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Transport Canada Navigable Waters Protection Program 620-800 Burrard St. Vancouver, B.C. V6Z 2J8

Attn: Superintendent - NWPP

Re: Victoria Harbour Marina Proposal – FB 229908

Dear Sir.

We wish to take this opportunity to clarify our position regarding the marina proposal in front of Royal Quays in Victoria Harbour.

We are not opposed to Victoria Harbour development but rather encourage it as a vital part of the local attraction and economy. We do believe however that any development must stand up to the highest and best use criteria for the area and be in the *overall public interest* with minimum effect on the current viable users of the Harbour.

We generally support Transport Canada's position on the navigable waters issues because we trust they have the safety and security of the users as their primary concern.

The floating fixed structures as located on the drawings we have seen are of minimal concern to seaplanes. It is the number of users and the positive control of their paths of access which are of considerable concern.

At this stage of the proposal we see many obstacles to meeting the above concerns and would welcome invited participation in any forum that examines the issue.

Until that occurs and we are convinced the safety issues are properly addressed, we are on record as being opposed to this marina proposal.

Yours truly,



VP Operations Harbour Air Seaplanes