

# **ECHO Program voluntary lateral displacement trial in the Strait of Juan de Fuca 2018**

## **DEEP SEA TRAFFIC**

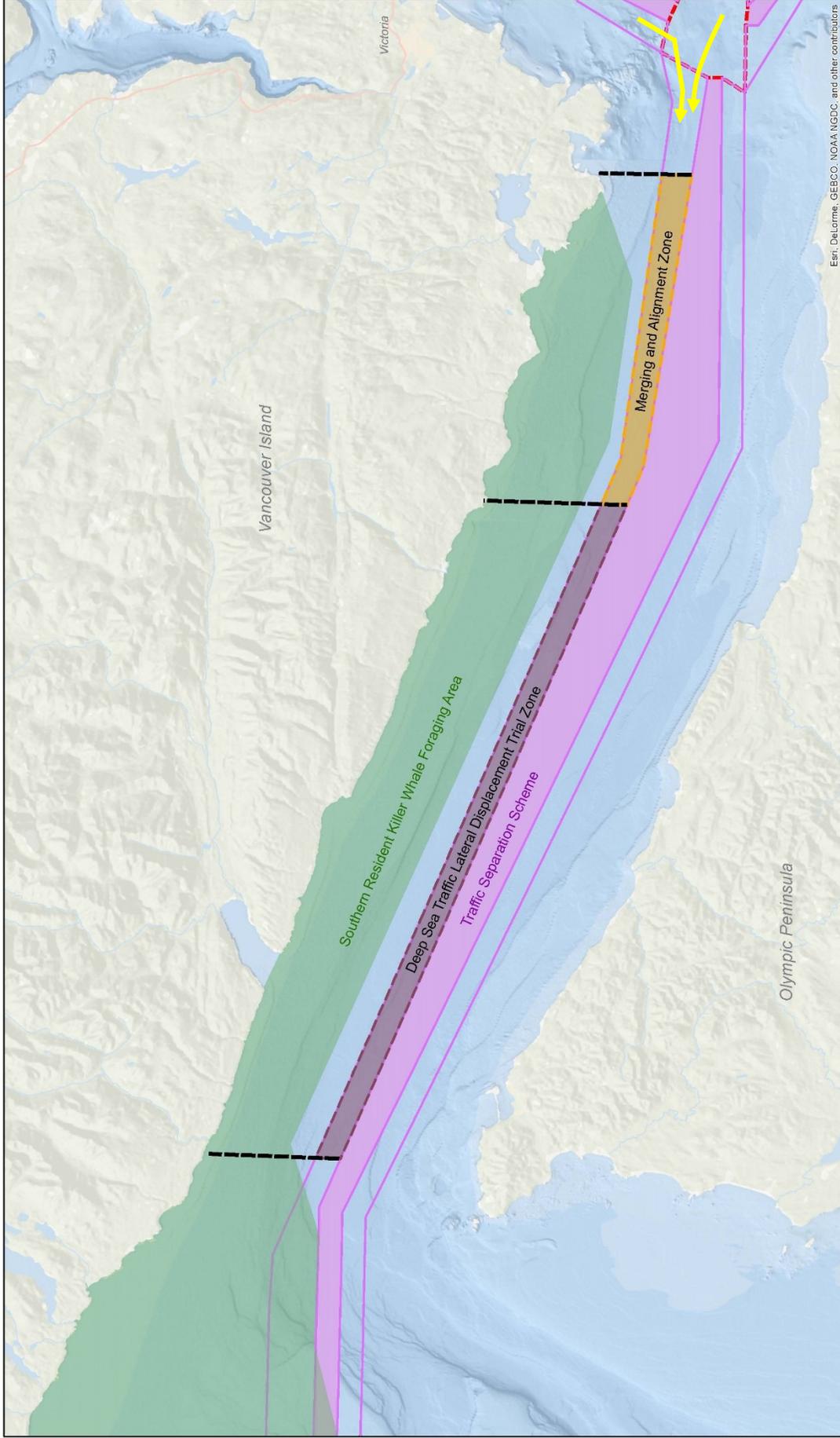
### **Reducing underwater noise in endangered killer whale feeding areas by moving vessels further away**

The trial is voluntary, temporary and will be active from August 20 until October 31, 2018. If it is safe and operationally feasible to do so, all deep sea vessels transiting outbound through the Strait of Juan de Fuca are requested to navigate as far south as possible within the outbound lane of the traffic separation scheme, in the area between 124' west and 124' 40" west, over a distance of approximately 34 nm. At 124' 40" W the trial zone concludes and vessels will position normally for their subsequent passage plan route.

#### **Protocol for participating deep sea traffic:**

- Enter the traffic separation scheme (TSS) on the side of the lane closest to the point of entry (i.e. vessels entering the lane from the Victoria pilot station should do so utilizing the cut to remain on the north side of lane as they enter).
- After passing Beechey Head abeam, utilize the merging and alignment zone to move further to the south only when safe to do so.
- Transit as close as practicable to the separation zone without entering the separation zone or putting yourself in a close-quarters situation with another vessel.
- Overtaking should occur on the starboard side of the vessel being overtaken.
- Maintain a 1000 metre or 1000 yard closest point of approach (greater than 0.5 nm) with any other vessel traffic.
- The trial is voluntary and does not relieve your vessel of its obligations under the Collision Regulations, or to take precautions given the circumstances of the case.
- Any directions from Vessel Traffic Service supersede the trial.

For more information and to review resources about the Strait of Juan de Fuca lateral displacement trial, please email [echo@portvancouver.com](mailto:echo@portvancouver.com) or visit [www.portvancouver.com/echo](http://www.portvancouver.com/echo).



**ECHO Program**  
 Deep Sea Traffic Lateral Displacement  
 Trial Area, Juan de Fuca Strait

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