



Biweekly update on the ECHO Program's voluntary initiatives

Good afternoon,

Thank you to all those who are participating in this year's seasonal underwater noise reduction initiatives. **As of June 1**, the slowdown at Swiftsure Bank and the lateral displacement in the Strait of Juan de Fuca are active, while the Haro Strait & Boundary Pass slowdown has not yet begun.

Please find below an update on participation rates in the ECHO Program's voluntary initiatives for weeks 1 - 2. For the remainder of the season, we will be providing updates on participation rates and other important news via these bi-weekly newsletters.

Swiftsure Bank slowdown

Participation rates (within 1 knot of speed through water target) by ship type	
Ship type	Weeks 1-2 (June–11)
Bulker	86%
Car carrier	77%
Container	78%
Passenger	-
Tanker	94%
Other	82%
TOTAL	83%

For weeks 1 and 2, **83% of vessels were able to slow down to within 1 knot of speed through water targets**. Thank you to the many vessels and partners who have helped make the start of this year's Swiftsure Bank slowdown run so smoothly.

Strait of Juan de Fuca lateral displacement

For the first two weeks of the voluntary lateral displacement in the Strait of Juan de Fuca, **77% of tugs participated** by spending more than half of their time in either the inshore lateral displacement

zone or the outbound shipping lane. Thank you to all of the tug operators who have participated so far.

Monitoring for SRKW continues in Haro Strait & Boundary Pass

Our trusted observers located on Saturna Island and San Juan Island continue to see other marine mammals regularly, but **no southern resident killer whales have yet been confirmed**. Commercial mariners are reminded to stay vigilant and log into the **Whale Report Alert System app** daily in order to receive updates on when marine mammals are nearby.

We will communicate the start of the slowdown through this newsletter, as well as through a Navigational Warning issued by the Canadian Coast Guard, as well as through the Pacific Pilotage Authority, BC Coast Pilots, and shipping associations and agents.



Humpback calf breaching in Boundary Pass, June 10, 2021. (Photo: Azi Gheibi and Kaitlin Baril)

Questions or feedback

Thank you for your participation in this collaborative effort to support the recovery of the southern resident killer whales. Your efforts are making a difference.

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