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The Honourable Marc Garneau, MP
Minister of Transport
Transport Canada
330 Sparks Street
Ottawa ON K1A 0N5

Dear Minister Garneau:

Re: Extension to Interim Anchorage Protocol

I am writing to request that the Interim Anchorages Protocol, which expires on August 8, 2018, be extended by three months to ensure there is sufficient reliable data upon which to base future anchorage management recommendations.

We are appreciative of the data collection that has been happening but feel that there is a need for more information, especially in light of the fact that that the first period of the protocol coincided with an unprecedented number of delays in the arrival of commodities by train to the Port of Vancouver, resulting in very high congestion at anchorages in the port and along the south coast.

We understand that the National Anchorages Initiative under the Ocean Protection Plans continues to examine long-term solutions. As information becomes available, we would appreciate more information about the plan for anchorages after the expiry of the Interim Anchorages Protocol.

There are many First Nations who have asserted Aboriginal interests in the Salish Sea region and many who have established harvesting rights; although we have copied First Nations on this letter, we have not directly heard their positions on the interim protocol. Given our commitment to establishing and maintaining a mutually respectful relationship with First Nations and Tribes, we offer this position while being ready to respectfully consider their positions.

Yours sincerely,

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cc: Islands Trust Area MPs
Cowichan Tribes
Esquimalt First Nation
Halalt First Nation
Homalco First Nation
Hul'qumi'num Treaty Group
K'omoks First Nation
Klahoose First Nation
Laich-kwil-tach Treaty Society
Lake Cowichan First Nation
Lyackson First Nation
Malahat Nation
Musqueam First Nation
Nanwakolas Council
Pauquachin First Nation
Penelakut Tribe
Qualicum First Nation
Scia'new (Beecher Bay) First Nation
Semiahmoo First Nation
Shíshálh (Sechelt) First Nation
Snaw-naw-as (Nanoose) First Nation
Snuneymuxw (Nanaimo) First Nation

Songhees First Nation
Squamish First Nation
Stz'uminus (Chemainus) First Nation
Te'mexw Treaty Association
Tla'amin (Sliammon) First Nation
T'Sou-ke (Sooke) First Nation
Tsartlip First Nation
Tsawout First Nation
Tsawwassen First Nation
Tseil-Waututh (Burrard Inlet) First Nation
Tseycum First Nation
We Wai Kai (Cape Mudge First Nation)
Wei Wai Kum (Campbell River First Nation)
Gabriolans Against Freighter Anchorages
Anchorages Concern Thetis
Cowichan Bay Ship Watch Society
Plumper Sound Protection Association
Stuart Channel Anchorages Protection
CSL Americas (CSL)
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