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Dear Ms. Lapointe:

Thank you for your correspondence of March 19, 2018, regarding the coroner's recommendations relating to the incident involving the *Leviathan II*, which occurred in Tofino, British Columbia, on October 25, 2015.

Transport Canada notes that the coroner's recommendation regarding the wearing of lifejackets is specifically intended for vessels "used primarily for sightseeing and tour operations, such as the *Leviathan II*." Sightseeing and tour operations vessels range in size from small (i.e. 15 gross tonnage/12 passengers or below) to large (i.e. carrying up to 1,000 passengers). That said, we do recognize that the recommendation made is in reference to the *Leviathan II*, which suggests that it would pertain to vessels of a maximum size of approximately 24 meters in length.

As part of the Government of Canada's regulatory process, amendments to regulations must include consultation with stakeholders. Accordingly, Transport Canada will bring the issue forward for preliminary discussion with stakeholders at the next National Canadian Marine Advisory Council (CMAC) public consultation forum, which is scheduled for May 1-3, 2018, in Ottawa. An agenda item will be added to discuss the matter of enhancing safety on the outer decks of vessels that are primarily used for the purpose of sightseeing and tour operations and that are of a size of greater than 15 gross tonnage but not more than 24 meters in length.

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I appreciate receiving your letter and acknowledge the importance of your contribution to improving the safety of transportation in Canadian waters. If you have any additional concerns or require further information on this matter, I would encourage you to contact Transport Canada's Ms. Jane Weldon, Director General, Marine Safety and Security, at 613-998-0610 or at jane.weldon@tc.gc.ca.

Thank you again for writing.

Yours sincerely,



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