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Re: Opportunity for Public Comment on Ferry Commissions Preliminary Price Cap Decision

The Southern Gulf Islands have experienced a 60% rise in fare increases since the Coastal Ferry Act was introduced in 2003. This is not in line with the CPI increases of 10% in the same time period which is the standard rule of inflation.

We are opposed to ANY fare increases without the implementation of at least the 50% Government Subsidy that was approved for the Gulf Islands routes prior to 2003.

*“The burden of high tariffs imposed so far, and the uncertain and feared expectations of what might lie ahead is eroding the stability and sustainability of coastal communities” (Community Impacts of Escalating Ferry Fares, November 17, 2010 Ferry Advisory Committee Memo).*

We are greatly opposed to the elimination of Route 9 which the BC Ferry Corporation has stated will be forthcoming if subsidies are not increased. **OUR COASTAL WATERS CONSTITUTE OUR HIGHWAY!**

Respectfully submitted,

Additional Comments:

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