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Port Alberni Port Authority Reaches Interim Operations License with Port Alberni Marine Fuels and Services

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Port Alberni – The Port Alberni Port Authority (PAPA) has reached an interim operations licence with Port Alberni Marine Fuels and Services (owned and operated by Doug & Sandi Smith) that will enable them to do business from the new fuel dock at Tye Pier beside Fishermen's Harbour this Salmon Festival Labour Day long weekend. This interim agreement is effective today through Tuesday.

There are a number of conditions set forth for Smith to meet based on our current near-complete Lease Agreement. Smith signed off on the interim operating agreement, which is legally binding. Our Operations Manager, Ron Kyle, confirmed Smith satisfied those conditions.

We will continue to work towards completing the full lease in order for Smith to continue operating seamlessly beyond the term of the interim agreement.

PAPA will continue to sell fuel from Clutesi Haven Marina and China Creek Marina per usual at this time.

Port Alberni Marine Fuel & Services is working hard to be open by tomorrow, if not later today. This is an exciting development for Port Alberni's marine sector.

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