



STATEMENT TO THE PUBLIC

February 4, 2021

Transport Canada Extends the Suspension of Cruise Ships in Canadian Waters until February 2022

The Port of Nanaimo respects the decision announced today by Transport Canada to extend the suspension of cruise ships in Canadian waters until February 2022. The safety of our community, other port communities across the country, and travellers, remains paramount as we continue to manage the COVID-19 pandemic.

In response to the pandemic, the Association of Canadian Port Authorities (ACPA) Cruise Committee has launched a historic initiative that brings together port authorities, regional associations, and other cruise ports from across Canada. The purpose of the ACPA Cruise Committee is to engage as one voice in meaningful dialogue for the restart of Canada's cruise operations.

According to Ian Marr, President and CEO "The Port remains optimistic that, once it is safe to do so, cruise will return to our communities. It is crucial that we continue to work with our industry, First Nations, and government partners to ensure that we stand ready to welcome cruise passengers, crew and operators back to Nanaimo when the time is right."

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