



**BC Marine Terminal  
Operators Association**

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The Honourable Marc Garneau, M.P.  
Minister of Transport  
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**Subject: Interim Protocol for the Use of British Columbia South Coast Anchorages**

Dear Minister Garneau,

The BC Marine Terminal Operators Association represents major West Coast Marine Terminal operators responsible for handling Canadian export and import cargoes in a safe, efficient and reliable manner. Our members are reliant on the marine sector to ensure that vessels are available for loading and/or discharge. With the current volumes and projected cargo growth it is essential that sufficient anchorages are available to avoid delays in service.

We are writing to express our support for the recent recommendations made by the Chamber of Shipping in its letter dated August 8, 2018. The Interim Anchorage Protocol has demonstrated its value and we believe that its continued use would provide a framework for further development of best practices and support policy development under the national framework.

The capacity for ships to anchor safely is essential to facilitating the loading of bulk commodities for export to international markets. The Government of Canada's commitment to increasing and diversifying trade is very positive and the private sector is responding with a corresponding investment in rail, terminal, and vessel capacity. We are pleased that ports in British Columbia and commercial marine transportation companies are placing a high priority on managing this growth in trade sustainably and we encourage the Federal Government to continue its collaborative approach through the Oceans Protection Plan.

Yours sincerely,

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Executive Director

c.c. Honourable Claire Trevena, BC Minister of Transportation & Infrastructure  
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