

Marine Recreation

Woodfibre LNG Limited understands the concerns expressed by Howe Sound residents and visitors about the potential for disruption to marine-based recreation activities due to the Project. Assessments of the potential effects of the Project on recreation are included in the Application in **Section 7.3 Marine Transport** (for recreational boating) and **Section 7.4 Land and Resource Use** (for other marine recreational pursuits). The assessments concluded that, with the application of the mitigation measures described below, there will be no significant Project-related adverse effects to marine recreation.

Three or four LNG carriers will travel to the Woodfibre LNG terminal each month. The one-way transit time of an LNG carrier, between the entrance to Howe Sound and the Woodfibre LNG terminal, is anticipated to be 2.5 hours. It is expected that LNG carrier loading will be completed within 24 hours. Marine recreationists will be able to continue accessing popular destinations and routes.

BC Ferries and Squamish Terminals have shown how industry can successfully coexist with local tourism and recreation, and Woodfibre LNG Limited is working hard to follow that example.

DID YOU KNOW?

There is no regulation that requires an exclusion zone around LNG carriers in Canada. Boaters and other marine recreation users will be expected to navigate in the vicinity of LNG carriers and Project tugboats in the same manner as they navigate in the vicinity of other large vessel traffic in Howe Sound.

MITIGATION MEASURES

Woodfibre LNG Limited appreciates the importance of Howe Sound for marine-based activities and is committed to working with local stakeholders to develop and implement strategies, best management practices, and guidelines to avoid or minimize Project-related disruption of marine-based recreational activities in Howe Sound during Project construction and operation. The measures described below will be implemented by Woodfibre LNG Limited to minimize potential adverse effects on marine-based recreation users.

Squamish Harbour Vessel Traffic Plan: Woodfibre LNG Limited will develop and implement a vessel traffic plan to avoid or minimize Project-related disruption of marine-based recreational and commercial activities in the Squamish Harbour area during Project construction and operation. In developing this plan, Woodfibre LNG Limited will consult with key marine user groups, such as Squamish Terminals, yacht clubs, kiteboard clubs, and kayaking operators, to identify the routes of all Project-associated marine traffic, such as ferries and water taxis, and to discuss ways to manage the interaction of Project-associated marine traffic with recreational and tourism areas during the high season months. As a component of the Squamish Harbour Vessel Traffic Plan, Woodfibre LNG Limited will also work with Matthews Southwest, Bethel Lands Corporation, and the District of Squamish, to minimize displacement of recreation activity by Project ferry and water taxi traffic that travels to and from the Project site.

Marine Transport Management Plan: Woodfibre LNG Limited will prepare and implement a marine transport management plan prior to the start of construction or as outlined through the Technical Review Process of a Marine Terminal Systems and Transshipment Sites (TERMPOL). This plan will describe the measures that will be followed to ensure all vessel traffic is aware of Project activities.

Use of Tugboats in Howe Sound: Woodfibre LNG Limited expects that LNG carrier passage in Howe Sound will be assisted by at least three tugs, which will also assist in alerting and ensuring recreational users are aware of the approaching vessel.

Ferry Schedule Posting: During Project operation, Woodfibre LNG Limited will publish the daily worker ferry schedule times.

Consultation with Recreational Stakeholder Groups in Howe Sound: Woodfibre LNG Limited commits to continued consultation with recreational stakeholder groups in Howe Sound to identify areas of concern and, where practicable, to identify additional mitigation that can be implemented to reduce effects.