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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

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Subject: Seasonal Operating Measures for Vessels with $L_{OA} \geq 220$ metres at DP World Fraser Surrey (DPWFS), Berths #2 through #10

Geographic Area: Fraser River, BC

Details:

The infilling of sediment in the Fraser River may reduce the available depth of water in the approaches to DP World Fraser Surrey (DPWFS). Consequently, departing vessels may need to wait for sufficient tidal assist to ensure adequate under-keel clearance or must be turned around further out in the middle of the river where the river flow is strongest and therefore wait for slack enough river current to maneuver safely.

The following restrictions will be in effect when these conditions are present and would continue until further notice:

- A minimum ebb current for undocking vessels with $L_{OA} \geq 220$ metres will be used for departure windows.
- Two tugs are usually used for docking and undocking vessels with $L_{OA} \geq 220$ metres. Additional tugs may be required at the pilot's discretion dependent on draft of vessel or other environmental conditions at the time such as wind, current, visibility and water level.
- Vessel draft restrictions may come into effect during the summer freshet season if the infill rate exceeds the dredging capacity. The grades for the Fraser River deep sea channel and DPWFS approaches will be discussed weekly with stakeholders to determine available depth, operating parameters, and dredge priorities. Please, confirm with the terminal operator (DPWFS) for this information if needed.

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