



*Trial 2020/21*

# **VOLUNTARY PROTECTION ZONE FOR SHIPPING**

*Mariner Survey*

A 14-month trial of a Voluntary Protection Zone (VPZ) for Shipping is being implemented that asks vessels to observe greater distances when transiting on the west coast of Haida Gwaii. A minimum 50 nautical mile (nm) VPZ applies to commercial vessels 500 tons gross tonnage or more transiting along the west coast of Haida Gwaii, with the following exceptions:

- Cruise vessels, who are asked to observe a minimum 12 nm distance from shore;
- Vessels transiting between Pacific Northwest ports (Washington, BC and Alaska), who are asked to observe a minimum 25 nm distance from shore;
- Tugs and barges (including pushing and towing alongside); and
- Fishing vessels.

Adherence to the VPZ will be undertaken on a voluntary basis and only when it does not jeopardize the safety of navigation, the vessel, the persons aboard, and the cargo.

The following mariners' survey seeks to better understand voluntary participation in the trial and routing decisions, and to monitor the effectiveness of communications. **Responses will remain confidential and will be used for internal discussion by the project partners.** For more information on the VPZ, please visit [haidagwaii-vpz.ca](http://haidagwaii-vpz.ca) or email [info@haidagwaii-vpz.ca](mailto:info@haidagwaii-vpz.ca).

1. Are you aware of the Trial Haida Gwaii Voluntary Protection Zone (VPZ) for Shipping?
  - i. Yes      No
  - ii. If no, please see the Trial Haida Gwaii Voluntary Protection Zone for Shipping Information Sheet under Resources for Mariners at [haidagwaii-vpz.ca](http://haidagwaii-vpz.ca).
2. Did you change your route to avoid the VPZ?
  - i. Yes      No
3. If yes, what was the additional distance steamed and bunkers consumed as a result of the deviation? \_\_\_\_\_
4. Has the VPZ affected your operations negatively?
  - i. Yes      No
5. If yes, please elaborate (e.g. impact on estimated time of arrival).
  
6. If you would like to provide additional feedback on the trial, please leave your comments below or contact us by email at [info@haidagwaii-vpz.ca](mailto:info@haidagwaii-vpz.ca)

7. Vessel name

*\*Optional*

\* IMO number

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