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NOTICE TO WAIVER HOLDERS

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Subject: **No-Go Area in the Vicinity of Goose Island and Gosling Rocks**

Geographic Area: Queen Charlotte Strait

Details: Waivered vessels transiting north or south through Hecate Strait are requested to stay well west of Goose Island and Gosling Rocks.

Guideline: All waived vessels, including tugs and barges, and ATBs, transiting north or south via Hecate Strait transiting directly to or from Alaska, are requested to follow the recommend course to the west of the bank, provided the master deems it safe to do so.

This recommended course is indicated in the attached chartlet and lies to the west of the bank.

This request is due to the predominant onshore winds and sea in the area and the likelihood of a grounding in the vicinity of Goose Island or Gosling Rocks in the event of an equipment failure. Remaining west of the bank will afford the mariner additional sea room and reduce the risk of a drift grounding.

If there are any queries, concerns or a wish to further discuss these issues please feel free to contact me at oberkev@ppa.gc.ca or by telephone at 604-666-6771.

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Appendix A: Map of proposed No-Go Area in the Vicinity of Goose Island and Gosling Rocks

