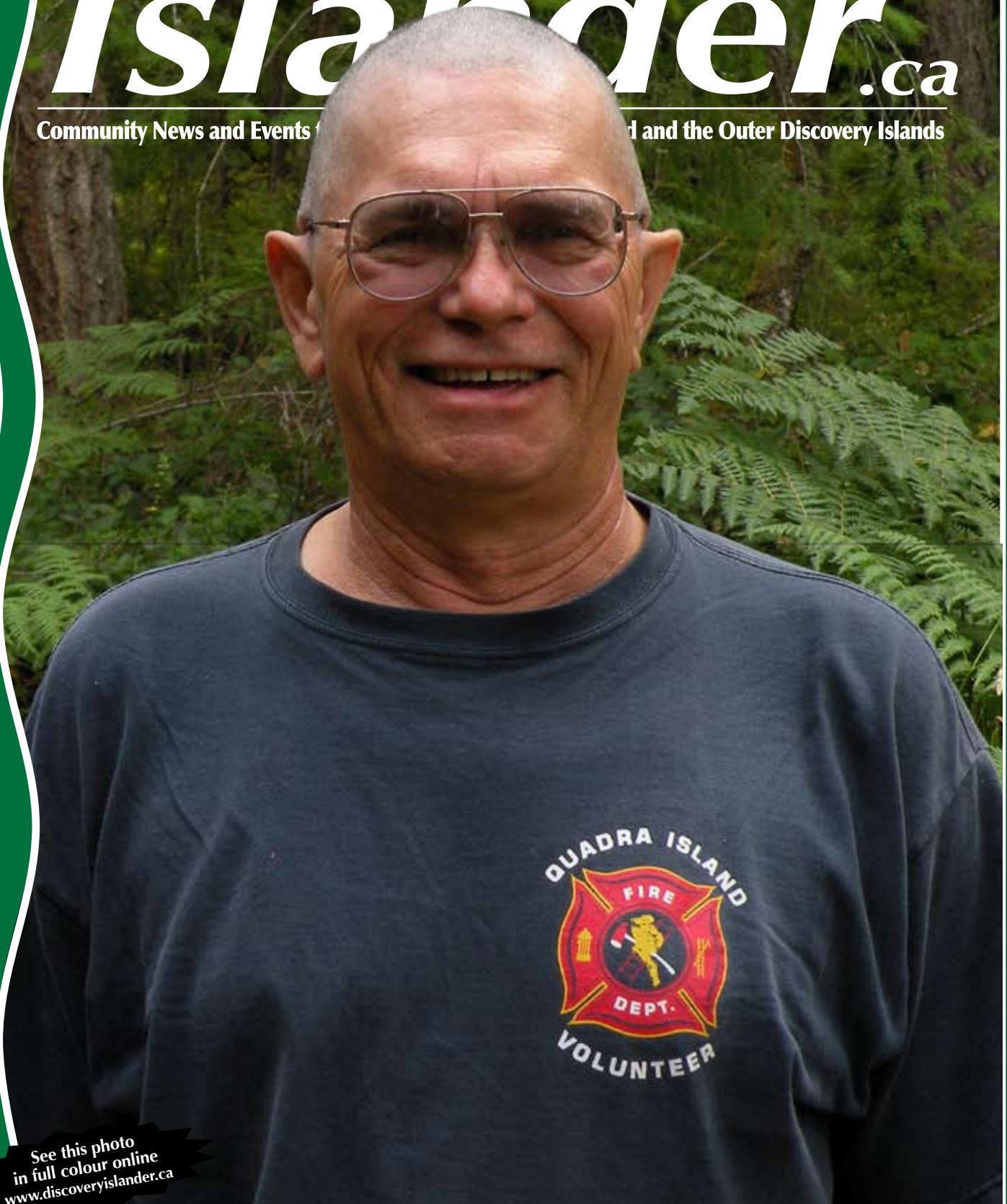




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Land Act: Notice of Intention to Apply For the Disposition of Crown Land

Take notice that, **Richard Schellinck, PO Box 4, Merville, BC, VOR 2M0**, intends to make application to Integrated Land Management Bureau (ILMB), Ministry of Agriculture and Lands, Coast Region Office for Tenure of **Specific Permission, for a Private Moorage, Quadra Island, Gowlland Harbour Area, April Point Road, DL 208, Sayward District.**

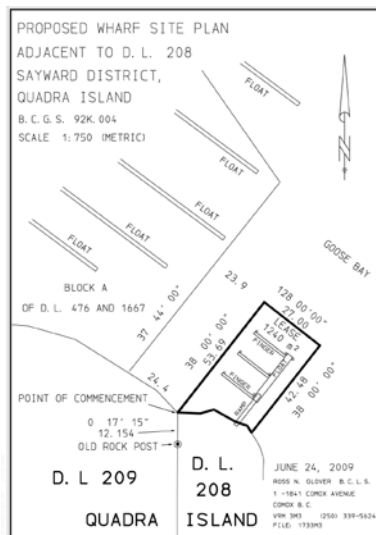
The Lands File Number that has been established for this application is **File # 1413348 / 29781.**

Written comments concerning this application should be directed to the Section Head, Crown Land Adjudication at Suite 142, 2080 Labieux Road, Nanaimo, BC V9T 6J9, or emailed to: - AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca.

Comments will be received by ILMB until 51 days from this date.

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Public Information Meeting Quadra Island

Proposed amendment to the Quadra Island OCP
and Rezoning for Lot 1, VIP 86955, District Lot 208,
Sayward District, Quadra Island.

The owners of DL 208, situated along April Point Road and the southern shores of Gowlland Harbour invite the public to attend a meeting to view proposed plans and concepts for their 158-acre waterfront property. There will be a presentation by Dan Bowen, project manager, on the background history of the property the work done to date, as well as the planning rational.

Our mission is to create a rural sustainable neighbourhood and enhance the community values as noted in the OCP with 2- waterfront parks, old growth forest trails, greenway corridors and vegetative covenants. There will be an opportunity to ask questions about the plans and provide written comments.

Date: - September 12, 2008, Saturday.

Time: - 2:00 PM – 4:00pm

Where: - Quadra Island Community Hall meeting room

NOTICE OF VOTE TO: MEMBERS OF WE WAI KAI NATION

TAKE NOTICE that a Ratification Vote will be held in accordance with the We Wai Kai Nation Community Ratification Process on September 24th, 25th and 26th, 2009 in order to determine if Registered Voters approve the We Wai Kai Nation Land Code and the Individual Agreement.

The following question will be asked of the Registered Voters of the We Wai Kai Nation by ballot:

“Do you approve:

- **The We Wai Kai Nation Land Code** dated August 1st, 2008 and
- **The Individual Agreement with Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada?**

The Ratification Vote will take place on Thursday, the 24th day of September to Saturday the 26th day of September, 2009 from 8 a.m. until 8 p.m. at:

The We Wai Kai Nation Administration Offices located in both the Quinsam and Cape Mudge Indian Reserves

#102-2005 Eagle Drive

#1 Weway Road

Campbell River, British Columbia

Cape Mudge, Quadra Island, B.C.

Copies of the Background Documents, the Ratification Documents and the Ratification Process may be obtained from Lise Steele, Land Code Coordinator, at the We Wai Kai Nation Administration Offices, #102-2005 Eagle Drive, British Columbia, telephone (250) 286-1807 Ext. 224.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that all Members of We Wai Kai Nation 18 years of age or older as of the date of the Ratification Vote are eligible to vote, **PROVIDED THAT SUCH MEMBERS MUST COMPLETE A VOTER REGISTRATION DOCUMENT TO BE PLACED ON THE LIST OF REGISTERED VOTERS.**

Voter registration documents will be sent to all Eligible Voters whose address is on record with the We Wai Kai Nation. Voter registration documents are also available from Robert McKerracher, Ratification Officer at the address and telephone number appearing below.

DATED at Campbell River, Province of British Columbia this 30th day of July, 2009.

Robert McKerracher, Ratification Officer,

P.O. Box 491, Heriot Bay, Province of British Columbia, V0P 1H0

Telephone: (888) 804 3129, (250) 285 3129 Facsimile: (250) 285 3201 email: mckerr@gicable.com

NOTE: Any Registered Voter may vote by mail-in ballot. If an Eligible Voter has not received a Voter Registration Document by September 3rd, 2009 please contact the Ratification Officer so that the necessary form can be supplied to you.



Island Calendar

Submit your event: eMail: news@discoveryislands.ca • fax: 285-2236 • drop-off: 701 Cape Mudge Rd.

The Regulars

- **Quadra Legion** - Now open Thurs & Fri at 7 pm and Saturdays at 4:00pm
- **Every Monday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
- Sing for Pure Joy! 3 - 4:30 pm Room 3 Q.C.C. All Voices Welcome.
- **Every Tuesday** - Quadra Children's Song Circle - 3 - 4:00 p.m. Room 3 Q.C.C.
- Al-anon meeting, 7.30 pm at the Children's Centre
- Folkdancing QCC-7:30 pm Sept-April
- **Every Wednesday** - Moms and Babes 11 am - noon Q.C.C.
- Community Lunch noon Q.I.C.C.
• **Every Thursday** - Parent and Tots 9:30 am - noon Q.C.C.
- Yoga Classes 9-11 AM and 5-7 PM with Brenda Dempsey at the Upper Realm, QCove. 285-3054 or 203-1575 Drop ins welcome \$12.
- Prayer Meeting, 7:00pm at Quadra Island Bible Church
- Life Drawing Sessions with model at Firesign Studio 7-9:30 pm
- **Every Saturday** - Farmers' Market behind the Credit Union 10 am - 2 pm
- Legion Meat Draw 5:00 pm, Steak Dinner at 6:30pm
- **Every Sunday** - Centre for Spiritual Living Celebration 10:30 am Willow Point Hall
- Family Worship Service 10:30am Quadra Island Bible Church
- Quadra Sunday Painters, 11 AM- 2 PM, call Nanci 250-285-3390
- Buddhist meditation 10 am Q.I.C.C., everyone welcome
- Live Jazz at HBI 6:30 pm
- **1st Monday** - Quadra writers group - 7:00 to 9:00 pm 285-3656
- **1st and 3rd Wednesday** - Food Bank 1-2 Community Centre

Next Deadline: Monday, September 7th, 2009

Island Calendar is a list of on island events. Please submit separately for the **Island Calendar** and **News & Events** or indicate in your submission if you would like your event placed in both. **Following the text order exactly as above for email submissions is appreciated** (month, date, day, title, place and time), use the title as your email subject. Current advertisers welcome to submit events but not-for-profit items will be given priority. Thank you.

Day by day

August 24-28

- The Art of the Water Media Study painting workshop with Dianne Bersea at Firesign 250-285-3390

Saturday, August 29

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| - Hal Douglas Blues Band 10 a.m. to Noon | Farmers' Market Q-Cove |
| - Benefit for Evangeline & Family Castaway & Duffy & Friends | Quadra Legion 6 p.m. to Midnight |

Monday, August 31

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| - Living Life Large performing arts festival 1 pm til midnight | HBI |
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Thursday, September 3

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| - Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society AGM Time T.B.A. | EcoCentre Hyacinthe Rd. |
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Friday, September 4

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| - Artist's Reception 6 - 8pm | DRAW Gallery |
| - Crimson Reign 9 pm to 1 am \$5 cover at the door | Quadra Legion |
| - Samaya Band doors open 7:30, cost \$ 10.- children's free | Mansons Hall Cortes Island |

Saturday, September 12

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| Home - A Hymn For The Planet presented by Sierra Quadra Doors open at 7 pm Film starting at 7:30 pm | Q.I.C.C. |
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Monday September 14

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| - Garden Club 'Saving your seeds' | Q.I.C.C. |
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Next Deadline

Monday, September 7th



Re: Fish Farms & Democracy

Dear Editor,

In the last issue, Steve Moore sent a letter deriding and upbraiding Jim Abram and Noba Anderson for misrepresenting their constituents on the issue of a fish farm permit at Gunner Point, in Johnstone Strait.

Steve has never been one to let the truth get in the way of a good story, so I decided to count the number of times he wandered away from reality. I came up with at least twelve mistakes in his page long diatribe.

It seems that Jim has incurred Mr. Moore's wrath by voting on the wrong side of an issue, despite having a "solid record of social & environmental concerns for the last 21 years" (Steve's words), and even though Jim was quoted as saying that this was a very difficult decision for him. Steve is accusing Jim of not representing the majority of his constituents. The basis for this is a poll published in the Courier Islander which asked whether people supported the fish farm proposal, the results of which showed a large majority against.

Excuse me, but I didn't see any mention in the paper that this poll was strictly for residents of Jim's area. Anybody could vote on this issue and anybody did! Steve calls this "a true rendering of public opinion". How so? What about those of us that don't even receive or read that newspaper?

Steve seems to think that everyone has the same opinion on this issue as he has. Wrong Again! I happen to think that Jim made a courageous and responsible decision, having considered the best interests of everyone in his district, not just the members of the "CAVE". (Committee against Virtually Everything)

There are many people on this island who need to have a job to

survive, have a roof over their head and feed their children. Otherwise, they would have to pack up and leave. Steve, who is not one of these, seems to forget that.

As far as calling this proposal, a "major industrial activity", that's another load of "horse pucky" that Steve is so famous for. I have a suggestion. He mentioned that someone should consider running against Jim in the next election. OK, Steve put your "free" money where your mouth is!

Cheers,

Paul Ryan

Let's Be realistic!!

As the sun starts dipping lower in the sky, the dark clouds of negativity begin to rise from the fomenters of dissention. The article in the last Discovery Islander is of what I speak, pertaining to Jim Abram and his vote on fish farms. In my view Jim had no choice on how to vote on the subject as this is the bread and butter for hundreds of people, and with our economy sagging it is one of the positive working opportunities that's left on the coast.

The goal Jim has of course is for closed-containment farming and I believe this is only a few years away. The amount of positive things Jim has done for the area is unbelievable, and for Steve Moore to be calling for his head is ridiculous. Two of the finest men to inhabit Quadra Island are Jim Abram and Bill Pirie, the owner of Walcan Seafood. Mr Moore would seem to 'off with their heads' with one blow of his poison pen, very un-zen-like I might add!!!

Alan Luoma

Letter to the Editor:

I have just read in your previous issue the article "Fish Farms and Democracy". Not that I want to rehash this lengthy and important issue at hand, but rather bring a point of view in the "shots" taken at Mr. Jim Abram. As any politician, there are decisions and choices that are made which affect each of us in different ways, but ultimately either positive or negative.

I have had the opportunity to have many discussions with Jim on a variety of issues concerning our community. I have witnessed Jim in public forums as well as joined in with him in smaller community/group meetings. I have seen Jim make, what he believes as the best and most informed decision available to him. This may not always be everyone's choice but I can assure you it is not made without Jim being abundantly clear on his decision.

When we look at how our community has a vast spectrum of people, this could be considered a nightmare for any politician to try and step in and "make everyone happy". It just isn't going to happen. We have an elected official who has a very difficult job, but I can only think it is more difficult given our demographics. Jim is not afraid to stand up for any member of our community, no matter how small the issue or their background.

It is obvious in my occupation, you are not always able to please a lot of people, a lot of the time. So I have a sense of what Jim must go through. In saying that, I do not hesitate to stand behind Jim and admire him for his efforts in going the extra mile, stepping up to the plate and taking on the challenges presented to him. It is not a fluke that Jim has held his position so long, but rather the vote of our community members. Jim has proven himself and without a doubt has my vote, as I know he will do everything he can to find that "balance."

Craig Peterson

Dear Premier Campbell,

I just can't believe you have cut money from child care again! Are young children so unimportant to you and your government? I feel so angry. I have worked in the child care field for 20 years at a non-profit rural child care centre and cannot believe how support for young children and families has not improved in that 20 years. Currently government funding covers only 15 % of the our monthly operational expenses. Parents pay \$580 per month for a full time space. Do you think parents can afford to pay more? And what about parents with more than one child?!

Our non-profit society continuously fundraises in an attempt to cover our shortfall. Now you are reducing childcare's emergency repair grants from \$5,000/yr. to \$2,000./yr. What can you fix for \$2,000? Why does the government continue to nickel and dime the child care field to death? The money you put into childcare is so little to start with and now you are reducing it again. Please do not insult my intelligence by telling me you have increased funding for childcare and increased spaces since your government has been in power. I know from day to day operation of our child care centre that government funding has decreased by \$1,500 per month since your cut backs in July 2007. Across the province, child care centres have closed and most centres have waitlists. I hope in my lifetime a government will see the value in supporting young children and their families and build a quality child care system that we can be proud of. Shame on you.

A very angry Early Childhood Educator,

Dee Conley

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If I Were A Crook...

In the famous words of Richard Nixon, "I am not a crook!" But that doesn't mean I can't think like one. And I confess I am thinking like one these days.

If I was going to tamper with a criminal prosecution that might involve me and does involve my staff and friends, a sneaky way to do so would be to change judges 3/4 of the way through the trial. The government did that on the BC Rail case. If I was going to tamper with electronic evidence, well, I'd just erase it wouldn't I?" And the Liberals did that, too.

If I was a liar and wanted to get elected, I'd tell the voters that the budget is fine, the economy rock solid and that I was responsible for the last ten years of good economic times. In other words, the previous election platform of the Liberals. But, if I wanted to cut back on health care and other 'citizen-level' programs, if I wanted to gouge a few extra bucks from them, well, I'd introduce a few new taxes (HST, carbon tax) and blame the poor economy and the unbalanced budget on global influences. 'Course I'd wait until after the election for that.

If I was a hypocrite as well as a crook, I might even 'carbon tax' from the poor and then give oil and gas subsidies to big business. You'd be hard-pressed to find a cynical enough politician and a stupid enough electorate to tolerate that! Well, look around.

If I wanted to add evil to my resume, I might contract BC Hydro (read: citizens of BC) for billions of dollars of expensive electricity that they didn't need and I'd give away the resources to big business so that it could happen. Mind you, the real evil part is that big business would get the water, too. Read NAFTA for the truly nefarious.

Just for fun.....well, I'd kill all the salmon. Why not? Put in a few more fish farms, generate more sea lice and 'bingo', no Fraser River sockeye. Ha ha, ha ha!

But don't mistake evil, greed and hypocrisy for stupidity. I sure wouldn't do all that for nothing. Trust me, I'd make the big boys pay and I'd be sitting pretty when I got bored of stealing from the stupid, lying to the dupes and ruining the environment for personal gain. But of course, I wouldn't reap my harvest until after I hosted the Olympics. If I was a crook, that is.

J. David Cox



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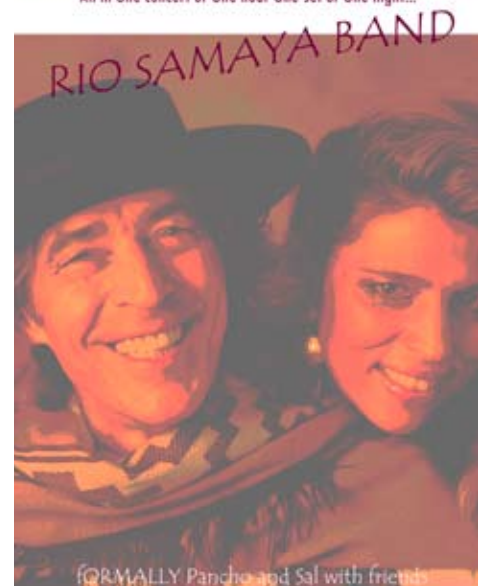
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Wild salmon is one of these species we must save. Every species that becomes extinct (bees, salmon, etc.) brings us closer to our own extinction. The *Globe & Mail*, Thursday, August 13, 2009 had a huge front page article entitled "Salmon Run Disaster: 10.6 Million Sockeye Expected...Only 1.7 Million Came: Where Have all the Salmon Gone?"

Who or what is killing the salmon? Clearly, one of the culprits is fish farms. According to the *Globe & Mail*, Thursday, August 13, 2009, page S2, "Alexander Morton, who several years ago correctly predicted a collapse of pink salmon runs in the Broughton Archipelago because of sea lice infestations, in March warned the same thing could happen to Fraser sockeye. She said researchers used genetic analyses to show Fraser sockeye smolts were getting infested with sea lice in the Strait of Georgia.

The sea lice were all young lice, which means they got them in the vicinity of where we were sampling, which was near the fish farms in the Discovery Islands." The problem is the same as always. The DFO and the Province of B.C. have allowed fish farms on the Fraser River migration route.

Greig Seafoods, the folks who want to build a huge fish farm on the wild salmon migration route at Gunner Point say the genocide is caused by global warming and "high salt content and the availability of other hosts."

Jim Abram & Noba Anderson have argued that they will try to get closed containment at Gunner Point in the future. Besides being unenforceable, closed containment at Gunner Point doesn't make sense. It's a remote, exposed area without sufficient power sources needed to closed containment. It's much better to try the experiment closer to Campbell River.

The fourth reading will happen possibly as early as Sept. 24, 2009 at the Strathcona Regional District office at 990 Cedar St., Suite 301, in Campbell River. If we raise enough of a fuss, they may move the meeting to the Marine Museum, which has a larger venue. Call the office at 1-877-830-2990 (toll free) to find out more details. Be there, make your presence felt.

In preparation for the above meeting, with our duly elected representatives, give them a phone call before Sept. 24. Jim Abram 1-250-285-3355. Noba Anderson 1-250-935-0320.

P.S. There is an unsolved mystery to this whole thing. Why would Jim and Noba risk their career for a fish farm? Anyway, thank God for unemployment insurance. Noba & Jim may need it after the next election.

Steve Moore

Quadra Island's New Industrial Zone

The east side of Quadra Island is in danger of becoming our new industrial zone. The We Wai Kai Nation (Cape Mudge Band), has applied to the Integrated Land Management Bureau for a disposition over crown land for the purpose of long-line scallop farming. (More about the ILMB at the end of this article).

An application to rezone foreshore waters to permit the scallop farm adjacent to Rebecca Spit is currently before the Regional District. It is expected that the application will pass 1st and 2nd reading in September and will go to a public hearing on Quadra in early October.

If you've been to the Spit, walked down to Paddy's Lagoon, or been out in a boat in that area you've probably seen the four yellow navigation markers and the handful of white floats that are evidence of the current investigative farm. A two-year Temporary Industrial Use Permit was granted to the We Wai Kai Nation in July 2008 so they could investigate the possibility of raising scallops. Believing that they can grow scallops, the Band has decided to apply for permanent occupation and is seeking provincial and regional district approval. The water would be rezoned to aquaculture - 2, which allows the growing of scallops, geoducks and other molluscs. The current zoning is for various recreational uses.

The investigative farm appears small and benign. It occupies only a small portion of the area of the TIUP and a smaller area yet of the expansion for which they have applied. The expanded farm would be more than a kilometer long and almost a kilometer wide with as many as 180 surface floats. The current farm and area of the TIUP are located directly in front of Paddy's Lagoon, and directly in front of Indian Reserve #9. If the application is approved, the scallop farm will expand south, directly in front of two residential properties, and north into our OCP Marine Reserve Zone.

A few years ago a company applied for the right to grow geoducks in Open Bay and along the east side of the Island. Many Islanders wrote letters in opposition and the plan was defeated. In an attempt to prevent that type of industry and to bolster other similar language, the following was added to our 2007 OCP.

2.2k (iv) " To discourage commercial resource based marine use adjacent to settlement areas"

Approval of this application, especially allowing for expansion, will establish a dangerous precedent. As acknowledged by Regional District planners, we can expect similar applications. One of the arguments for allowing the temporary farm was that it would not be in front of or adjacent to a settlement area. Due to their importance to Islanders and our Island's economy, Rebecca Spit and Paddy's Lagoon, which are adjacent to settlement areas, must be protected. If this application is allowed to proceed, it is very likely that the next area of application, also adjacent to settlement areas will be in the bay in front of Haskin's Farm Trail. If a precedent is established to allow marine based industrial activity adjacent to residential neighbourhoods, our entire foreshore is at risk.

It is important to remember that the property owners who will be immediately affected by this application are long-time, well respected members of our community. They have invested twenty years of their lives to develop their properties and realize their dreams. It is fundamentally unfair that, for the price of an application and a public hearing, a company or group can wreak havoc on their lives.

Whenever a disposition over crown land (or water) is granted, that area becomes private and can be, as the scallop farm will be, off limits to everyone else. The best uses for the waters described in the application are; for the enjoyment of Quadra Islanders and our visitors, to be able to walk along a peaceful beach free of industrial activity and noise, for recreational boating, kayaking, canoeing, and for recreational fishing.

***** The Integrated Land Management Bureau is accepting comments about this application only until September 4th. Please ask them to deny this application for disposition over crown land. State your personal reasons. Use anything in this letter. Go to The Gumboot, www.thegumboot.ca for more information and sample letters. We cannot afford apathy. The deadline is Sept. 4th. Write your letters now. They can be sent by email.

Land Act: Notice of intention to apply for a disposition of crown land. File number:1411207

Direct comments to: Section Head, Integrated Land Management Bureau, 142-2080 Labieux Rd., Nanaimo, BC, V9T6J9 or Email to : AuthorizingAgency.Nanaimo@gov.bc.ca

The application can be viewed at: <http://www.ilmb.gov.bc.ca> under the link Applications and Reasons for Decision.

Deadline for submissions: September 4, 2009

Michael Stahnke



Regional Director's Report, Area C

August 28, 2009

by Jim Abram

After a brief hiatus, I have a few items to mention in this report. I will keep it brief since I am already late getting it in.

Scallop farm on east side of Quadra

As many of you know, the Cape Mudge Band made application about a year ago for a two year Temporary Industrial Use Permit for the growing of scallops at the southern boundary of Rebecca Spit Provincial park, just off of Indian Reserve #9, which abuts private residential lands to the south of the Reserve. The intent was to experimentally grow scallops to see if it was viable. The band recently came back to the Strathcona Regional District (SRD) to apply for a rezoning of an enlarged area in roughly the same location. The new application does extend in front of properties to the south of the Reserve on its boundary. The original area of the application was approximately 64 hectares and the new application is 85.5 hectares.

This area has three zones in place on the water that must be amended if this proposal is to go ahead. The three zones in our zoning bylaw are: Access Two, Marine Reserve One and Indian Reserve One. All of these zones were instituted by the Comox Strathcona Regional District (CSRD) in our 1990 shoreline zoning by law exercise. The Access Two zone is the general zone, that doesn't allow for much, that covers most of the water area in Area C. The Marine Reserve One zone is basically for marine

ecosystem protection and parks. The Indian Reserve One zone was put in place out of respect for First Nations Reserve lands so that no one would apply for other uses in front of their lands. The Reserve lands, under the laws of the day, stop at the foreshore (the highest high tide mark). The water area is provincial in jurisdiction and local governments have the right to zone it accordingly. Hence the decision by the CSRD to create the Indian Reserve One zone. This in no way confers any "Indian Reserve" status to the water. This is a matter strictly for the Federal government to determine, which lands are Reserve and which are not. I am bringing this to your attention because a number of people have asked me about the status of the water area, thinking that the IR-1 designation means that it is actually Indian Reserve. It does not mean any such thing. It was a designation created by the CSRD and placed on that area in front of each Reserve. It has no legal status other than at the local government level. I hope this clears up the confusion.

Esplanade Park in Heriot Bay

Well, after many, many decades of dispute over who has jurisdiction over the Esplanade Park (the area that runs along the shoreline from the west of the Heriot Bay wharf parking lot), an unfortunate fire incident a few weeks ago brought it all to a head and to a probable solution. The fire was attended by concerned neighbours, the fire department and the RCMP, and was dealt with appropriately.

What happened afterwards is where it gets interesting. The jurisdictional issue came up once again while in discussion with the RCMP. I had discussions with our Corporal at the RCMP and with the top man at the Ministry of Highways in Courtenay and with the Regional District Parks department. Verbal agreement was reached to attend to the clean up of the area (by Highways) and the derelict outhouses and the underbrush that was considered a fire hazard. The really surprising part was that after so many decades the Ministry was willing to talk about giving the land to the SRD as dedicated park land!. I requested that it be zoned Park One many years ago as acknowledgment of its current use by the public. That was done, but had no real teeth to it until we had actual jurisdiction over the land. It appears that is about to happen. So, many thanks to the neighbours that helped to make this happen and we shall see what happens in the very near future. We will most likely get some sort of long term lease over the property from the Ministry.

Evans Bay wharf

As I have reported at various times, we have been in negotiations with Transport Canada to get possession of the Evans Bay wharf on Read Island to provide further access to Read, by water. I still cannot divulge the details of the negotiations, but I can say that the issue comes to our Board meeting this week for final resolution. I will let you know the outcome in my next report, since it should be concluded by then.

Surge Narrows road end (Hoskyn Channel landing)

I attended a meeting with the Ministry of Highways, Emcon Services and Read Island residents at the road end to see what could be done to improve the ghastly condition of the last 200 feet of road that is road right of way. Quite a discussion ensued and we all left with lots to think about as far as a solution goes. We are still in discussions about it and I have had a couple of good conversations with Bob O'Brien of the Ministry. I say it is a road, the residents of the outer islands say it is a road and the Ministry say it is not... so we still have some talking to do! Whatever the solution, it must be one that keeps that portion of road maintained for public access. That is what it is and has been for many decades. I will continue to work on this one and hope for the best. More to follow

I think that is about it for tonight. Feel free to call me between the hours of 8:30 am and 7:00 pm, Monday through Friday (not on weekends, folks!) at 285-3355, or you can fax me at 285-3533 or you can email me anytime at abramfam@oberon.ark.com, or by mail at Box 278 in the Cove, V0P 1N0... Lots of choices!

Respectfully submitted,
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Director, Discovery Islands - Mainland Inlets (Area C), SRD

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No Hope, No Agenda, No Apology In B.C. Liberal Throne Speech

VICTORIA – Having lied about the deficit and plans to bring in the HST, the B.C. Liberals' Throne Speech offered no agenda and no apology for deceiving the public during the provincial election, New Democrat leader Carole James said today.

"The B.C. Liberals lied about the deficit and the HST during the election, and now it's clear they have no agenda," said James. "The government's fiscal credibility is in tatters, and the only thing they have to offer is recycled broken promises and a new regressive tax that will punish consumers and small businesses when they can least afford it."

James said that a significant portion of the Throne Speech was devoted to defending the HST. She said that if the government believed it was good for the economy, they should have been upfront with voters in the election about their plans to bring in this punishing tax.

"In tough economic times, British Columbians deserve a government that offers support to families struggling to make ends meet and a plan to grow the economy and help small business," said James. "Instead, the B.C. Liberals are trying to cover up their deception by taking the axe to vital public services like health care and shifting taxes onto the backs of consumers."

"Only three months after the election, the B.C. Liberals are out of ideas and they have no plan to cope with the economic downturn."

James said the premier excused his government in the Throne Speech by arguing that it was the B.C. Liberals who were deceived by the economic downturn.

"The premier wasn't tricked by the economy. He knew the deficit was much bigger than he was telling people and he chose to cover it up," said James.

BC Greens Call For Reducing HST To 10%

Party Supports Combining GST and PST ~ Seeks Debate, Amendment and a Free Vote

VICTORIA – "If BC Greens were in government, we would bring the issue of combining the GST and PST to the Legislature for respectful debate, amendment and a free vote by all MLAs so they could represent the wishes of their constituents" said Green Party Leader, Jane Sterk.

"Greens actually support combining the GST and PST but we also believe fundamental decisions like this ought to be made in the Legislature not by the Premier."

"We believe reducing red tape is a way for government to stimulate the economy and simplifying taxation systems represents a step in the right direction" Ms. Sterk explained. "We are concerned about the reduced tax exemptions that will result from harmonization."

"The current PST exemptions have rewarded people for buying energy efficient products and that has helped the green industry sector grow. The Green Party would like to see the current Liberal government work with the federal government to provide HST exemptions for products and services related to reducing greenhouse gases. As a governing party, we would have demanded that the HST be used to promote greener technologies."

"Greens think the single tax can reduce the cost of collection and the incidence of double taxation. Currently, some things that people buy include a hidden double tax because companies purchase components on which they pay PST and they have to build that 7% into the price of the final good or service. Not only is that 7% passed on to consumers as part of the price but they are also charged PST on the total. Under tax harmonization, businesses can claim back that first round of PST and reduce costs to consumers."

"The Green Party of BC calls on the Liberal government to reduce the combined tax to 10%. This would reduce red tape for business and keep the overall tax burden down," concludes Sterk.



Area B Regional Director's Report

August 28, 2009

by Noba Anderson

SRD Strategic Planning

We, the Strathcona Regional District board, are about to go into our first strategic visioning session as a new regional district. What I will be bringing forward as priority is largely a reflection of what I heard from Cortes at our June community plan 'Blue-Sky' visioning session; joyful courage in this upcoming time of major change. We need to find the joy in downsizing and localizing, in fostering relationships, shifting into greater self-sufficiency, and holding the natural world at the core of our awareness. And we must develop creative ways of building a strong, resilient and diverse local economy.

At the top of my awareness for our strategic planning are salmon and climate; individually and linked. If you are a reader of this magazine, you will understand why salmon thoughts have swum through my daily awareness now for months. As one of BC's two regional districts that host most of the province's fish farms, our voice needs to be loud and our actions strategic in our work to push toward the transition to closed containment. On the climate front, I believe we need a strong regional commitment to greenhouse gas emission reductions. There are many models to follow and much support now to do so. Let us invoke salmon - swimming upstream - that miracle of determination.

Official Community Plan Update

I primarily ran on a platform of designing an OCP review process that is dynamic, positive, solutions oriented and truly cross-generational. This has been one of my primary focuses over the summer. We have started with education and data collection - housing survey, water analysis, resource use info gathering and compilation. I am very pleased to announce that Lorraine Plouffe, your Cortes librarian, is

your Official Community Plan (OCP) Education Coordinator now through December. She will be providing information about our existing community plan, explaining what an OCP is and sharing with us stories from other communities doing innovative work. Throughout the fall, come out to presentations, look for info in your mail box and listen for Lorraine's radio show Tuesday evenings at 9:00. You can contact her at 250-935-0210 or lorraineplouffe@gmail.com

On September 3rd, an expanded OCP review committee will spend the day designing a review process that will be lively, potent and with good luck enjoyable. If you are keenly interested, please contact me. Also, please send in your housing survey if you have not done so - and thanks to the 100+ people who already have! Copies are available outside the post-offices.

Cortes Climate Action Team

Last month, I reported the availability of Federal gas tax funds for Cortes climate change initiatives and put out a call to those interested in forming a small working group to advise on how to best spend those funds. We now have a volunteer team! Bill Andrews, Mark Lombard, Norberto Rodriguez de la Vega, Shane Nelson and Carrie Saxifrage are conducting a high level greenhouse gas emissions inventory for Cortes that will be ready for community feedback in September. Next, they will make recommendations to me and the Regional District as to how to best prioritize the use of these funds. If you have input, please send it to climateaction@cortesisland.com or contact team members directly.

In my next article I'll give an update on the soon-to-be-goings-on at the recycling centre.

In gratitude, Noba Anderson
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Items For Publication

Every issue I receive an email or phone call, or two, from someone inquiring about how to submit an editorial item or advertisement for the DI.

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If you're going 'old-school' that's fine, we've had items scrawled on the back of brown paper bags, scraps of note paper, you name it. If pen and paper is your thing please print clearly. **Drop off** your piece at our office at 701 Cape Mudge Rd (mailbox at the door) or at Hummingbird in the Cove. Fax works too at 250-285-2236. Snail mail comes to Box 280 in Q-Cove, V0P 1N0.

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News and Events

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Come to the Farmers/Community Market!

Every Saturday from May.16th till Sept.12th from 10am to 2pm. Gates open at 8am for vendors.

We welcome local vendors from Quadra Island and outer islands to set up at only \$5.00 a table. Charitable organizations are free and children's tables are \$1.00. Farmers, gardeners, art, crafts, musicians, food and surprises are sure to please locals and visitors. We have a unique island and talents so let's show it off and make it the best year ever. This is where it is happening on Saturday. A great gathering place for all.

Contacts: Anne 285-3715, Suzanne 287-1871, Stella 285-3184 or quadramarket@gmail.com

QISES AGM

The Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society is holding it's 29th AGM on Thursday, Sept 3, 7:30PM, at our EcoCentre on Hyacinthe Rd. The general public is urged to attend for information updates. Also anyone interested in joining the Board is welcome to attend.

Last Chance to See the Quadra Art Show

The Quadra Island Artists are following the success of the 2009 Studio Tour with their yearly exhibition of works at the Tidemark Theatre Lobby, until August 30th. When you are in town during August, drop in to see this display. The theatre hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 12a.m. to 5 p.m.

Crimson Reign!

Rockin the Quadra Legion with everything from April Wine, Iron Maiden, Metallica and some of their original music Friday Sept. 4th 9:00pm - 1:00am. \$5.00 cover charge at the door

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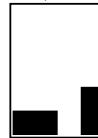

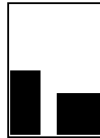






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Music at the Market

Live local music comes to the Quadra Market every Saturday from 10 a.m. to Noon. On Saturday, August 29, the Hal Douglas Blues Band performs. They are sponsored by our local Quadra People's Drug Mart, which is celebrating it's 10th anniversary on our island.

On the same day, two more local bands are playing at a Benefit concert & steak and veggie meal to raise money to complete the house for Evangeline & her daughters (their house on the Loop burned down last year) Castaway plays reggae and funk from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. and Duffy & Friends play from 9 p.m. to Midnight. Kids are welcome before 9 p.m., but not after.

On Saturday, September 5, First Pressing is back at the Market playing all your jazz favorites and on Saturday, September 12, Castaway lays down music for the Saturday Market. Come to the Market. It's bigger & better than ever.



**Rest in peace
my darling Shadow**
- Heidi

Living Life Large Festival in Heriot Bay

Living Life Large is the order of the day on Monday, August 31st, at the Living Life Large Festival of Performing Arts. This one day festival is happening in Heriot Bay on Quadra Island. Hosted by the Heriot Bay Inn, this waterfront event features live music, theatre, dance, good food and good vibes.

Shane Philip, Quadra Island's one man music sensation is headlining. Also performing are the AGB All-Stars from Cortes, and island jazz favorites Noelle Maffin and Annie Siegel. Theatrically speaking there will be a Shakespeare performance by 2009 Bard on the Beach actor, Neil Maffin, who is also teaching an acting workshop. The day also includes dj sets with live dance performances, hoola-hooping, a dance workshop, and roving performers.

The Heriot Bay Inn's new local ownership is supporting the vision of a performing arts space for Quadra and the North Island. The goal is to encourage live theatre, dance, and music that resonates both locally and internationally. The Living Life Large Performing Arts Festival begins this commitment to local culture. This event also brings awareness and funds to the North Island Survivors Healing Society.

Live life large, take Monday August 31 off, and be immersed in a day filled with live expression and ocean side ambience at the Heriot Bay Inn. Gates open at 12:30, music and performances 1 pm till midnight.

Tickets for the Living Life Large Performing Arts Festival are available on Quadra Island at the Heriot Bay Inn and Hummingbird Office & Art Supply, in Campbell River at the Campbell River Art Gallery, or purchase by phone: 250.285.3322/1.888.605.4545. Single tickets are \$30 till August 15, and \$35 thereafter. Family tickets are (up to five) \$95, and remember, kids under 12 are free!

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Living Large Schedule

The first ever Living Life Large Festival is happening on Monday, August 31. (yes, Monday!) Seize the day: celebrate music and performance arts. Bring a friend, bring the family! (Children under 12 are free). Here's what's happening at the festival:

1 - 2 pm... Neil Maffin performs works from Shakespeare

2:15 - 3... Annie Siegel & Noelle Maffin

3 - 3:40... Laughing Running Nose Improv Duo with Scott Lowes & Julie Rigby

3:45 - 4:15... Pussy Finch & the Stellar Jays

4:30 - 6... AGB AllStars from Cortes Island

6 - 6:40... acting workshop with Neil Maffin

6:30 - 7:30... DJ Miss Christina & silk dancer Angela Granzberg

7:30 - 8... Noelle Maffin interactive "Experimentations with Chaos"

8 - 10:30... Shane Philip (get your groove on!)

10:30 - 11:30... DJ Nattie Nick and performances by Angela Granzburg, Lovely Lola Peach, and Diabla Blanca

12 am... gates close

The Beer and Barbeque Fundraiser

The Beer and Barbeque fundraiser, July 25th, at Whiskey Point Resort for the Emergency Program was very successful.

A large number of Quadra residents gathered to enjoy great food, cool drinks and the music of Duffy and Friends. Many took the opportunity to cool off in the pool.

Thanks to the generous donations from local artists and business, 22 people attending, went home with prizes from the silent auction.

ESS volunteers, families and friends, handled the security, prepared, cooked and served food, set up tables and tents, and cleaned up afterwards, raising over \$1300.00 towards the generator fund.

The Emergency Program volunteers would like to thank all who donated the wonderful items to the silent auction, the Heriot Bay Store for assistance with food, and Maureen and Ken for the use of the facility, and all their help with the event.

Quadra Emergency Program

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Quadra Island's Cops for Cancer fundraising report.

Big thank you to Miss Judi, Maggie and friends, for their summertime on Quadra Island performance.

We had only one participant for the head shave a huge thanks to Wayne Nowazek who raised an incredible \$4,051.40 before the event, but he is still out collecting and you can call him with your pledge at 285-3903. Wayne would like to give a special thank you to Tsa-Kwa-Luten Lodge, We-Wai-Kai Campsite, Coastal Community Credit Union (Quadra Island Branch), and Taku Resort & staff. Thank you to Whiskey Point Resort, Heriot Bay Inn & Marina, Island networks Inc, Betty Doak, Jim Evans, Quadra Island Builders, and Discovery Islands Water Quality Service. He would also like to thank all the other businesses and individuals who generously donated.

There was an additional \$747.00 raised Saturday evening to have Wayne shave his moustache and to have a few brave hairy men have various body parts waxed. Hilarious!!

So thank you to Julie and to Bob for volunteering your services. Thank you to Mava and Harold for all your hard work in the kitchen helping out with the dinner and to the Heriot Bay Tru-Value for the discount on the food purchased for the dinner.

The dinner and draw raised \$362.25, Rhonda Warman was the lucky winner of the 50/50 draw and Frank Schwagly won the gift certificate for Pier Street Computers.

I would like to thank Sam at Loka for pre-selling t-shirts, hats and bracelets and Thank you to Carol Gray for all your excellent advice and help with the advertising. It was great to have Poppy Hallam the new constable on the Island stopping by to help out.

The total amount raised for this great cause was \$5,160.75. Thank you to everyone who supported this event!

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Steamin' Day - A Celebration of Steam!



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Labour Day is once again going to be a 'Steamin' Day' in Campbell River! In honour of labour throughout the North Island, the Museum at Campbell River will celebrate Labour Day with a public show of steam machines and equipment. In partnership with the Glacier Heritage Power and Equipment Club, a display of stream tractors, engines, tools and an antique car will all accompany the traditional firing up of the Museum's steam donkey. 'Steamin' Day' will take

place on Monday, September 7, from noon until 4 pm. Historically, on July 23, 1894, the Canadian Government enacted legislation making Labour Day the first Monday of September of each year into a national holiday. The annual celebration of a 'workingman's holiday' is observed across the country. Steam was a significant factor in the history of labour and the development of Vancouver Island. The machines on display will offer a fascinating insight into the past. This event is free and is sure to entertain old and young alike. Bring the family to the Museum this Labour Day and celebrate steam-power! Local brewery Surgenor Beer will also be on hand to feature their Steam Donkey Lager. See you there!

Senior Housing News

Congratulations to Bill Assu on winning the bicycle and \$100 gift certificate, and thanks to Island Cycle and Heriot Bat TrueValue. The current raffle is for a two-day get-away for two to Dragonfly Vacation Rentals at Mount Washington, again plus a \$100 gift certificate. Tickets at the seniors housing booth at the farmers' market Saturday. Thanks for everyone's support - every dollar helps to get the project going.

A report was received August 13th from John Toelle, indicating that that the well pump testing is continuing, and should be completed soon. This will be followed by a lab test to determine potability. John reports that Cathy Lansdall is redrawing the site plan on Auto-Cad so that they can be easily modified if designs or siting change. He also had several meetings with Pamela Goijberg of Fish House Design to get ideas and feedback on the duplex drawings and the siting of the buildings.

A heartfelt thanks go to the following volunteers:

Bob McDonnell of Wired Electric, Rick Milne of Last Drop Water Systems and Paul Fleming, The Water Guy; Cathy Lansdall, and Pamela Goijberg.

The next step is to get a pre-approved mortgage sufficient to get the first duplex started.....

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Quadra Island Golf Tournament

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Quadra Island Seniors Branch 91 B.C.O.A.P.O.

Our next meeting will be a Pot-Luck Picnic, at Rebecca Spit, on Wed. Sept. 9th/09, if the weather is nice, or at the Legion if the weather is poor. After a short meeting there will be games and prizes. For our pot-luck lunch bring your special recipe, your own drink, dishes, cups and utensils, and a chair, also a hat if the day is hot. Our Annual fun day will be outside or inside.

Our Wed. exercises and Carpet Bowling will start on Sept. 16th/09.

Exercises at 10:00 a.m and 11:00 a.m for Carpet bowling.

We've had a busy Summer at the Tourist Booth meeting people, from all over the World. This year the Information Booth is open for weekends in the month of Sept.

We also had Outings that were enjoyed by many of the members.

Our next Excursion will be to William Van Ordens Workshop, to see his Creatures of the Sea display, and listen to his talk on some new species that are appearing in our waters, bring a chair or walker for comfort.

Bring a donation for the Salmon Enhancement Society. Lunch at the Heron room following.

Another visit will be to Campbell River Museum and lunch following.

Call Ruth Amiabel at 285-3801- if you wish to attend. Dates will be announced soon.

Walk on Sundays with Peter and Lloyd, on the beautiful Rebecca Spit, meet at 11:00 a.m at the Launch Ramp or phone Peter Gregg at 3237 for the latest meeting place.

For Membership in our active Branch call Muriel @3216, Bob@ 2907, or Ruth @3801.

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Food For Life

It is harvest time on Quadra. Gardeners are gathering their beautiful crops - at work in their kitchens canning and freezing produce. We have spent the summer watching our gardens grow from seeds to freezers full. What a process, both amazing and grounding. The tiniest grain of seed becomes a lettuce or a carrot in a few short weeks.

To celebrate this harvest we welcome guest speaker, the 'Duchess of Dirt' aka Leslie Cox from the Comox Valley Horticultural Society. The 'Duchess' has created a series of workshops titled 'Food for Life' and will give her talk 'Saving your Seeds' to the September Garden Club meeting. "Everything (in the garden) starts from seeds. Learn how to collect, clean and store seeds for next year's crops."

Leslie writes for the local Comox newspaper and has had articles published in Canadian Living and Gardens West. She believes "the future of our food supply is very dependant on us and trickles over into the next generation. It is imperative that all children should take time out from their technology-driven environment to learn about gardening through its wondrous discoveries." Bring the kids along to learn how to perpetuate those small grains of life that sustain all of us, including the birds, the bees and the butterflies.

The first meeting of the fall session is on Monday September 14th 7pm at the community centre. Join us for an evening of good friends, great information and perhaps some bragging time for your produce. Bring along your finest specimens of fruit and vegies produced on your plots of mother earth. Perhaps this is your first year gardening at the community garden. We would love to see how much you have accomplished in your first year. Drop in \$2, annual membership \$10.

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'Material Matters, Fabric Explorations' Linda Elias, Teresa Phillips, Janet Moats Veitch and Marcia Wolter,. A group show exploring quilting and fibre arts with pieces that are textural, layered, colourful and inspired by Nature and Life experiences. Pieces evolve as lines are drawn with thread and fabrics and sometimes with layered objects.

Playing with fabric, that's the way it can begin and then combining fabric into scenes, preferably scenes with a wry or unexpected element. Sometimes no scene emerges and then the piece becomes abstract seemingly all on its own. The shapes and colours play against each other differently with fabric as opposed to other mediums because of the tension the sewing adds. Pieces evolve as the lines are drawn with thread and fabrics are layered. Honouring the beauty of nature, the traditions of our foremothers and then exploring the boundaries of the quilting arts; adding textural, sculptural, hand-dyed, hand-painted, and embellished elements. A sumptuous feast of colours and textures excite the senses with a bit of wry humour thrown in.

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Except for the Heriot Bay drop-off, please phone ahead before delivering goods. **Direct drop-off to the community centre** will also be available on Saturday, September 19th until 2:00 pm.

We will be needing many **volunteers** including: **truck drivers** and trucks to transport goods from drop-offs to the community centre on the day prior to the sale (Saturday) and then to thrift stores after; **sorters** on Saturday and **cashiers** on Sunday; **volunteers to pack-up** at the end of the sale; **strong able-bodied** helpers to load remainders into trucks following pack-up, **bakers** for our Sunday concession and volunteers to staff the **concession**. Please call Carol at 250-285-3035 to lend a hand and contribute to this exciting and rewarding event.

Over the past 15 years, Quadra Islanders have helped to support 6 daycare/preschool programs in remote areas of the northern Philippines, giving benefit to 1100 children! Our 5 year term of support to the Nambaran and Bugnay daycares has just come to an end. Having received a jump start through Quadra's assistance, these programs are now being supported by their own local governments. Therefore, the proceeds from this year's giant garage sale will go to two new communities in need of similar assistance - Basao-Dilag and Lubo-Hilltop. Dilag is a resettlement community, one of the poorest in the northern area of Tabuk, and consists of 74 families. When first received from the government, the land was unfertile with no resource facilities. Even though the residents are dependent on farming for a living, there was no irrigation and the production from their farms relied solely on rain. IAT is now helping the community to implement

Backyard gardening as another way of supplementing their income. This is a new concept since most agriculture in recent years has been carried on at a great distance in the mountains, slash and burn style. The situation is similar for Lubo-Hilltop community and both villages will benefit greatly from community child care.

Some time in October, we look forward to a presentation on Quadra with IAT's founders, David and Petra Durrance as well as Merliza Dona-al, a law graduate of IAT's sponsorship program in the Philippines who is currently assisting with IAT's work in Victoria. This will be an opportunity to find out more about Quadra's involvement in the Philippines as well as gain insight into IAT's new Eco-community and Global Youth Development program in Costa Rica. Stay tuned!

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Our Home on the Big Screen

HOME is an ode to the planet's beauty and its delicate harmony. Through the landscapes of 54 countries captured from above, Yann Arthus-Bertrand takes us on an unique journey all around the planet, to contemplate it and to understand it. But HOME is more than a documentary with a message; it is a magnificent movie in its own right. Every breathtaking shot shows the Earth - our Earth - as we have never seen it before. Every image shows the Earth's treasures we are destroying and all the wonders we can still preserve. "From the sky, there's less need for explanations". Our vision becomes more immediate, intuitive and emotional. HOME has an impact on anyone who sees it. It awakens in us the awareness that is needed to change the way we see the world, and shows us that we have a greater impact on our planet than it can bear. We over-consume and are depleting the Earth's resources. From the air, it is easy to see the Earth's wounds. HOME embraces the major ecological issues that confront us and shows how everything on our planet is interconnected.

This film intends to shift our perceptions, to make us aware of the tectonic movements at work and to incite us to act: to find a common sense approach with which to change our consumerist way of life. By bringing us unique footage from the Earth and sharing with us his wonder and his concern, Yann Arthus-Bertrand lays a foundation stone for the world that, together, we must rebuild.

Join Sierra Quadra on SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 12th for this amazing film. Doors will open at 7:00 pm and the film will start at 7:30 pm. Refreshments are available. Donations towards expenses appreciated.

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Everyone is invited to the 4th Annual Quadra Island Paint Out September 12-13 to join in painting or just to see the paintings in process as participants in the International Plein Air Painters 7th Annual Great Worldwide Paint Out. On Saturday Sept 12 local and visiting artists will head to Rebecca Spit to paint from 9 AM- 4 PM. Then on Sunday Sept 13, painters will paint at the Heriot Bay Inn starting at 9 AM until 3 PM when all will gather on the Heron's deck for a reception and exhibit of the finished paintings. More information at: www.firesignartanddesign.com

Comox artist Grant Fuller returns to Firesign Studio September 21-25 to teach "Painting the Sea in Watercolour", painting outside as weather permits. Grant is a wonderful painter and teacher. Call Nanci 250-285-3390 to register. If you want to work in other media, check out the October 5-9 workshop at Firesign "Activate Your Vision" with California artist Michael Newberry.

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Song facilitator, Mary Dennison, is a graduate of the Community Choir Leadership Training Program with Denis Donnelly and Shivon Robinsong, Co-Directors of the Gettin' Higher Choir in Victoria. Song Circles begin on Monday September 14th from 3:00 - 4:30 at the Quadra Community Centre. The Fall Term consists of 13 weekly sessions ending on December 7th. Cost is \$91. Please call (250) 285-3764 for more information. Raise your voice in song!

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Halliday's Viewpoint

by Steven Halliday

Busting 'The Union'

On August 21, 2009 Mexico law was changed so that possession of small amounts of illicit drugs is decriminalized, meaning that an individual may possess drugs without fear of charges but the production or sale of them remains illegal. Ostensibly the move was made to allow police to focus on the bigger fish such as dealers and producers, but in fact small time users are rarely prosecuted for possession now; in reality (and the government has acknowledged the fact) the police were more likely to shake down someone possessing drugs by threatening jail unless cash payment is made immediately. Surprisingly the change applies to "hard drugs" such as heroin, methamphetamines and cocaine as well as pot, and the possession limits are very small – 5 grams (or 1/5 of an ounce) of pot, for example, or .5 grams of cocaine may be legally in one's possession. The law proposes to require anyone being found in possession on more than 3 occasions to receive addiction treatment, but somehow I think this provision will see little or no application in law.

The US Justice Department is presently silent, but they certainly made it known to Mexican authorities prior to the law's enactment that they were not impressed. Portugal, Italy and Spain beat Mexico in decriminalization some years ago, and have seen no negative impact but plenty of positives, such as lower criminal activity and dropping HIV/AIDS rates. Is decriminalization something we might soon see here in Canada? Personally, I hope not.

I recently viewed a documentary called "The Union – The Business behind Getting High", which educates viewers about BC's estimated \$7 billion (in estimated annual revenues) pot business, and the reasons for its existence and success. With this documentary,

BC born first-time filmmaker Adam Scorgie has done a remarkable job in demystifying and demythifying pot, and thoroughly skewers the political lunacy that has created the monster of drug prohibition. Equally damaging as was the alcohol prohibition of some 75 years, current Canadian and US pot laws create more public problems than does the pot itself. Organized crime was born out of prohibition, and is absolutely thriving in the environment created by the War on Drugs. Remove the profit motive from the equation and the mob (or today, gangs) lose interest very quickly – it happened with booze and it would undoubtedly happen with drugs.

Pot use, like alcohol use, is a social and health issue that need only come to the attention of justice for misuse leading to public harm. Most crime surrounding pot use is the result of its illegality and consequent premium pricing. Marijuana, literally a weed, sells for upwards of \$1,800 pound to the grower and can yield three times that on the street. BC's largest export leaves us as bud and returns in harder drugs and guns, at least in the higher levels of the trade.

In the film, a small time grower somewhere on the lower mainland admits he is yielding \$18-20,000 in cash from his crop...every two months. The film also takes us on a tour of an underground grow-op that consists of some 20 old shipping containers linked together, providing room to grow 1,300 plants at a time, generating millions in cash profit before it was busted. People kill, and get killed for that kind of money. The sooner the profit motive is removed from the equation the sooner you'll see the end of grow-ops.

Scorgie interviews many knowledgeable, credible experts, including former Vancouver mayor/coroner and now Senator Larry Campbell. Campbell, who also served with the RCMP drug squad for many years, has nothing but scorn for Canadian and American drug policy. He calls for nothing short of legalization of marijuana, as decriminalization does not go far enough. By legalizing pot the government can then regulate its production, distribution and most importantly, taxation – this cannot happen under a decriminalization scenario. Another interviewee in the film, Harvard Medical School Professor Emeritus Dr. Lester Grinspoon, cites a book he authored that decried the hysteria surrounding marijuana, confirmed it had caused no medical harm (indeed has tremendous medical benefit in many cases) and should be legalized. His good friend, the noted and now deceased astrochemist Dr. Carl Sagan, was said to comment incredulously of the book, "Do you really believe it will take as long as 10 years for it to be legalized?" Sagan made that comment some 45 years ago. And of course Tommy Chong shows up in the film, making light of the 9 month prison sentence he received for selling bongos while lambasting the reasons behind it. Like Marc Emery of Vancouver, who is facing prison time in the US for selling marijuana seeds (something not illegal in Canada), Chong chose to plead a deal rather than allow others to face jail because of the charges. Persecution rather than prosecution is a more apt description of the US Justice Department and Drug Enforcement Agency tactics in their attacks of these two good old Canadian boys. The DEA certainly has no interest in seeing any changes to marijuana laws...not with 5,500 hundred agents and a \$2.5 billion annual budget at stake.

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The other two major forces aligned to keep marijuana illegal are the people employed in the pot industry (which in BC is called The Union, hence the film's name) and the pharmaceutical industry. They both profit from the continuing prohibition against marijuana, and have no interest in change. The drug companies realize the beneficial properties of marijuana, and since they cannot patent a natural plant they are only interested in extracting the benefits of the plant, packaging it and selling it. A drug called Marinol is being marketed as an alternative therapy to marijuana, and is made from the THC contained in natural marijuana. But it won't give you a buzz, thereby making it a socially acceptable narcotic. And of course it costs a bundle. Many States and Provinces have recognized the legitimacy of marijuana in medical therapies, but the laws are confusing, contradictory and vary widely by jurisdiction. And, of course, Federal legislation making pot illegal always trumps local legislation. This is a ridiculous situation and creates nothing but problems for the public, the police and the courts.

Senator Campbell was asked in the film whether he believed he would see legalized marijuana in Canada. He answered in the affirmative, though with the codicil that it wouldn't happen in his lifetime. Sadly, this made me think of the Sagan comment, as Campbell is only 61 years old. But Campbell isn't prescient, and I'm sure he would be happy to be proven wrong...I know he will be proactive on the subject in his capacity as a Senator. The Senate has already made its views on pot known, and its recommendations have been entirely ignored by government. In 1972, the Senate endorsed a Senate Sub-Committee report entitled Cannabis - Our Position for a Canadian Public Policy which contained the following statement..."As far as cannabis is concerned, only behaviour causing demonstrable harm to others should be prohibited: illegal trafficking, selling to minors and impaired driving." The report made specific recommendations surrounding legalization and distribution, medical use, and specifically addressed and confirmed the individual's right to grow limited quantities for their own use. Perhaps Senator Campbell can dust off the library copy, update it and resubmit to Mr. Harper for his consideration. Or perhaps maybe he should wait until Mr. Ignatieff takes office...somehow he seems a more likely advocate for reform than a founder of the Reform party.

So no, I'm not in favour of decriminalization, but legalization seems to make a lot of sense. Anyone who sees "The Union" would be hard pressed to argue otherwise. Even if you don't care one way or the other, this award winning documentary is well worth the time to view.

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Nia Comes to Quadra

A new type of exercise class will soon be available on Quadra Island for the first time, although it has been around since 1983, and is enjoyed in over 28 countries. Called Nia, it is a fusion fitness class which blends elements of Martial Arts, Dance Arts, and the Healing Arts (e.g. yoga) into a unique aerobic workout.

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Nia will be introduced at Vitalis Gym and Wellness Centre (at Quathiaski Cove) in September. The Whitebelt Nia Instructor, Jean Wrohan, will offer a complimentary class on September 2nd at 11 a.m. for new students to try. Weekly classes will be held starting September 11th. Call 250 285-3825, or stop by Vitalis for more information. Jean says, "Nia is like chocolate, you need to try it to know what it is like."

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SouthEnd Farm Vineyards

By Philip Stone

More than once this summer, as scorching temperatures pushed the mercury into the high thirties, threatening to surpass the big four-O, the smells and air had a feel of the Mediterranean. Timely then that Quadra Island has a new working vineyard further evoking the image of Tuscan hillsides or the California Napa Valley.

Jill Ogasawara and Ben McGuffie are proud owners of SouthEnd Farm, a budding but already flourishing vineyard located (not surprisingly) at Quadra's southern tip. The young couple returned to McGuffie's family home in 2003 and originally the vineyard was the official plan for retirement. However, as the Woss native Ogasawara explained when Ben had the chance to work at the Elk Falls mill as an engineer, the retirement project was accelerated by thirty some years and they began clearing land and planting grape vines.

Jill was studying landscape architecture at the time and the vineyard was the subject of her Masters' thesis. With Ben's engineering skills to draw on and obviously energy in spades the pair cleared a couple of acres and began researching other vineyards on the big Island and Okanagan. "There are several vineyards of similar size in the Cowichan Valley and on the Saanich Peninsula" McGuffie told me. "The Wine Island Growers Association are a great resource and we could see what was working and what could be improved on from these established farms".

They chose grape varieties suitable for the climate which obviously improves the yield but also reduces maintenance especially spraying. As the goal is to be as close to organic as possible, this was an important factor. The aim is to have five acres of vines including white varieties like: Siegerrebe, Petite Milo, Bacchus and Gerwurztraminer. Reds generally need more heat than the island climate affords but some red grapes that can do well here



include: Marechal Foch, Leon Merlot and Cabernet Foch.

The young vines are growing well and many have set fruit this summer but Jill explained that they are still several years away from a full crop as they wait for the plants to mature. However, the resourceful duo haven't let that slow the production down. By sourcing grapes, raspberries and other fruits from other Quadra Island farms, specifically Tera Nova and Nevermore Farm (formerly Marshwood), SouthEnd has already produced a slate of excellent wines.

Alongside the rows of grapes is the unassuming winery building itself which sparkles inside with stainless steel vats, pumps, smart looking machinery and plumbing. Easy to see why McGuffie as an engineer is at home in this immaculate facility.

"The goal is to be bottling wines made 100% from Quadra Island fruit" McGuffie

said "It is a priority for us to be using local fruit and to be accessible to the local market. SouthEnd is a Quadra Island vineyard for Quadra Island".

"It was very important for us to come home" added Jill "so we want our farm and produce to be a part of that. Word is spreading and people are clearly enjoying the wines as we have repeat customers coming again and again to try and buy wine."

Rightfully so, I found the atmosphere at SouthEnd Farm to be very welcoming. The tasting room is simple yet comfortable and Jill and Ben are clearly proud of their work and wares. They enthusiastically poured samples of the Ortega, Siegerrebe and Bara wines from 2008 which were all tasty and refreshing especially on the hot summer afternoon I visited.

They produced a full vintage last year and

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were surprised by the quality and success so soon. A couple of notable local wine reviewers have written glowing appraisals of SouthEnd which is sure to give Ogasawara and McGuffie added confidence with their efforts.

Ben explained that a new winery is very unnerving thing to open up as it's essentially an industry built around review and critique. However, in true island-style they found that an easy going 'hands-off' approach worked well and the feedback has borne that out.

They were surprised by one batch of Siegerrebe that initially seemed off, but as time went by the vintage improved and ended up very palatable. Ben said this was one of the lessons, "not to panic" and let the wine maturation run its course.

However, enough reading about this great addition to Quadra Island. Put down this DI and head on down Sutil Road and taste for yourself. SouthEnd Farm Vineyard is open Friday to Monday from 10 am to 5 pm until the Labour Day weekend and then by appointment until November when they will open for the holiday season. Jill and Ben will welcome you with samples, a tour and some enthusiastic conversation. You're sure to be seduced and come away with a bottle or two or perhaps a case or two to savour the Quadra sun through the winter months ahead.

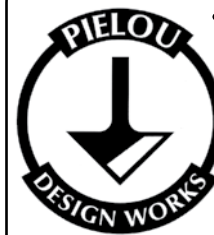
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| | 19:06 | 4.6 | 15.1 |
| 05 | 01:06 | 2.6 | 8.5 |
| Saturday | 06:45 | 4.3 | 14.1 |
| | 12:54 | 1.9 | 6.2 |
| | 19:27 | 4.6 | 15.1 |
| 06 | 01:36 | 2.3 | 7.5 |
| Sunday | 07:32 | 4.3 | 14.1 |
| | 13:28 | 2.2 | 7.2 |
| | 19:48 | 4.6 | 15.1 |
| 07 | 02:09 | 2.0 | 6.6 |
| Monday | 08:20 | 4.3 | 14.1 |
| | 14:03 | 2.4 | 7.9 |
| | 20:09 | 4.6 | 15.1 |
| 08 | 02:45 | 1.7 | 5.6 |
| Tuesday | 09:10 | 4.3 | 14.1 |
| | 14:41 | 2.8 | 9.2 |
| | 20:31 | 4.5 | 14.8 |
| 09 | 03:25 | 1.5 | 4.9 |
| Wednesday | 10:08 | 4.3 | 14.1 |
| | 15:23 | 3.1 | 10.2 |
| | 20:56 | 4.5 | 14.8 |
| 10 | 04:10 | 1.3 | 4.3 |
| Thursday | 11:16 | 4.2 | 13.8 |
| | 16:11 | 3.4 | 11.2 |
| | 21:27 | 4.4 | 14.4 |
| 11 | 05:02 | 1.2 | 3.9 |
| Friday | 12:40 | 4.2 | 13.8 |
| | 17:13 | 3.6 | 11.8 |
| | 22:08 | 4.3 | 14.1 |

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