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Dear Mr. Luckham:

Thank you for your correspondence of July 26, 2018, in which you requested a three-month extension to the Interim Anchorage Protocol.

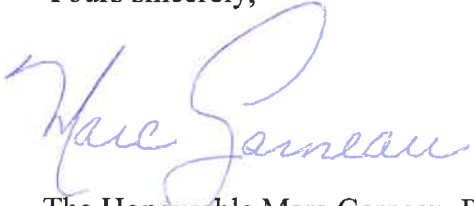
The Protocol has been generating important information to help the department analyze anchorage use in the region and to better understand the operational implications of managing anchorages outside ports' jurisdiction. The Protocol is also providing a useful mechanism for ongoing communication to vessel operators to limit noise levels and light usage while at anchor, in order to reduce disturbance to island residents.

Transport Canada, along with its partners in the Protocol, the Vancouver Fraser and Nanaimo port authorities, the Pacific Pilotage Authority, the Chamber of Shipping, and the Shipping Federation of Canada, appreciates the value of ensuring that there is sufficient, reliable data to inform the broader National Anchorages Initiative that is currently underway. For this reason, the partners have agreed to extend the Interim Anchorages Protocol for an additional 12 months.

During this time, we will continue to analyze the information collected, along with feedback from stakeholders and concerned citizens, to identify any potential modifications to the Protocol and to inform the ongoing work under the National Anchorages Initiative. The department will also prepare and share publicly a summary of the results and outcomes of the initial six-month trial period.

Thank you again for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Marc Garneau". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.
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