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Via email: hardeep.grewal@bcferries.com

Capt. Hardeep Grewal
Marine Superintendent, North Coast
Fleet Operations
British Columbia Ferry Services Inc.
Swartz Bay Terminal
Box 2250, Sidney, BC V8L 3S8

Dear Captain Grewal:

Re: Dumping of Holding Tanks within Islands Trust Area

I am writing with a request that BC Ferries remind its subcontractors to adhere to Transport Canada regulations with respect to sewage dumping. We've heard concerns that there may be the possibility of dumping of sewage closer than three nautical miles from land. The Islands Trust Council understands that BC Ferries adheres to Transport Canada regulations with respect to sewage dumping. These regulations ban the discharge of untreated sewage into all Canadian inland waters and Canadian coastal waters within three nautical miles of land (ships less than 400 tons) and 12 miles of land (ships larger than 400 tons).

I understand that our staff has already been in contact via e-mail and have been assured that best practices will be followed and that crew training and monitoring will be reviewed. We appreciate the review of this matter since the protection of our inland waters and the sensitive ecosystems and habitats within the Islands Trust Area are key concerns for the Islands Trust.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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