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The Honourable Marc Garneau, MP  
Minister of Transport  
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330 Sparks Street  
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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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Esquimalt First Nation  
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Homalco First Nation  
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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)  
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Anchorages Concern Thetis  
Cowichan Bay Ship Watch Society  
Plumper Sound Protection Association  
Stuart Channel Anchorages Protection  
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