Great Circle Shipping Route between Canada and Asia

The shortest marine route between Asia and western Canada is known as the Great Circle shipping route. This pathway travels through the narrow, congested and often treacherous Unimak Pass in Alaska’s Aleutian Islands. Oil tankers traveling to Asia from either Enbridge’s proposed terminal in Kitimat or Kinder Morgan’s terminal in Burnaby would use this route, adding to the congestion and increasing the chances of an ecological disaster.

Shipping Routes

- **Great Circle Route**
- **Proposed Enbridge Tanker Routes (inset)**
- **Kinder Morgan Tanker Route**

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