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GROUP OF TEN COASTAL REGIONAL DISTRICTS MEET WITH BC FERRY COMMISSIONER TO DISCUSS HIS REVIEW OF THE COASTAL FERRY ACT

Victoria, British Columbia, February 1, 2012 – The Chairs of nine coastal Regional Districts and the Islands Trust met this week in Victoria with Gordon Macatee, BC Ferries Commissioner, to discuss his recently completed Review of the Coastal Ferry Act.

“We applaud the Commissioner for the high quality of his Review of the Coastal Ferry Act and his unprecedented consultation with the residents of BC’s coastal communities about the coastal ferry service,” said Colin Palmer, Chair of the Powell River Regional District and leader of the Coastal Regional District Chairs group. “Our group was very appreciative of the meeting with the Commissioner today and look forward to working with the Provincial government to address issues within, and beyond, the Commissioner’s mandate”.

The Coastal RD Chairs group includes twelve regional districts and the Islands Trust and represents 70% of British Columbians. The group met with the Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure and the Premier last September to advocate for improvements to the coastal ferry service and will be accepting the Premier’s offer to meet again now that the Commissioner’s Review has been completed.

“Many of the Commissioner’s recommendations are strongly supported by our group but some will require further analysis and discussion. Our group remains committed to collaboratively improving the coastal ferry service with the Commissioner, the Minister and the Premier for the good of all British Columbians,” said Garry Nohr, Chair, Sunshine Coast Regional District.

Participating coastal Regional Districts include the following:

- Jim Abram, Director, Strathcona Regional District
- Barry Pages, Chair, Skeena Queen Charlotte Regional District
- Edwin Grieve, Chair, Comox Valley Regional District
- Al Huddleston, Chair, Mount Waddington Regional District
- Rob Hutchins, Chair, Cowichan Valley Regional District
- Brian Lande, Chair, Central Coast Regional District
- Sheila Malcolmson, Chair, Islands Trust
- Greg Moore, Chair, Metro Vancouver
- Garry Nohr, Chair, Sunshine Coast Regional District
- Colin Palmer, Chair, Powell River Regional District

Joe Stanhope, Chair, Regional District of Nanaimo
Glen Wong, Chair, Alberni-Clayquot Regional District
Geoff Young, Chair, Capital Regional District

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