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BC Ferry Commission
P.O. Box 1497
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Attention: Martin Crilly

Dear Mr. Crilly

RE: Penelakut/Thetis Ferry Run

It is with the utmost concern; we the Penelakut Tribe located near Chemainus, BC send this urgent letter to address the rising costs of our people using the BC Ferry Services Inc. This issue has been of greater concern for our people every April as the costs of using the ferry service has risen over 50% since the implementation of the Coastal Ferry Act on 2003/04.

This particular hardship has taken a serious toll on our people who are dealing with various socio-economic issues on a daily basis. With no enmities such as a grocery store, gas station, or department stores, we are at the mercy of BC Ferries on a daily basis.

The unemployment rate is very high in our community, thus causing hardship on our social assistance programs, our youth and our elders. Realizing that a new price cap is in the works for the next term, we would strongly oppose any further increases after April 1, 2011.

We would ask if there are any other formal ways of letting you, BC Ferries and the BC government know we cannot legitimately agree to these escalating rates.

If you could please advise us further on what needs to be done, we would appreciate it.


Respectfully,



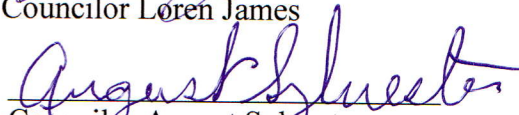
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Councilor Loren James



Councilor August Sylvester

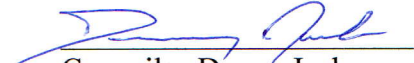
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