

FATALITY ALERT

– PRELIMINARY INFORMATION –

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On November 23rd, 2022, a floatplane went down shortly after takeoff and sunk in Strachan Bay, just north of Port Hardy. The pilot and two forestry workers on board were fatally injured.

We extend our condolences to the family and friends of the deceased and our sympathies to all those affected by this incident.

This incident is under investigation and details are still to be determined.

Review the following floatplane passenger safety information:

1. Ensure you are familiar with all flight safety standards established by your employer and/or flight services provider.
2. Prior to the flight, discuss flight conditions with your air service provider to confirm weather conditions are appropriate, at both the take-off and landing locations. This is especially critical during conditions with potential for poor visibility, high winds and limited daylight.
3. Passengers should actively listen and ask questions during the aircraft safety briefing. Knowing the location of the exits and survival equipment is vitally important and is critical during an emergency.
4. Work with the pilot and listen to their instructions to properly load the aircraft. Weight restrictions, aircraft balance requirements and transportation of dangerous good procedures must be followed.
5. Passengers have the right to terminate the flight if they feel conditions are unsafe. The pilot should find a safe landing location, discuss the passenger's concerns and develop a safe course of action.
6. Underwater egress training is important and highly recommended for regular float plane passengers. Consider taking a refresher course if your training has expired.

Resources:

- [BCFSC Air Operations Safety Resources](#)
- [Flying Safe Video](#)