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## **BC FERRIES CELEBRATES WORLD OCEANS DAY WITH FIVE YEARS OF GREEN MARINE CERTIFICATION**

VICTORIA – For the fifth year in a row, BC Ferries has received Green Marine certification. The achievement comes ahead of World Oceans Day on June 8.

Green Marine is a voluntary environmental certification program for ship owners, port authorities, terminal operators, seaway corporations and shipyards that aims to reduce the environmental footprint of marine operators by promoting a culture of continuous improvement and exceeding regulatory compliance.

“BC Ferries operates in some of the most pristine waters in the world. We are proud to receive this certification for the fifth consecutive year, recognizing our commitment to improving the environmental sustainability of our operations, from ship to shore,” said Mark Collins, BC Ferries’ President and CEO.

To receive Green Marine certification, participants must benchmark their annual environmental performance through the program’s self-evaluation guides, have their results verified by an accredited external verifier, and agree to publication of their annual results. BC Ferries’ terminals, vessels and shipyard exceed industry standard in a number of areas, including underwater noise, greenhouse gases, spill prevention and environmental leadership.

Of the 133 Green Marine participants, BC Ferries is one of only three to certify three types of activities: vessels, terminals and shipyard. Since joining in 2014, BC Ferries has demonstrated leadership, innovation and collaboration. The Company co-developed the [Whales in our Waters](#) tutorial with Vancouver Fraser Port Authority and Ocean Wise and committed to adopting new technology that lowers emissions, such as operating five ships on natural gas. This year, BC Ferries outperformed comparable participants in addressing underwater-radiated noise issues, exceeding industry standard in the first year of participant-wide reporting. Environmental stewardship is a cornerstone of BC Ferries’ Corporate Social Responsibility program, SeaForward.

“Including all their activities in the program clearly reflects a strong commitment from BC Ferries towards the greening of their operations. It also significantly helps us achieve our objective, which is to advance environmental excellence for the marine industry in general,” said David Bolduc, Green Marine’s Executive Director.

“Green Marine challenges participating organizations to improve their environmental performance beyond regulatory compliance,” said Collins. “We are proud of what we have accomplished and look forward to doing even more to reduce our environmental footprint in the coming years.”

To learn more about BC Ferries’ long-term environmental strategies, see our [Clean Technology Adoption Plan](#) and [Underwater Radiated Noise Mitigation Plan](#).

The Green Marine program began in 2007. Green Marine’s annual performance report highlighting participants 2018 results were released this morning, June 6, at the annual Green Marine GreenTech Environmental Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. For more information on Green Marine, please visit [www.green-marine.org](http://www.green-marine.org).

BC Ferries’ 2018 Green Marine results are attached, and posted on the [SeaForward](#) page of our website.

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### **About BC Ferries**

BC Ferries is one of the largest ferry operators in the world and carries 22 million passengers and 8.7 million vehicles per year. BC Ferries provides frequent year-round ferry transportation services to the west coast of Canada on 25 routes, currently supported by 36 vessels and 47 terminals, and manages other remote routes through contracts with independent operators.

### **About SeaForward**

SeaForward is BC Ferries’ Corporate Social Responsibility program and brings attention to BC Ferries’ efforts in environmental activities, conservation projects, community investments, and sustainability endeavors. BC Ferries is committed to reducing its impact on the environment, supporting communities and partnering with non-profit organizations that make a positive contribution to coastal community life. Through SeaForward, BC Ferries shares knowledge and information that brings customers along their journey towards being better global citizens. As a major marine operator along coastal British Columbia, BC Ferries recognizes and accepts the responsibility to provide ferry services in the safest, most efficient and environmentally responsible manner possible.

### BC Ferries' 2018 Green Marine Results

Participants benchmark their performance for each performance indicator on a scale of 1 through 5. Level 1 indicates the participant is meeting regulatory standards. Level 5 indicates excellence and leadership in the industry.

