

Ferry Routes

The primary provider of passenger and vehicle ferry service in PNCIMA is BC Ferry Services Inc.¹ Another ferry service operating in PNCIMA is the Alaska Ferry, whose dock is within Prince Rupert's civic boundaries.²

For routes managed by BC Ferries, the number of round trips for each route was derived from published data in the BC Ferry Services 2007/2008 Annual Report. The number was approximated for all other ferry routes based on the posted annual schedule for each route.³

The lines on the accompanying map depict channels used and not necessarily the actual paths followed by the ferries. The information is not to be used for navigation.

BC Ferries

BC Ferries services three main routes in PNCIMA:

- Route 10 – Inside Passage (Port Hardy to Prince Rupert);
- Route 11 – Haida Gwaii to Prince Rupert; and
- Route 40 – Discovery Coast Passage (Port Hardy to Central Coast).²

The Inside Passage route is used for transportation of vehicles and goods (truck cartage), and for tourism. In the winter it also services those mid-coast locations covered by the Discovery Coast Passage route.²

The Haida Gwaii to Prince Rupert route is both a year-round commuter and summer tourist service.¹

The Discovery Coast Passage route serves Port Hardy, McLoughlin Bay (Bella Bella), Shearwater, Klemtu, Ocean Falls and Bella Coola during the summer from June to early September. This route provides passenger service for residents, commercial vehicles and tourists.¹

There are also smaller routes in Haida Gwaii between Alliford Bay and Skidegate; on Vancouver Island between Alert Bay, Sointula and Port McNeill, between Campbell River and Quadra Island; and between Quadra Island and Cortes Island.¹



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Alaska Ferry

The Alaska Ferry service links Prince Rupert to the Alaska communities of Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, Sitka, Juneau, Haines, Skagway and Whittier using three routes.⁴ Another route transits PNCIMA from Bellingham, Washington to Alaska.⁵

Other Routes

Several ferry routes are not displayed in the accompanying map, including small or irregularly scheduled freight barging and water taxi services and the following unregulated routes listed in the Coastal Ferry Services Contract:

Coastal Ferry Services Contract:

- Prince Rupert to Lax Kw'alaams;
- Prince Rupert to Hartley Bay, Metlakatla, Kitkatla and Oona River; and
- Freight and other services by Marine Link Transportation Ltd. with a variable route from Campbell River to mainland inlets, Desolation Sound, and the Discovery Islands.³

BC Ferries, the Alaska Ferry and other ferries operate routes through PNCIMA

1 British Columbia Ferry Services Inc. 2010. BC Ferries. www.bcferries.com (Accessed November 2010).
 2 MacConnachie, S., Hillier, J. and Butterfield, S. 2007. Marine use analysis for the Pacific North Coast Integrated Management Area. Can. Tech. Rep. Fish. Aquat. Sci 2677: viii + 188p.
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 3 British Columbia Marine Conservation Analysis Project Team. 2011. Marine atlas of Pacific Canada: a product of the British Columbia Marine Conservation Analysis. Available from www.bcmca.ca (Accessed March 2011).
 4 Alaska Marine Highway System. 2010. www.akmhs.com (Accessed November 2010).
 5 Stewart / Hyder International Chamber of Commerce. N.d. Stewart and Hyder International Chamber of Commerce. www.stewart-hyder.com/hyder.html (Accessed November 2010).



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