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Sent: Thursday, September 22, 2022 11:21 AM
To: Wil Cottingham
Cc: Vanessa Craig; Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee; EC
Subject: RE: Float Plane Flights over and affecting Gabriola Island

Good morning, Wil.

This email is an official response to your complaint regarding float plane flights over and affecting Gabriola Island. Your complaint was received on August 24th, 2022 @ 1421 hrs and subsequently investigated by my office.

During the investigation, NPA reached out to Harbour Air to understand current protocols for aircraft approaching or departing Nanaimo Harbour in relation to Gabriola Island - of particular importance to NPA were questions surrounding height and distance requirements and how protocols are enforced for operators of the aircraft?

NPA's findings are as follows:

1. Harbour Air could not speak to other operators or general aviation aircraft that use the area
2. Harbour Air stated that this is a busy transiting aircraft corridor for both US and local general aviation aircraft
3. Harbour Air reviewed a recent sampling of their flights in their satellite tracking system and there has not been any of their aircraft over Gabriola Island either below the altitudes stated in the Canadian Aviation Regulations, which is the actual regulation mandating the parameters of flights to be as follows -
 - a. 1000' over built up areas
 - b. 500' over non built up areas
4. Harbour Air requires that all their flight crew adhere to the recommended altitudes stated
5. Harbour Air flight crews avoid flying over Gabriola Island as well as many other of the local Islands, at any altitude, whenever possible
6. Harbour Air is very cognizant of the noise impact of their aircraft
7. Harbour Air do their best to mitigate any impact to local communities without affecting the safety of the flight

Therefore, I hope the information herein informs the concerns raised in your complaint. Please feel free to contact me at the undersigned for any further clarification or questions.

Kind regards,

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Dear Captain Singh,

On behalf of Dan Rogers, Chair of the Gabriola Island Local Trust Committee, please find attached a letter regarding float plan flights over and affecting Gabriola Island.

Best regards,

Wil Cottingham

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