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Port Receives Stage 1 Funding Approval from Island Coastal Economic Trust

The Port Authority has received preliminary funding approval from the Island Coastal Economic Trust (ICE-T) to develop a full service marine repair and manufacturing facility.

“This has been a long identified priority on the West Coast, we hope that with the assistance of Provincial funding, the required infrastructure costs can be leveraged into a viable project”, noted CEO Brad Madelung.



The project is envisioned to include a large capacity travel lift, berthing infrastructure, and potentially, a floating drydock.

The funding approval allotment is for the maximum (\$5 million) permitted under the ICE-T program. The project represents a major economic growth opportunity in Alberni, whilst potentially reorganizing the mix of industrial and tourism related land uses in the downtown waterfront core.

The Port Authority has begun a stakeholder input process aimed at determining onsite needs and prospective tenants in preparation for the more detailed Stage II Application to ICE-T.

Harbour Highlights

Congratulations!!!

**Penny Ohama,
2008
Salmon Derby
Winner!**

**Port Authority
launches new website.**

**Special thanks to Jack
Tsai and his team at
Alberni Online.**



Canada

Dockside



Seaspan Phoenix, fully loaded

The first half of 2008 has been marked by a decline in lumber exports from Port Alberni Terminals. The inability of coastal BC lumber manufacturers to secure a trans-pacific carrier is due to the increased worldwide breakbulk shipping rates.

However, the Saga Forest Carrier vessel "Saga Wave" is due in port in mid September to load approximately 9.5 million board feet of lumber for Japan and China. This load

represents the largest single volume of lumber exported from Port Alberni Terminals in nine years.

While future shipments of lumber remain uncertain, raw log exports have continued throughout 2008.

The Port Alberni Port Authority appreciates the unpopularity of log exports; however, the economic realities effect local logging operations,

fiber supply and the marine support services. It is anticipated that log exports will continue unless regulatory changes are made or the global markets for logs become uneconomical.



Tall Ships Success

Again in 2008, Port Alberni hosted the Festival of Sails featuring 11 ocean going Tall Ships, notably the Bounty and the Lady Washington.

The Festival drew over 15,000 visitors to the Alberni waterfront during the two day event. The Port Alberni Port Authority would like to recognize the efforts of Ken Whiteman, the Tall Ships

Organizing Committee, and all the volunteers who made this event a tremendous success. Visit the Tall Ships website at :

www.portalbernitallships.ca



The Lady Washington

Alberni Gets Cruising

In 2004, the Port Authority hosted the World Residensea. The historic port call marked the first instance of a major cruise vessel berthing in Port Alberni. And it would appear, it will not be the last! Preliminary bookings

have the World returning once again in 2009. The Port features a first class concrete wharf structure (600ft) well suited for large cruise vessels. Vessels calling on the East Coast of the Island have been transporting passengers by land to

shore excursion activities in the valley, most notably, to the magnificent old growth forest in Cathedral Grove and the Two Spot steam train ride to the McLean Mill National Historic Site.



World Residensea at Berth #3

