

PACIFIC PILOTAGE AUTHORITY

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NOTICE TO INDUSTRY

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Subject: Pilot order times at Sand Heads for inbound vessels

Geographic Area: Fraser River Pilot Station at Sand Heads

Communication: When an inbound ship on the Fraser River is destined to a berth where an outbound ship is delayed in its departure, the pilot and master are usually left with little to no safe option. The tidal window may be closing leaving the ship with no time to turn around and steam outbound to Sand Heads, or there may be no safe location off the berth for the ship to anchor and await the outbound ship's departure.

Details:

For an inbound ship going to Fraser Surrey Docks, or the auto terminal on Annacis Island, where the destination berth (or an adjacent berth that affects the destination berth) is occupied, the pilot order time at Sand Heads will be set up for no more than one (1) hour prior to the sailing pilot order time of the outbound ship. Conflicts due to transit windows should be brought to the attention of the Fraser River Pilot Committee for consideration.

If there are any queries, concerns or a wish to meet to further discuss the contents of this notice, please contact the PPA at marineops@ppa.gc.ca or by telephone at 604-666-6771.

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