

**2011 ANNUAL CONFERENCE**  
**April 13, 14 & 15, 2011**  
**Port Hardy Civic Centre, 700 Columbia Street, Port Hardy**

**AGENDA**

<b>Wednesday, April 13 – All events this evening to be held at Quatse Salmon Stewardship Centre (8400 Byng Road, Port Hardy)</b>	
<b>6:00-8:30 p.m.</b>	<b>Registration, Reception &amp; Dinner</b>
7:00-7:15 p.m.	Opening & Official Welcome
7:15-7:30 p.m.	Representative from Quatse Salmon Stewardship Centre - Development of the Centre
<b>Thursday, April 14</b>	
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Coffee/Continental Breakfast
9:00-9:15 a.m.	Welcome & Opening Remarks
9:15-10:30 a.m.	Rob Roycroft and Julia MacDonald - Council/Staff Relations
10:30-10:45 a.m.	<b>Nutrition Break</b>
10:45–12:00 noon	Lisa Zwarn - Council Orientation, pre and post election
12:00-1:00 p.m.	<b>LUNCH</b>
1:00-2:30 p.m.	Tracey Lee Lorensen, Paragon Strategic Services – Human Resources, The Manager’s Perspective
2:30-2:45 p.m.	<b>Nutrition Break</b>
2:45-3:45 p.m.	Legal Update – FOI, Diane McLeod-McKay, Staples McDannold Stewart
3:45-4:05 p.m.	LGMA update – John MacLean, President
4:05-4:35 p.m.	CivicInfo – Todd Pugh, Executive Director - Update and overview of proposed revisions to election legislation
6:00- 8:00 p.m.	<b>Cocktails &amp; Dinner</b> – Keynote Speaker: Bruce Kirkby (Award-winning Explorer, Writer & Photographer)
<b>Friday, April 15</b>	
8:30-9:00 a.m.	Coffee/Hot Breakfast
9:00-10:15 a.m.	Legal Update – Young Anderson: Alyssa Bradley ‘Remedial Action’ & Sukhbir Manhas ‘General Update’
10:15-10:30 a.m.	<b>Nutrition Break</b>
10:30-11:15 a.m.	Rick Davidge, CAO & Patti Smedley, Economic & Community Development Coordinator, Port Hardy – ‘Regifting the North Island’ – diversifying the local economy by optimizing historic resource industries and working with emerging opportunities including wind energy and biomass technologies
11:15-11:35 a.m.	BCAA - Jim Stewart, Deputy Assessor - Assessment Changes and Impact on North Island
11:35-12:00 noon	Annual Meeting, including Elections, & Wrap-up
12:00 noon	<b>Lunch &amp; Grand Prize Draw</b>

**ACCOMMODATIONS and TRAVEL:** see below

## ACCOMMODATIONS:

Rooms are booked in the name of VILGMA at the following hotels:

**Quarterdeck Inn**      6555 Hardy Bay Road      250-902-0455  
30 rooms booked      \$85 per night  
<http://www.quarterdeckresort.net/>

**Glen Lyon Inn**      6435 Hardy Bay Road      250-949-7115  
25 rooms booked      \$69 per night single, \$79 double  
<http://www.glenlyoninn.com/>

## TRAVEL:

We are providing bus transportation from Courtenay and Campbell River to Port Hardy, with a return trip from Port Hardy to Victoria (with various stops along the way, as required). Registrants wishing to take advantage of this option will have to make their own way to Courtenay; we are suggesting the E&N train (please see below for additional information).

The bus transportation is being offered for a flat fee of \$75 return, with pickups in Courtenay and Campbell River (others negotiable). Please note: we need adequate numbers to make this work. If you would like to take advantage of this option, please register early. If we don't have the required volumes by March 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have to cancel the bus transportation. Should that happen, we will let you know in time for you to make other arrangements, or cancel your registration.

### Bus:

A bus will pick you up at the Courtenay train station for the trip to Port Hardy. The bus will depart at 1:00 p.m.

We will stop at the Campbell River Community Centre (401 – 11<sup>th</sup> Avenue – see Map at right) for our second pickup. You may leave your car there until your return to this location on Friday afternoon. The bus will depart from this location at approximately 2:00 p.m.

If anyone wishes another pickup location after Campbell River (must be on or very close to the highway) please specify and we will try to accommodate you.



The return trip on Friday will leave Port Hardy after lunch, at approximately 1:00 p.m. Stops will be made along the route as required, but will include Campbell River, Courtenay, and various points between there and Victoria.

If you sign up for bus transportation, we will contact you with more specific details closer to the date of departure.

### Train:

Some of us from the Victoria area plan to take the E&N Dayliner for the first leg of our trip, up to Courtenay. We hope more of you will join us, either from downtown Victoria, or anywhere along the line. It's not as fast as driving, but much more scenic, and certainly less stressful.

The train leaves downtown Victoria at 8:00 a.m., and arrives in Courtenay at 12:45 p.m.

Please make your own arrangements for this leg of the trip. The cost is \$32.00 plus HST.

Please follow this link to the schedule, and for more information about this route.

<http://www.viarail.ca/en/trains/rockies-and-pacific/victoria-courtenay/schedules>

### Plane:

Pacific Coastal Airlines flies to Port Hardy from Vancouver. If leaving from Victoria, you still have to connect through Vancouver. Please see their website for schedules and fare information.

<http://www.pacific-coastal.com/>