the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act*.
- On May 21, 2021, Minister Fleming wrote federal Transport Minister Alghabra (see Appendix 1) indicating that BC would support Transport Canada if it was willing to consider technical



solutions/technical stops that would facilitate some resumption of the cruise ship season. On June 11, 2021, Minister Alghabra responded to Minister Fleming's May 21st letter (see Appendix 2).

- The BC government has continued to advocate for the cruise ship industry through the following recent meetings:
 - Premier Horgan has met with U.S. Senator Lisa Murkowski (R-AK);
 - Minister Fleming has met with federal Transport Minister Omar Alghabra;
 - Minister Mark has met with the US Consul General in Vancouver;
 - Minister Mark has spoken with federal Economic Development Minister Melanie Joly;
 - Minister Mark has met with Ian Robertson from the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority; and
 - The BC Intergovernmental Relations team meets with the Seattle Consulate weekly.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

- The cruise sector is an important component of British Columbia's tourism industry and economy generating \$2.7 billion of economic activity and benefitting over 17,000 jobs in B.C in 2019.
- Canada Place (in Vancouver) serves as the largest cruise ship terminal in Canada and has been the home port to Vancouver-Alaska cruises for more than 30 years. Canada Place is a homeport, where trips originate and end.
- In 2019, Vancouver received 288 ship visits with more than 1 million cruise passengers (and these numbers were scheduled to increase significantly in 2020 prior to the onset of COVID-19), and each ship translates into approximately \$3 million in tourism spending per visit.
- The Victoria Cruise Terminal at The Breakwater District (Greater Victoria Harbour Authority) serves as a port of call, which means they receive stops from cruises that have originated elsewhere.
- In 2019, Victoria saw a record 264 ships and 700,000 cruise passengers (and these numbers were also scheduled to increase significantly in 2020 prior to the onset of the pandemic). Cruise ship visits to Victoria support more than 800 direct and indirect jobs and generate more than \$130 million in annual economic impact to the Region.
- In February 2021 the federal government, with general support of Provinces and Territories given the state of the COVID-19 pandemic at that time, extended its Interim Orders prohibiting cruise vessels in Canadian waters until February 28, 2022.
- In BC, the PHO consulted Transport Canada prior to the February 2021 extension, as well as TAC and MoTI, and indicated to the federal government the provincial health office's support for maintaining the ban on cruise ships until February 2022. In addition, the issue has been the subject of ongoing discussions at the Federal/Provincial/Territorial Special Advisory Committee, which is the group coordinating the pan-Canadian public health response to COVID-19.
- Ian Robertson, CEO of the Greater Victoria Harbour Authority, indicated to Business in Vancouver that Prime Minister Trudeau should be clear that the ban on foreign cruise ships docking in Canada will not be extended, and these vessels will be welcome in 2022.
- Mr. Robertson also indicated that technical stops at ports are no longer a viable solution given the temporary exemption under the *Alaska Tourism Recovery Act*. US authorities have clarified that any technical stops that may be permitted at Canadian ports would require passengers to disembark in order to be compliant with the US federal *Passenger Vessel Services Act*.



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Appendix 1 – May 21, 2021 Letter from Minister Fleming to Minister Alhabra



May 21, 2021

The Honourable Omar Alhabra
Minister of Transport
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Reference: 303306

Dear Minister Alhabra:

Re: Cruise Vessels in Canadian Waters

I am writing to you with regards to the Government of Canada's Interim Orders prohibiting cruise vessels in Canadian waters until February 28, 2022.

As you know, the cruise sector is an important component of British Columbia's tourism industry. Canada Place serves as the largest cruise ship terminal in Canada and has been the home port to Vancouver-Alaska cruises for more than 30 years. In 2019, Vancouver received 288 ship visits with more than 1 million cruise passengers, reflecting a 22 per cent increase in passenger volumes over 2018. An estimated 1.2 million cruise ship passengers on 310 ships were scheduled to make port in Vancouver during 2020. Each ship translates into \$3 million in tourism spending per visit.

The 2019 cruise season in Victoria saw a record 264 ships and 700,000 passengers visit the city. In 2020, Victoria was expecting a record 300 ship calls and 800,000 passengers. Cruise ship visits to Victoria support more than 800 indirect and direct jobs and generate more than \$130 million in annual economic impact to the region. Cruise ship passengers choose these routes so they can have the experience of visiting British Columbia on their way to Alaska. My colleague the Honourable Melanie Mark, Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, has been tirelessly advocating for the tourism industry during the pandemic as we look forward to recovery.

Similarly, the importance of the cruise industry to Alaska has been made clear through the May 11, 2021, letter to the Prime Minister from U.S. Senators Lisa Murkowski and Dan Sullivan, and with the likely passage of the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act*.

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In their letter to the Prime Minister, Senators Murkowski and Sullivan point out that they are not asking Canada to lift the Interim Order, but rather to “enable an exemption process, with the ability to expedite, for Conditional Sailing Certificated cruise ships... our ask is that these vessels be permitted to moor in Canadian ports for at least four hours and that Canadian Customs... consider the vessel to be inspected during that time. We understand that passengers will not be permitted to go ashore during this stop.”

If the government of Canada is willing to consider technical solutions that would facilitate some resumption of the cruise ship season, British Columbia will support this position and engage in discussions and planning as required. Our Safer Operations Working Group, chaired by environmental health physicians at the BC Centre for Disease Control and with membership from health authorities and WorkSafe BC, will work expeditiously with the Office of the Provincial Health Officer and other public health experts to develop guidance to cruise ship operators to support the resumption of safe operations.

British Columbia’s expectation is that any solution would meet the safety requirements of both countries as well as legislative and public health processes in the United States, including CDC guidelines. On May 5, 2021, CDC released the next two phases of the Framework for Conditional Sailing Order (CSO) for cruise ships operating or seeking to operate in U.S. waters. CDC published technical instructions for cruise ship operators preparing to conduct simulated (“trial”) voyages in advance of restricted passenger voyages under a COVID-19 Conditional Sailing Certificate. With the issuance of these next two phases, cruise ship operators now have all the necessary requirements and recommendations they need from the CDC to start simulated voyages before resuming restricted passenger voyages and apply for a COVID-19 conditional sailing certificate to begin sailing with restricted passenger voyages.

British Columbia has appreciated the collaboration with the Government of Canada throughout the pandemic. As Canada and the United States continue discussions on the parameters needed to begin reopening our shared border in a manner consistent with ongoing public health requirements, British Columbia looks forward to working with Canada and with our U.S. neighbours to find constructive and innovative solutions.

Sincerely,

Rob Fleming
Minister

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Copy to: Premier John Horgan
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Appendix 2 – June 11, 2021 Letter from Minister Alghabra to Minister Fleming



The Honourable Rob Fleming, M.L.A.
Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
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Dear Minister:

Thank you for your letter of May 21, 2021, regarding cruise vessels and for meeting with me following the U.S. Senate's approval of the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act*. Since then, the Bill has been signed into law by the U.S. President.

Like you, I recognize the economic impact the COVID-19 pandemic has had on our communities that rely on cruise ship activities. I have also spoken a number of times with Senator Sullivan of Alaska to explain why Canada took the difficult but necessary decision to continue restricting large cruise ships in Canadian waters until February 28, 2022. In taking this decision, Transport Canada worked in close collaboration with the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC), as well as provincial, territorial, and local health authorities, to ensure that the health and safety of marine workers, marine communities and all Canadians are protected.

The top priority of our government is to protect the health and safety of all Canadians during this pandemic. We are committed to continue working with your government and all provinces, territories and Indigenous partners, to reduce the transmission of COVID-19 and its variants in Canada.

We have also been closely engaged with U.S. officials at multiple agencies, including the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (USCDC), the Department of Homeland Security, and the Department of Transportation, as well as the cruise industry, to consider scenarios for the safe resumption of cruise ship operations when public health conditions permit it.

Subject to meeting USCDC requirements for safe sailing, the *Alaska Tourism Restoration Act* will permit certain large cruise ships to sail to Alaska without stopping in Canada by exempting them from the requirements of the U.S. *Passenger Vessel Services Act*. This temporary legislation is in effect only until the earlier of either March 31, 2022, or once cruise ships are able to resume normal activities in Canada.

Currently, Transport Canada's Interim Order No. 5 Respecting Passenger Vessel Restrictions Due to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) prohibits the operation of large cruise ships in Canadian waters but contains provisions that allow foreign vessels to apply for exemptions to stop in Canada. These exemptions can be used – or the Interim Order may be varied or rescinded – when public health determines that it is safe to do so to enable a cruise ship to stop at a Canadian Port and disembark passengers, a condition critical to satisfying the requirements of

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the U.S. *Passenger Vessel Services Act*. As Minister of Transport, I will review such applications in consultation with the affected province or territory, its chief public health officers, and the federal Minister of Health, in order to ensure the protection of health and safety.

I am encouraged by recent discussions between our respective departments and British Columbia public health, and the mutual agreement to look at solutions and exemption requests to support a planned restart of the Alaska cruise season when public health conditions dictate (e.g., the Canadian border reopening to non-essential travel, vaccination levels and crowd gathering sizes). This cooperation will be critical as we work together to ensure a unified approach to allow a resumption of cruising activities and the associated on-shore excursions when it is safe to do so.

Transport Canada is also working closely with the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Transportation to better understand their requirements under the *Passenger Vessel Services Act* and to ensure any approach takes into consideration the situation with the pandemic in both countries, as well as alignment on wider border policy.

While there are a number of provinces battling a third wave of COVID-19, it is encouraging to see the progress happening with Canada's successful vaccine rollout. British Columbians and all Canadians can be proud of what we have accomplished together. As the majority of Canadians receive their vaccinations, we will continue to work together with provincial and territorial governments to determine how to safely reopen our borders.

I continue to monitor the economic impact of the pandemic on Canada's cruise industry, and our government stands ready to consider all opportunities to support industry and promote economic recovery as Canada emerges from the pandemic. As we have done in other areas such as strengthened border measures, I welcome your continued collaboration to ensure Canada and British Columbia can safely welcome cruise ships when the time is right. The existing measures will provide public health authorities with the ability to continue focussing on the most pressing issues at hand.

Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Omar Alghabra, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Transport

c.c. The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
President of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada
and Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs



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The Honourable John Horgan, M.L.A.
Premier, British Columbia

The Honourable Melanie Mark, M.L.A.
Minister of Tourism, Arts, Culture and Sport, British Columbia