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- **Sept. 8, Tues.**
-Kids Indoor Soccer Reg. Quadra School
12 noon-1 pm
- **Sept. 11 Fri.**
-Preschool OpenHouse Preschool
- Comedy night with Mike Moto Quadra Legion
9 pm
- **Sept. 12 Sat.**
Kids Outdoor Soccer Reg.
9-11am
- **Sept. 13 Sun.**
Cape Mudge Light House Centennial Light House
11am-1pm
- Quadra Kayak Heritage Tour Ferry Dock at
Q-Cove
8:45 a.m.
- **Sept. 18, Fri.**
-'Rites of Passage' Off the Rock Community
Centre
8 p.m.
- **Sept. 19, Sat.**
- Kids Fest Comox
Valley
10 am - 3 pm
- Hike to Newton Lake Heriot Bay Store
9:00 a.m.
- **Sept. 20, Sun.**
-Q.Phil. Connection Garage Sale Community Centre
10:00 - 2:00
- Evening Service QI United
Church
7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 23, Wed.**
-Quadra Singers fall season begins Community Centre
7:00 pm
- **Sept. 26, Sat.**
- Duo Noblesse Oblige Gorge Hall, Cortes
8:00 p.m.
- **Oct. 2, Fri.**
- Cedar Tree of Life Community Centre
8:00 p.m.

Come Sing With Us!

Quadra Singers fall season starts on **Wednesday, September 23, 7:00-9:45 pm**, at the Community Centre. New and old singers welcome. Come out of your showers. Go public. John Montgomery, director, and Mary-Ellen Wilkins, accompanist.

Quadra Island United Church

Quadra Island United Church welcomes you back to evening services on the third Sunday of each month this year, beginning with **Sun. Sept. 20 at 7:30 pm**. Refreshments will be shared after the service. Everyone welcome.

At the Legion

Lipsticks - female impersonators, dinner available, 8:00 pm. Tickets \$6.50 at the door. September 5.
Sept. 11, Comedy with Mike Moto. Tickets \$6.50 at the door, open mike 8-9. Show starts at 9:00 pm.
Everyday, free pool, darts, shuffleboard, bar-b-que!.
Any questions call Linda, 285-3121

Outdoor Soccer

Boys and girls, ages 9-12 are invited to play outdoor soccer at Blenkin Park, **beginning Saturday, September 12, running to and including Saturday, November 28, 1998**. Time is 9 am-11 am. Registration (\$20) is on the first day, at practise. Learn skills, drills and play games. Call Pauline Falk (3682) for more information.

Giant Garage Sale

This year the Quadra Seniors join forces with the Philippines Connection on **Sunday, September 20 at the Community Centre** to make this our biggest and best garage sale ever! Quadra Daycare will staff the concession and provide delicious snacks and lunch foods to sustain you as you shop.

Drop-off locations until Friday, September 18th have been advertised in the previous Islander and on posters around the island. The Community Centre will serve as the final drop-off depot on Saturday, September 19th all day until 4:00 p.m. (Before noon you can drop items outside the door.) As well as your reusable, quality give-a-ways, hangers, bags and boxes are also needed.

If you're keen to get a first hand viewing of the goods to be sold, volunteer to help sort through items on Saturday the 19th. We will be getting together at the Community Centre from noon until 6:00 p.m. for a time of socializing and discovery! Any help during this period of time will be appreciated. Your help on the day of the garage sale is also invaluable. Call Carol at **285-3035** to volunteer. The doors will be open from 10:00 until 2:00 p.m. so don't miss out! Proceeds go towards a teacher's stipend and supplies for the Paligatto and Mabato preschools in the northern Philippines.

Items For "News and Events" Welcome, Brevity Appreciated.

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News & Events

Farmers Market

Our Farmers Market is held, rain or shine, from the beginning of May to the end of September, every Saturday from **10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. behind the Credit Union.** Vendors must be from Quadra or the outer islands. Setup charge is \$3 for adults and \$1 for kids. Bring your own table. Dancers, drummers, jugglers, musicians, etc. are very welcome - this is our village green! Please come join us to make the Market the best it can be. For more information phone Dalcyce 285-3180

Calling All Vendors!

The Comox Valley Community Arts Council's Kids Fest Committee is holding its 8th annual Kids Fest in Courtenay on **Saturday, September 19 from 10 am to 3 pm.** This annual children's festival, held in the Sid Williams Civic Theatre, Florence Filberg Centre and surrounding grounds, has an average attendance of about 2,000. Over the years, admission to the festival has been kept at \$2.00 per person, making this a fun and affordable family event. Mainstage shows in the theatre are combined with interactive displays and enjoyable activities, in and out of doors. This year's headliners are Juno award winner, Al Simmons and John Kaplan's Magic Show!

The Committee is looking for interested and certified food vendors for the 1998 Kids Fest. For more information on Kids Fest or any other activities of the Arts Council, please contact the Comox Valley Community Arts Council, (250) 334-2983 or respond by fax to (250) 334-2934 or P.O. Box 3053, Courtenay, B.C. V9R 5N3

Duo Noblesse Oblige

Ronald & Ruth Moir, Canada's 18th Century Duo Keyboard Team in music from 'London's Pleasure Garden', J.C. Bach, Mozart, Haydn. **Saturday, September 26, 1998 8:00 p.m. at the Gorge Hall** in Whaletown, Cortes Island. Admission \$12.00 (includes coffee & sweets). For more information call (250) 935-6615

Cape Mudge Light Station Centennial

Come help us celebrate our 100th birthday Free Birthday Cake, Tours.... Guest Speakers...The old air horns..! Join in the fun and learn the history 11 am to 1 pm Sunday September 13, 1998 For information or offers of help, please phone 285-3351 / fax 285-3533

Giant Garage Sale!

Are you ready to Clear out the old and make room for the new? The Quadra/Philippines Connection offers the perfect opportunity to do this with its upcoming 4th annual **Giant Garage Sale** at the **Community Centre** on **September 20th.** WE look forward to receiving all of your reusable give-a-ways still in good condition to help make this a high quality and memorable sale. Proceeds once again go to Quadra's sponsorship of the Paligatto daycare in the northern Philippines.

Drop-offs on the island are as follows until September 18th:

Quathiaski Cove	Mary & Bill Pirie 285-3966
South End	Chris Thompson & Ruth Powell 3695
Heriot Bay	Lise & Ricky Burnett 285-3558
Back Road	Milton Rd. Greenhouse 285-2076
Cape Mudge	Cape Mudge Daycare

Drop-off will also be available at the community centre on Saturday, September 19th. Bags, boxes and hangers will be needed for that day. As well, we are looking for a basic camera in good working order to send to the Paligatto community. For further information or if you wish to help out with this event, call Carol at 285-3035.

Fools Gallery



FOOLS AT TIDEMARK!
September the Fools move their show to the Tidemark Theatre in Campbell River while the FOOLS GALLERY will be the venue for the PHOTOGRAPHY SHOW

Island Market, Heriot Bay

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Campbell River Trail Riders To Sponsor Riding Clinic

A Centred Riding Clinic will be held by the Campbell River Trail Riders October 2nd, 3rd, and 4th, featuring Sue Falkner-March, a qualified Level 3 Centred Riding Instructor/Clinician. The three-day clinic will be held at the Trail Riders' Exhibition Grounds and offer direct instruction for riders and their horses, as well as ground work. Auditors will also be welcome.

Centred Riding first gained renown through Sally Swift, whose innovative approach to horsemanship includes the use of body awareness, centring, and imagery, to express the classic principles of riding. Falkner-March has been teaching Centred Riding for 9 years, and is also a Team Practitioner II. "Sue has also taught both English and Western riding for 19 years" said Janet Lloyd-Walters, clinic coordinator. "Centred Riding can be incorporated into any riding discipline, and Sue's experience enables her to work with both English and Western riders."

Space for riders at the October 2nd-4th clinic is limited. For early bird registration, or to request more information, contact Janet Lloyd-Walters at (250) 287-7463.

Quadra Island Minor Soccer

If you are interested in playing league soccer in the Campbell River league, we can enter a Quadra Island team, boys and girls mixed. Dave Leadbitter will coach, provided we can get 11 or 12 boys and girls in one age group. If you were born in 1987 and wish to commit to Fall soccer (one practice per week on Quadra, one game on Saturdays in Campbell River) please call Pauline Falck 3682 as soon as possible. This is the last chance to join.



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Cuban Salsa Band

Come to listen and dance to the irresistible rhythms created by these 11 Cuban musicians who will flood you with the undulating sounds of rhumbas, boleros and much more. Although this is a concert there will be room to dance.

Fiebre Latina (Latin Fever) is a group of restless young musicians from Havana, who for years have been constantly researching and improving the Cuban and Afro-Cuban musical culture. In 1995 they recorded their first CD and promotional Video, and have the rare honour of being the first Cuban band to enter the New York musical market in the last 35 years. Recently, they have successfully toured Europe for several months, and gave an outstanding performance in Victoria, B.C..

Fiebre Latina's sound is typical of urban groups from the Caribbean who create rich sounds with their Timbals, Congas, Bongos, Bass, Trumpets, Trombones, Sax, Piano and Keyboard. As part of their presentation they choreograph dances to the music they perform creating a very original and engaging show. This group is one of the leading Salsa groups in Cuba.

Sunday Sept. 13th at 7.00 pm at the Community Centre. Advance tickets (specially priced): \$12.00 adults; \$6.00 students; \$30.00 families. Available at Quadra Crafts, Explore, Country Charm and at the Tidemark Theatre. Tickets will also be available at the door.

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Stream Keeping Course

The Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society will be sponsoring a stream keeping course on Quadra, October 2 (Fri. evening), 3 and 4 (Sat. and Sun. daytime). As the stream-keeping group on Quadra, QISES intends to continue and expand its enhancement activities as a positive step toward protecting this valuable resource. There are few sights as awe inspiring as a stream full of spawning salmon and the hope for the future that they represent.

The course is designed to provide volunteers with some of the training necessary to help QISES protect and restore local aquatic habitats. The instructor will be Michele Jones of Mimulus Biological Consultants. Participants must be members of QISES (\$10/yr., you can join at the course) Cost to the participant will be \$25 for The Streamkeepers Handbook, published by The Department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada. QISES will provide the location, pay for the instructor and furnish other course materials and coffee. Students should bring their own lunch, appropriate rain gear and rubber boots for outside sections of the course. There are a limited number of spaces so contact QISES as soon as possible. Mail: QISES at box 413 Q Cove. Phone: Don McEachern at 285 2193.

Thank You Rodney Sumpter For The Quadra Island Salmon Enhancement Society



Quadra Heritage by Kayak

A new Provincial Park is tucked away in the deep, protected waterways of north Quadra Island, blending fabulous marine scenery and hauntingly evocative First Nations archaeological sites. Recognizing an increasing interest in "ecotourism" the Campbell River Museum has arranged a day kayak trip which will introduce beginner and advanced paddlers to the heritage aspects of the park on **Sunday September 13th**.

Coastal historian Jeanette Taylor, will act as **interpreter for the historic and archaeological sites** sprinkled throughout Granite Bay and Small Inlet. Scantily documented in written records the ancient village sites are beautiful and intriguing. Little is known of the people who lived in the area, but the impressive depths of "middens" (ancient refuse heaps) indicate thousands of years of human occupation. On one small island in the bay, a former defensive site, the remains of a canoe run and fish trap can be found and the beach sparkles white from the depth of crushed shells. Taylor will also discuss historical points of interest from more recent times, such as an abandoned gold mine en route to Granite Bay.

Kayakers **Christine Portmann and John Walbel of Spirit of the West Adventure Tours** will provide all the necessary equipment and instruction for this historic tour. John and Christine are experienced instructors and qualified Wilderness First Aid Leaders. Participants should be prepared for approximately three hours of paddling and some easy walking on the tour. **Participants are transported from Quathiaski Cove at 8:45am (connecting with the 8:30am ferry from Campbell River), and return by 7:00pm.**

This day of guided kayaking to heritage sites is limited to 10 people and the registration fee is \$85.00 per person. The cost includes transportation on Quadra, kayaks and equipment, paddling instruction and a hearty lunch. Museum Society members receive a 10% discount. Pre-register at the Museum Shop open 10:00 am - 5:00 pm Monday to Saturday, and noon to 5:00pm Sunday.

For more information call **287-3103**.

Soccer Kids?!

Fall/Winter Indoor Soccer for girls and boys, aged 4-8 yrs. at the Quadra School Gym, **Mondays and Wednesdays, 5-7 pm** except holidays. **Sept. 14 through to Feb. 24, 1999.**

4-5 yrs 5 - 5:30 pm
6-7 yrs 5:35 - 6:15 pm
8yrs6:20 - 7 pm

Fee \$20 per child plus current Quadra Rec. Society membership. Famous coach Len Beck! Registration: **Sat. Aug. 29**, 10 am-12 noon and **Tues. Sept.8**, 12 noon - 1 pm after school in the gym foyer. Contact Lesly Kidd 2658; Adrienne Davis 3242

Hike Newton Lake

Hike to Newton Lake with the Mitlenatch Field Naturalists Society, under the leadership of Lyn and Stan Paterson. Come and see this area of Quadra, a Provincial and Marine Park within which lies private land and areas of preservation concerns. Meet at the Heriot Bay Store at 9:00 am or at the Granite Bay Road intersection at 9:20 am. For information call 285-3337

Cedar: Tree of Life

The Mitlenatch Field Naturalists Society presents the first of the season's lecture events on Friday, October 2 at 8:00 pm in the Community Centre. Hilary Stewart, author and artist, will present a talk with displays of artifacts and demonstrations on the use and preparation of Cedar by coastal First Nations peoples. Join us to learn more about this fascinating subject. Refreshments.

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Island Forum

Dear Editor

After reading your guest column titled "Fish Farm opposition Mounts – Aug.10th issue", I felt compelled to give your readers an accurate account of the recent developments referred to in your "unclaimed" (albeit Georgia Strait Alliance provided) article.

Unfortunately, the Georgia Strait Alliance has misconstrued the facts and has presented them erroneously to your readers. The salmon Aquaculture industry is the only industry, as a whole, to have an environmental review. During this process every issue and concern was brought before the scientific technical committee for their review and consideration. The technical team's final report stated that salmon Aquaculture as practised today, and at current levels, shows low probability of risk to the environment.

The Aquaculture industry, and certainly all agricultural industries, must deal in large volumes. Dealing with diseases and pests is an ongoing problem and while ever-improved farm husbandry has controlled these problems to a great extent – farmers must remain ever diligent.

To illustrate some of the errors in the above mentioned column; Ivermectin is a drug licensed for use in food animals and very small amounts of Ivermectin (less than 1 pound) has been used in BC over the past year. With regards to the issue of Atlantic smolts found, one in Keogh and three in Carnation Creek; the smolts had regular otolith growth rings indicating domestic hatchery rearing and both creeks had gates which prevent adult fish from returning to the creek to spawn unmonitored. The question of Atlantic salmon spawning in these creeks was never even considered.

I am assuming interior bands are included in the number the Georgia Strait Alliance is quoting as a total figure opposed to Aquaculture. Of course, they might not have a direct interest in marine Aquaculture, however I do not presume to speak for First Nation interests. What I do know is many coastal First Nations are investigating Aquaculture as a means of providing economic diversity for their people. The Aquaculture industry is definitely addressing their concerns and their aboriginal rights are being acknowledged and taken seriously.

Paradise Bay Sea Farms is committed to the economic and social success of the coastal communities in which they do business. They are also committed to the process of crafting a Central Coast Land and

Coastal Resource Management Plan that will work to everyone's benefit.

Further to Howard Breen's claim that he alone '...blocked industries attempt to entrench net cage Aquaculture in the 'Plan Vision'...' at the Central Coast Land and Coastal Resource Management Planning, this is untrue. In response to our industry refusing to compromise, that is just nonsense. The table has no authority to offer compromises or policy to any industry. The CCLRMP coordinator has confirmed that Breen's comments are absolutely false.

Many people like myself, who live in a coastal community and who are raising families, want the opportunity to work and remain in our hometowns. We shouldn't lose focus or endanger a process that is an example of cooperation and vision. The 'Plan' is something we can proudly pass down to our children, along with healthy and viable coastal communities.

It is easy to criticize, but it is much more difficult to work out solutions (based on fact) which take everyone's needs into consideration. The Aquaculture Industry and specifically Paradise Bay Sea Farms will continue to work from a cooperative, progressive and prosperous perspective much to the benefit of communities like Quadra Island and Campbell River.

Sincerely yours,
Linda Sams
Paradise Bay Sea Farms.

Smokey's Bike Shop is Closed

We have to go to work in Toronto for some time. I'd like to thank everyone for their business and interesting bicycling stories. It has been fun.

The Animal Farm Trail will still be open to cyclists and hikers, but the winter rains close the back section pretty effectively.

Vivian, Holly, Martyn and I have many wonderful memories of our new friends to sustain us through the winters in Toronto. And any time Vivian starts complaining about the cold back there I'm just supposed to remind her about the bouncy ferry rides in the winter. 'Bye for now. Hope to see you all next summer.

Smokey Dymny

Disappointed reader

Dear Editor,

As a loyal reader of this publication for the last number of years, I have become increasingly disappointed with its content. At one time not too long ago, I looked forward to the exchange of ideas and debate to be formed in these pages. The letters to the editor section used to take up pages, and often made for very interesting and stimulating reading.

I, like some of your recent contributors, have noticed a not entirely subtle change herein. I may be wrong, but it seems to me that what once was a vibrant community forum has become much less so and has increasingly become a vehicle for some well intentioned special interest groups. In particular I see this in the ongoing 'tourism vs logging' debate or, one could say, lack thereof. One can look to some of the recent content and see one side of this issue put forward most persuasively, if not entirely honestly.

Recently it has been suggested in these pages that we can not have a vibrant tourism industry if we continue to have industrial logging. In the same column it was stated that tourists were "distressed" by the sound of chainsaws in the woods.

It makes me wonder whether folks in the tourism business make the effort to point out to their guests that virtually the entire 'viewscape' of south Quadra and beyond was once 'devastated' by clear-cut logging. In fact there are some Quadra residents who can remember a time when they could view clear across Quadra to Heriot Bay and beyond from approximately where the Community Centre stands today!

Recently I took a trip up island to Port McNeil and was very impressed and happy to see a heavy volume of tourists in sea kayaks along with the sports fishers. Back at the dock I had the good fortune to meet one of the kayakers. During the course of our conversation it came to light that he was a member of Greenpeace back home in Holland. As we talked he expressed his views, and in the course of doing so, decried the destruction of 'clear-cut' logging. When I asked him how he enjoyed his trip so far, and in particular the area surrounding us he praised the 'natural' beauty apparent to us both. You can imagine his surprise when I pointed out to him that virtually every 'viewscape' in our surrounding had been clear-cut at sometime in the past 100 years or so. In some places this was more evident than others. We discussed further, and I

granted him the fact that the methods used had caused large amounts of environmental degradation. These cuts were done in the days when riparian zones and such were not even theories. River gravel was seen as excellent road building material!

Still we can see, nature and, in some cases silviculture, can make dramatic steps towards erasing, or repairing the worst we have done in as short a geologic time as 3 or 4 human generations.

When one looks at this issue it seems to me that both sides of this debate are or have been equally short sighted. The logging companies can be accused of short term profit motives at the expense of long term sustainability. This most certainly was, and to a certain degree probably still is so. Some of their opponents would have us, and the world, believe, as my friend from Holland did, that once cut its 'gone forever', a virtual desert. As we can see all around us this is a misrepresentation at best.

For an illustration of how destructive misrepresentations such as these can be we look to our northern citizens for a lesson. At one time there was vibrant, renewable, dare I say 'organic' fur trade in the north lands of our nation. This trade offended the sensibilities of some of us, so with the help of some environmental groups, we effectively destroyed a way of life and culture. It should be noted that this way of life had been sustained for hundreds if not thousands of years.

Does any one besides me see the irony of our Gor-tex, Nylon, Fibreglass culture judging fur wearing and harvesting as repugnant? The textiles and synthetics industries must be eternally grateful. The Inuit and others as well ...

No one would deny the methods of resource extraction and utilization could stand improvement. Just as no one should believe, upon considering terrain, scale, and economics that we can extract one tree here, one tree there, barring a complete cessation of logging we must all come to terms with some 'visible' logging.

I feel that in the interest of our common future it is incumbent upon all of us to dispel falsehoods and half truths. Just as we should not dismiss all information presented by the forest industry as 'industry propaganda' we should not accept all that environmental groups publicize as unadulterated 'truth'.

It is my hope that those of us in the tourism industries will point out the regeneration, natural and assisted that has occurred in this area. We must ensure that tourists go home with the realization that things are not black and white, nor doom and gloom, as some would have them believe. We should not tacitly encourage one industry to the detriment of another. We must nurture all our economic activities, so that those of us who have to make our living here may have a diversity of opportunities

to do so. Maybe some of our children might be able to live here too!

I have purposefully avoided any personal references or statistical statements. I do not wish to slander nor do I wish to be slandered, and as the saying goes, "There are lies,...damned lies...and statistics."

In closing, editor I sincerely hope you will be able in some way to recapture the spirit and venue this paper once had. I'm sure if this can be accomplished more members of this community will see themselves reflected in these pages and will, in turn feel free to express their views. Politically correct or not. I will continue reading, and can be sure that this weeks paper, at the very least will be a little thicker!

In the spirit of pragmatic rationalism and not to happy with propaganda and dogmatism.

Yours truly *N.Rose*

P.S. Some may say I can't see the forest for the trees. I hope they write a letter!

To the Editor,

Went to sleep as a logger, woke up this morn to read that I was a dying breed doggone it, if not extinct. Have to admit my image in the mirror did look a mite scruffy, so I decided to turn over a new leaf, get reborn as an eco forester. We got eco tourism, why not ecoforestry - hand in hand - chums you might say.

The roads I build now are small, they look a bit like the old trail/skid road that heads up to Morte Lake. And wait until you see my new team of draft horses in action. Apart from the odd clod of manure here and there, you'd hardly know anybody had walked in the forest.

Bit risky you know, this looking into the future business, but here's what I'd like to see. Lots of mini loggers - young folks, old folks with 2, 5, 10 and up acres, nurturing (my new buzz word) their trees, taking out a few here and there, maybe delivering them to our new community forest centre to be cut into boards for flooring, cabinets, you name it. Wait till you see my new wood house with alder floors. Don't have to be mowing down those tropical forests that don't regrow like our woods here. Hey and lots more wood lots to stop the urban sprawl and paving over of the island in every remote corner and bay. Let's leave some roaming space for the critters, so's we don't have to be fussing and fuming about cougars in the backyard, eh?

You know every time I head south on the big island and see all those tourists, condos, golf courses, fancy shops ... picture

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perfect kind of but no connection to the land, I get the jitters and hightail it home. People pollution strikes me like a clear-cut. My fingers get twitchy to plant a tree real quick. Even if someday I'm the one to cut it down with a prayer and a song.

Well, back to my eco forestry, except I've got to swill down my organic decaff cafe latte, while finishing the July/August issue of Sierra Mag. Fine articles there. Sure agree with this chap who says in a letter "It is doubtful that there are any materials more environmentally benign than wood ..." But the reply from Sierra lobbyist Melanie Griffin leaves me scratching my green hardhat. Here's the lowdown "He is mistaken in his belief that there are no environmentally benign alternatives to wood. Wheat, rice, rye, bamboo, banana stalks, flax, corn and cotton can all be used to make paper ..." Can't speak for all of 'em, but I do know that cotton, rice, corn, most grains use up a heap of fertilizer, not to mention herbicides and pesticides.

Sure as heck don't want to die out, now that I've turned over a new leaf. Besides, I've got 12 kids growing like bad weeds ready to fill our Quadra school and look after us old weeds eventually. So build in wood which is less polluting than concrete and steel, and keep me alive and in \$\$\$. Thanks you guys.

Heather Kellerhals

Rumours, rumours...

Dear Editor,

I heard a rumour that the forest industry on Quadra was dying, that no one worked in it any more and I started to think about that. Interesting! The man who lives next door to me works in a forestry tree seed orchard...hm, and Ron who lives beside him supports his family by driving a logging truck. Just a minute, Mike on the other side of me did some horse logging a couple of years ago. Our neighbourhood must be unusual for Quadra - antiquated in fact. But hold on, there is a woman who lives a mile from me who has worked as a log scaler for years. And come to think of it there seems to be quite a few people who say they earn a living as tree planters. As a matter of fact, there is a Quadra based tree planting company who seasonally employs over fifty people, not all from Quadra of course. And isn't there a crew of commercial tree thinners who also work as planters - they are also a Quadra employer. I know at least three environmental technicians who contract their skills to forest industries. And I also personally know three professional foresters who live on Quadra. The MOF Operations Manager for the Campbell River District happens to live here, as do employees of MOELP (environmental ministry). The Cape Mudge Band manage their forest lands and often hire local forest workers. I know there are five separate woodlots which Quadrites operate. There is at least one large machine operation which builds forestry roads. But George and Bill build forestry roads as well. I can think of six home businesses where families operate sawmills to earn a living - these are truly examples of community based forestry. There is even a kiln for drying local timbers. Some people live on Quadra and work at the mill in Campbell River. The rumour says there are a dozen loggers working on Quadra. There seems to be plenty of loggers (and wanna be loggers) and logging contractors who wish they could work closer to home. They also ride the ferry to work off island. I am sure we have biologists, forestry computer programmers, and timber cruisers in our midst - who else would we find with a little research?

Boy, that story about forestry not being an important industry on my island must be a Quadra rumour. Sure, there is a kernel of truth to the story but by the time it has circulated, it seems to have been stretched and pulled so that the origin is uncertain. The people, whom the rumour is talking about, do not even recognize themselves.

Forestry is certainly changing its status on Quadra. It may not

employ as many workers as the growing tourism and eco tourism industries but individual workers have a larger economic impact on the community. Forestry workers are fortunate to earn more income from their employment than those in the service industry. I figure, without any research, there must be more than fifty Quadra households which earn their living, or a large portion of it, directly from forestry. Extrapolate from that number the amount of income from forestry support industries. These people are important to our community economically and socially.

Sincerely, *Val Barr*

Dear Editor,

What a revelation! They are against logging - in any way, shape, or form on Quadra Island. The hinting and lies are past - the Sierra Club's last article says it all. No more logging on Quadra Island is their goal, as it always has been.

The zealots, the extremists - these people really are not worth addressing. The majority of our Quadra citizens have, I hope, much more sense and will listen to reason. Forestry has been attacked on all sides by those earth-worshipping arch conservatives, for that is what they are. They see their 'pristine wilderness' as under attack, as if the lakes, the rocks, the alpine, and every tree will disappear. Despite the statements a few years ago, they are even against woodlots, those most benign of forestry harvesting units.

Quadra Islands prime crop is trees, especially Douglas fir. This is one of our leading assets, of which we have few. We have covered most of our southern land with housing; now we should not take advantage of this precious timberland on the northern part? Much like the couple who move in next to a railway yard, and complain nonstop about the trains and their noise, these Quadra extremists are mostly (by Mr. Grigg's own figures) newly arrived residents. They are most welcome, but should be expected to adapt to a fairly large extent, to the social environment to which they have entered. This environment includes loggers - lots and lots of loggers!

If we logged more on Quadra, more people would be employed. Yet, the extremists have blocked the logging, by spreading dis & mis information. It seems we're only to log 'remote' areas today - with our expanding population, faster boats, and more helicopters, where would that be? With no logging on Quadra, why logging at Cowichan Lake? Sooke? Port Alberni? Our accessible quality forest land is quite finite - losing large pieces of it today is just not feasible.

The current recession gives an example of fewer tax dollars due to lack of forestry activity but it is just a wee taste of what no logging would bring. Our two companies, Skookum and Kirby Creek, quite conservatively spend more in the Quadra Island/Campbell River Community than every enviro outfit on the island. Loggers spend big bucks, and can make good money if and when they are allowed to log.

The small patch cuts of 1 to 5 hectares and the selective logging done by timber West and others on this island is to be lauded as very socially conscious, and not condemned, as no law in this province requires such a "light touch". We have now set aside huge blocks of parkland, at great expense to the government, which is of course the taxpayer- us.

There is absolutely no reason why logging, sports and commercial fishing, kayaking etc. can not coexist on Quadra! By building a few more basic gravel roads, access to tourists and loggers alike can be improved and the island's beauty more greatly appreciated by all ages

As timber is harvested on Quadra Island, replanting will continue, as will growth on the majority of the unharvested trees. Fears of barren wastelands are unfounded - very little overall difference will be noted, as prudent, sustainable forestry continues. This whole island has already been logged once and its turned out quite nicely!

A. Liseth

Editorial

It has been a while since I found myself looking at a blank quarter page under the heading "Editorial". Perhaps a little too long, and I know it has been missed. Nothing like a little constructive criticism however to lube the old keyboard (how cliches evolve). The grapevine trickles feedback, "to much enviro-stuff", "not enough people pictures" etc...

Time to remind our readership that behind the scenes at the *Discovery Islander* is not a multinational corporation with researchers, photographers, writers, pollsters and pundits packed into a 40 storey building that no one has yet noticed up in Hyacinthe Bay. Instead, the *Islander* is the product of a modest process and I venture to say a process that simply reflects the community that supplies and supports it.

Articles, photos etc. appear in the *Islander* because they have been submitted. There is very little time available for editorial reflection and direction (in some

cases to our detriment I grant you). We rely on the community and our contributors to steer our editorial course.

So, there is one way to guarantee your point of view is reflected in the *Islander* and that is to write it down and send it in. Sure we like to receive material by email or on a disk but we will take it on parchment scribbled by a quill if needed. And, if there is an issue which requires a personal treatment, call and talk to us.

We hope in a coming issue to profile the *Discovery Islander* under our Business Profile column and give one and all the inside scoop on how it all comes together. While we're at it, we are thinking of altering our publication schedule so the *Islander* comes out on Fridays instead of Monday, any comments???

Stay tuned.
Philip



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A High-Tech Option

by Ray Grigg

As Quadra confronts the next millennium, perhaps it's time to consider a high-tech option. A recent CBC radio interview of Steve Hnatiuk, business analyst for the Toronto-Dominion Bank, offers a thought provoking vision for the island's future. He said that the present rate of increase for computer related industry in B.C. is 10 times the growth rate of the provincial economy. He also said that this one industry now employs more people than agriculture and forestry combined.

Mr. Hnatiuk said during his April 16th interview that since 1995 the high-tech industry in B.C. has increased 22% per annum, compared to 2% for all other industrial sectors. It is the "shining star" of the province's economy, despite being handicapped by the highest tax rate in North America. Computer based industry at the end of 1997 generated \$7.6 billion and directly employed 61,000 British Columbians in hardware manufacture, software writing, networking, and in related fields in biotechnology, aerospace and environmental technology. Employment is expected to reach 90,000 by the year 2000 with year-end earnings of \$14 billion (*Vancouver Sun*, Aug. 1, 1998). As a comparison, Hnatiuk said, employment in the forest industry was 36,000 in 1995, 30,000 in 1997, and has been decreasing about 10% per year—this despite an increased rate of harvest over that period of time.

Meanwhile, the Pacific-Northwest is becoming a centre for high-tech industry. As just one example, IBM has recently opened a new research centre in Burnaby, providing 200 direct jobs and spin-off employment for hundreds more. Microsoft alone provides Washington state with incredible economic benefit.

Oregon's high-tech success story has been widely discussed by governments and communities looking to diversify economies, improve employment, and reduce ecological damage. When Oregon was confronted 10 years ago with depleted forests, environmental concerns and a diminishing forest industry, it actively and systematically courted high-technology. This industry is now the state's major employer with a growth rate approaching 60% per year. Oregon's economy is now diverse and healthy—with reduced environmental stress.

In the world of electronic business, distance essentially disappears. Armed with computers, faxes and modems, people can be employed anywhere but live where they choose—where the quality of life is best. Moderate climate, beautiful scenery, outdoor recreation, safety and other related amenities are making places like British Columbia an appealing destination for computer-related activities and industries. While the economic benefits are considerable, the ecological impacts are minimal.

On Quadra we are already savouring some of these economic benefits. Several families are now directly employed in computer-related businesses: computer servicing, software writing, and internet commerce. These are environmentally low-impact jobs that are practised unobtrusively from homes hidden up quiet driveways—no chainsaws, no skidders, no logging trucks, no devastated landscapes, and little or no biological disturbance. These high-tech jobs, because of their low visibility, go nearly unnoticed in our community as they provide income and wealth to nourish the island's economy.

But this high-tech jobs are also extremely portable, which means they can relocate quickly should local living conditions deteriorate. Herein lies one of the major disadvantages to Quadra of such primary resource extraction as forestry. Practised at the industrial level, high-impact logging displaces environmentally benign livelihoods and thereby reduces our community's opportunity for economic diversity and strength.

Quadra still looks—at a cursory glance—fairly pristine. Its shorelines are relatively undamaged and many of its forests have reached a mature, second-growth age. These appealing natural qualities are attracting retirees, commuting professionals, consultants, eco-tourism entrepreneurs, and those whose technology-related jobs do not consider geographical distance as an obstacle to efficient and profitable work.

But what happens—and it is now happening—if extensive and visible logging begins to mar Quadra's landscape and compromises the natural beauty that entices people to live here? The short answer is that such extraction industries will reduce the island's economic diversity and stability by displacing or excluding those people

who offer other economic options. The fate that usually befalls such logging-based communities is economic stagnation. This has happened before in Quadra's history and—if logging activity is not moderated to integrate with other long-term economic considerations—it will happen again. Oregon's experience is relevant to Quadra's present situation. Both the problem and the solution are evident.

On an island such as Quadra, the present problem with industrial logging is that its negative economic impact is now disproportionately greater than its economic benefit. Logging is not a large employer on the island but the consequence of insensitive harvesting of trees will have significantly negative impacts on both the economy and the ecology. This has been the historical consequence for nearly every community that has given high priority to industrial-scale timber extraction. The impact of this kind of logging dramatically reduces all other options, economic diversity withers, and the net result is a grave disservice to both people and environment.

On Quadra—aside from environmental considerations—any logging practices that take place should be small and low-impact, be ecologically respectful, and show sensitivity to the natural and scenic attributes which attract people to visit and live here. If local economic strength and diversity are to be maintained—including jobs for youth—Quadra's natural beauty must be treated as a resource that is too valuable to be compromised.

Home-based business related to high-tech is an ideal industry for Quadra. It's an option we should be courting, not squandering. It's happening in Oregon and in other places in B.C. It can happen here, too.

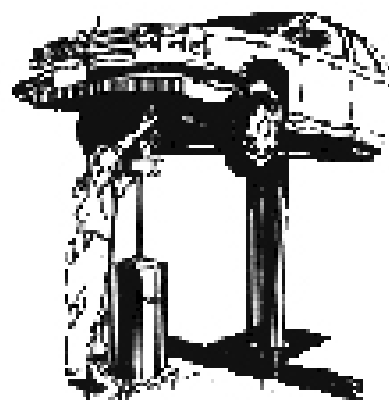
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Steven Halliday

Having spent a sunny week of vacation blissfully unaware of the events of the world, imagine my shock at returning to the office on August 31st to see the carnage on the world's markets. Not that I was shocked at the downward spiral, but rather the speed and depth of the drop, in every market around the world. To refresh your memory, my last column referred to the August 4th market closings, being 8,487 for the Dow Jones Industrials and 6,704 for the TSE 300. Today's closings were 7,539 and 5,531 respectively. According to a quick calculation I made, an investment made based upon these indexes anytime since April 1997 is now valued lower. I know a lot of people out there are asking What is going to happen? and/or What should I do?. Unfortunately, my crystal ball is only as good as yours, but I will offer some comments on the situation according to experts around the world. Before doing that, I know most of you who have invested into the markets have and are receiving advice that these investments should be treated as long term holds, and I don't disagree with this sentiment. However, the first question one should be asking oneself is Can I afford to wait for a recovery?

There are several economic factors contributing to the woes of the stock market, with the chief culprits being overvalued stocks, weakening corporate profits, Asia (including Japan) and Russia. I think I need say little about the overvalued stocks, as I have written many, many columns on precisely that subject. Weaker corporate profits is a development that surfaced in the last quarter of 1997, one which Wall Street analysts and corporate promoters pooh-poohed up until the 2nd quarter of this year. Weakened by the slowdown in sales prompted by poor Asian demand (both finished goods and commodities) most of corporate America and Europe are seeing the impact on the bottom line. Investors, already worried by the high price/earnings ratios stocks were commanding, are either profit-taking or moving to safer investments. The faster these investors move, the faster the market falls. The Asian debacle continues to unfold, with problems extending from banking to manufacturing.

Most of the developing Asian countries rely predominately on Japanese banks for loans, and unfortunately these banks have so many problems right now they have cut off lending. Without Japanese capital, these countries and associated industries are unable to efficiently operate - witness the rapid decline in heavy manufacturing output in South Korea, which by comparison is in good shape compared to other Asian countries. Add to this the recently unveiled (but certainly no surprise) International Monetary Fund internal audit that showed much of the money lent to developing nations never made its way into their economies, but rather ended up in the pockets of corrupt officials.

And now we have Russia. This geographic giant has an economy that is actually smaller than Ontario, but has the capacity to shift economies on a daily basis by their antics. Like a lot of other countries - including Canada - Russia has a resource based economy. Resource prices, such as oil, coal and base metals are at very low levels. This means Russia has less dollars from resource exports with which to prop up its near dead economy. It also means there is little or no hope of repayment of the multi national and multi billion dollar loans it has already received. Now they are at the table again looking for more bailout money. I think it is safe to say that Russia has no shortage of corrupt officials either, and further loans would be like bailing out the Titanic. As a result of this, investor confidence in Russia and other developing countries is almost nonexistent, and will cause the uncertainty to spread rapidly to other developing countries, such as South America. This will have a significant impact on the US.

Over the last decade or so the world has become globalized, meaning money is recognizing fewer and fewer geographic boundaries. It has been a time of unprecedented growth and prosperity. Unfortunately, as this period comes to an end, no one can predict what will happen, as we have no precedents to this global economy. Remember, less than 10 years ago the Dow was at 3,000 points.

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Island Report

Islander Develops Ecotourism Web Site

by Tanya Storr

An enterprising Quadra Island man has created an ecotourism web site, with the aim of providing an adventure vacation planning service for tourists and a place for local businesses to advertise on the Internet. Many tourism companies report receiving worldwide bookings over the Internet these days, and Robert Douwens hopes his web site will help generate lots of business for island ecotourism operators.

Robert first came up with the idea for designing the web site when John Waibel of Spirit of the West Adventures approached him to develop a web site for his kayaking company.

"The idea came to me that instead of making web sites for each tour operator, I could start a brand new web site under the domain of Ecotourism Canada. I can put anyone who wants to have a web site dealing with ecotourism under that domain," he said.

When you look up information on the Internet, which is like a gigantic computerized library, you use what is called a search engine. Typing in a key word or words, you are then presented with a list of web sites. Sometimes the list is several thousand web sites long, and most "surfers" will only scan the top 20 or so sites and then choose a few to look at in more detail.

Robert, who has spent a good deal of time researching the way the Internet works, has figured out how to ensure web sites are placed near the top of the list under the search engines. By having several ecotourism operators' web sites under one domain or main site, he explained that they will all be assured a high placement. Sharing a domain is also far cheaper than each operator having his or her own site.

"I've noticed from activities happening on Quadra and in the surrounding area that ecotourism is an upcoming, growing industry and I see an opportunity to help people in this industry get wider exposure in the world. Ecotourism has an expected growth rate of 20% and the Internet is doubling in size every 100 days. My intention is to help local operators get publicity and business on the Net and to help people plan their vacations."

Robert's ecotourism web site, while still a work in progress, is colourful, well-laid out, and clearly organized. The site has many clever graphics, like flapping Canada flags and moving kayaks.

The words "Thank you for visiting the one stop site for planning your ecotour vacations" are one of the first messages the you see, and then you are invited to click on a province's flag to select your destination. There is also a direct link to Vancouver Island, which is one of the links Robert has already activated.

Under Vancouver Island, a list of headings awaits. You can choose to download colour photographs of B.C. wildlife, look into booking a bear watching or whale watching adventure, find out about kayak tours, and more.

Robert said people can advertise their businesses by letting him post their web sites on the Ecotourism Canada domain. Alternately, operators who don't yet have web sites can have them developed and hosted by Ecotourism Canada. Robert plans to finance the site through advertising and by designing and hosting web pages.

"There are still prime positions available in a range of categories, such as accommodation, skiing, sea kayaking,

diving, caving, whale watching, hiking, etc. The navigation of this web site has been designed in such a way that operators who have a web site with me are no further than three clicks away from the front page. People browsing the site choose a location, then an activity, and then a web site. All sites advertising with me are equally accessible to the browser," he said.

Robert, who has lived on Quadra for ten years and is an avid outdoorsman, said he is aiming to create a cottage industry for himself and others through the development of the web site.

"If it gets busy this web site could also create work for other people. It's a win-win situation for people in ecotourism and people with computer, writing, or design skills. It generates income opportunities in more than one direction. I'm trying to do my bit to help the local economy of our area."

Robert has been working on the site for three months and intends to launch it on the search engines by the end of September.

"I want to have it launched at the end of the month so people from across Canada or from other countries can start making their bookings for next season with our local operators," he explained.

You can check out the Ecotourism Canada web site at <http://www.ecotourism.bc.ca> or for more information phone Robert at 285-2890 or e-mail resq@connected.bc.ca

Robert has also designed two web sites about hypothermia research. You can view these sites at <http://hypothermia.org> (prevention, recognition, and treatment) and <http://www.hypothermia-ca.com> (treatment and technology).

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The Drought of '98

by Tanya Storr

The definition of drought, according to my dictionary, is "a long period without rain." At the time of writing, Quadra Island has not had any substantial rainfall—or even enough to soak the ground—for almost 50 days.

The lack of rain has caused many island wells to dry up, creating a roaring trade for the water delivery truck and forcing people to seriously conserve water. Sales of bottled water are up at island grocery stores, and laundromats and public shower facilities are seeing an increase in business.

Everywhere you look the grass is brown and parched, and some of the trees are wilting. The drought has left island forests bone dry, and groundcover crackling underfoot.

Sharon Hatelt, who records temperatures and rainfall in Heriot Bay daily for Atmospheric Environmental Services, said the extremely low amount of rainfall this August is well below average. Normally, Heriot Bay receives three inches of rain in August, but

this year the area has only received half an inch. June and July were under their average amounts by about half an inch, with June receiving just under three inches and July two inches.



Kids beat the heat playing in the water at Open Bay.

Photo: Philip Stone

"August's low rainfall is the most dramatic," said Sharon, who has lived on Quadra for 23 years and can't remember a summer this dry. "It takes three inches of rain a week to grow a decent vegetable garden without using a sprinkler, and we're not even getting three inches a month. We've had very sporadic and very limited rain over the whole season."

Sharon said the highest temperature she has recorded this summer is 30.5 degrees Centigrade, but

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she added that temperatures quite likely rose to higher levels on other parts of the island.

"We're in a little microclimate here, being so close to the water and the Spit," she explained.

Summer nights have had roughly the same minimum and maximum temperatures in all three months, and as yet there has been very little dew.

"There is no rain in the forecast for the immediate future. This is amazing for September. I heard on the news that this was the driest August since 1967," she said.

The water truck has had a hectic season delivering water to islanders with no water or very little water in their wells. Dick Walter, known as the "water man", said he has pumped 29,000 gallons into people's wells in August alone.

"I've been doing this for three years and this is the busiest I've seen it. Last summer was a disaster for us—we had so much rain I couldn't even make enough money to pay for the truck insurance. In September I did three deliveries and that was the end of the season."

This year Dick started making water deliveries in May and he predicts he could be delivering into November.

"Ron Fowler, the previous operator, used to deliver into November during dry years. I think that could happen this year because we need a lot of rain to get into the ground and bring the water table up," he said.

Dick, who said he has had quite a few urgent phone calls this summer from people in dire straits, can carry

250 gallons in his truck at once. Most customers take two deliveries for a total of 500 gallons at a time, and various factors determine how long the water lasts.

"It depends how many teenage daughters they've got in the house or if they want to keep their garden going. Some people are extremely frugal and others are out in a matter of days."

The water man himself is out of water too this summer, as he and his family collect rainwater off the roof and fill cisterns for their supply.

"We drilled two holes but they were both dry, so we use this method. Normally it works quite well and we just have to bring in a couple of loads in summer. That's why I got into doing the water delivering," he said.

After doing some deliveries in the Pidcock Road area near the end of August, Dick returned home to discover that his pump had fallen off the back of his truck. He went looking for it but has not seen it since, and has had to try and make do with an old pump that doesn't work as well.

"The one that's missing is a big pump with a hose attached to it. I'm offering a reward to anyone who finds it," he said.

The Landing Pub has been one of Dick's customers this summer. Owner Anna Cox said the pub's well has run dry twice and she had to have a total of 1,000 gallons delivered over the course of the summer.

"I had to close the pub at 5 p.m. one Sunday because we ran out of

water," she said.

Lately the Landing and Whiskey Point Motel, who share the same well, have been coordinating on water usage, which Anna said has helped get them through the continuing dry weather.

Wayne Assal, who buys mushrooms on Quadra every fall, is hoping for rain so the chanterelles and pines will grow.

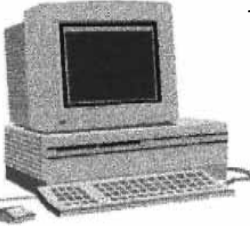
"I usually open on the first weekend in September but it's really dry and there are basically no mushrooms out there. Buyers in Campbell River usually open before me but they opened briefly earlier in the summer and then closed. It rained a little in June and we got a few mushrooms in July, but then it dried up. Last year there were mushrooms growing almost all summer," he said.

Wayne said if we don't get some decent rainfall in September the pines won't grow, as they like rain this month and then cooler, foggier weather after that. Chanterelles, he added, like a good soaking.

Despite the lack of rain so far, Wayne is still hopeful that this will be a good season for mushroom pickers and buyers.

"Two or three years ago we had a pretty dry summer and there was a good fall mushroom season," he said. "I'm just hoping for rain."

Mike Dennison, manager of Wilby Farm, said the drought has been good for some crops and bad for others. Watermelons are fruiting outside of the greenhouse and tomatoes are doing exceptionally well with not a spot of blight, but



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lettuce is bolting very quickly and leeks have had a poor showing.

The main problem is a lack of water in the farm's 20-foot surface well, which has emptied twice over the summer.

"We're priority watering and letting the rest of the crop go. The drought has been drying things out and ripening things off pretty quickly," he said.

Another problem is that plants get stressed in such dry conditions, Mike explained, and parasitic insects such as aphids and spider mites are having a field day at the farm.

However, the dry conditions do make seed collecting easier.

Mike said a big alder at the farm that usually acts as a shade tree has lost almost all its leaves much earlier than usual, and two full-size alders and a full-size fir in his yard have died.

"I've seen plums turn into prunes right on the trees. This is the driest summer I can remember, and I was talking to people who have been here since the 30s who say it's the driest they've ever seen."

The forest fire danger sign has been set at 'high' for much of the summer and a new campfire ban came into effect at midnight on August 31. There was also a lengthy campfire ban earlier in the summer.

Quadra fire chief Bill Williams explained that the forest fire danger level is determined by the Ministry of Forests, based on their weather readings. He advised people to be extremely careful during this dry weather, as "the key is not to start a fire."

Steve Trayler, whose well has run dry twice this summer, necessitating regular deliveries from the water truck, added this last word on the long dry spell: "Everybody needs to keep their cool during the drought and remember all's well that

Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce

The Discovery Islands Chamber of Commerce received its Federal Charter at the end of May this year. While most of the businesses who signed the original charter application have joined, the Chamber wishes to advise all businesses in the Discovery Islands that we exist, and invite them to join. With a sufficient number of members we will be able to affiliate with the British Columbia Chamber of Commerce and access the benefits offered by them. Membership dues are very reasonable, being \$10 for an individual or non-profit organization, \$25 for a small business with less than 5 employees, and \$50 for a business with 5 or more employees.

The Chamber is in the process of seeking funding to erect a sign with a map of the islands at the Campbell River ferry terminal, and future plans include the hosting of an annual Arts Festival, and the development of a tourist brochure for the islands. The more members we have the easier these projects should be to complete. Information and/or membership applications are available by contacting Steven Halliday at 285-3327.



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Quadra Commercial Fishers Frustrated by 'Disastrous Season'

by Tanya Storr



Fishing boats tied up at Quathiaski Cove.

Photo: Tanya Storr

Quadra Island commercial fishers joined in a protest march in Campbell River and a floating demonstration at the mouth of Seymour Narrows in the last week of August, expressing their frustration over a dismal season. One week later, as the *Discovery Islander* was about to go to press, I spoke with some local fishermen to get their perspectives on the season of '98.

"It was a disaster," said troller Don McGuffie. "We had a four-day opening in early August and were shut down at 6 p.m. on the last day. Our normal day is from daylight to dark, so we missed out on about three hours of fishing on the last day."

Don estimates that most trollers probably made around \$7,000 during the opening, and said

he'll probably go in the hole \$5,000 this season.

"We had a similar four-day season in 1996. You don't even cover your expenses and don't even get into making your boat payments. It's absolutely ludicrous. This isn't supposed to be a stressful job but it is these days."

Don said he feels most of the problem lies with mismanagement from Ottawa.

"If you did some poking around I'll bet you'd find no one in Ottawa that's in charge of fisheries ever had anything to do with a fish. Our great Canadian minister gave 25% of our fish to Washington. This situation won't get any better until it's no longer run in Ottawa. There should have been at least one more opening."

Area D Salmon Gillnet Association president Les

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Rombough, widely known as Ronnie, said this year's total allowable catch was disappointing in comparison to total allowable catches during previous sockeye runs of this size. Johnstone Strait gillnetters got one 48-hour opening this season.

"The commercial fishery's total allowable catch just dwindled as the season went on for a myriad of reasons, all of which had the same result—to lower our share. There are guaranteed allocations to certain Aboriginal Fisheries Strategy (AFS) participants on the Fraser and no guaranteed allocations to the commercial fleet, which includes Native and non-Native fishers. If there are any concerns about stocks the commercial fleet is jeopardized," he said.

Ronnie said the major problem is fisheries minister Anderson's "unwillingness to fulfil his promise to guarantee a specific allocation, depending on run size, to the commercial fleet." He added that commercial fishers have been working with DFO for the past three years on a revitalization plan

and reduction of the fleet, with the understanding that they would gain a guaranteed allocation.

"Anderson refuses to deal with us in a responsible manner. It seems his intention is to starve us out. Probably the biggest problem we're facing right now is the soap-opera-like antics between Anderson and Premier Clark. That conflict has got to be resolved because it's not getting us anywhere," he said.

Longtime Quadra resident and commercial fisherman Perry Patten worked on a seine boat this season.

"We had one 18-hour opening, and 18 hours does not make a season," he said. "We're getting shafted. Lots of fish went through but they wouldn't give us any more openings. They say there aren't enough stocks but the test sets were good."

Perry, who marched down Shoppers Row with about 200 other frustrated fishers on August 24, said it's obvious DFO wants to downsize the fleet.

"They hardly want any boats out there. They starve you out and

you've got to sell because you can't make mortgage payments or hardly any payments."

Mel Chickite, a seiner, also expressed anger about the extremely short season.

"It's disgusting, that's all I can say. Fishing has been the Native people's livelihood for a very long time, way before the white man got here. Now it looks like there is no future in it," he said.

Ralph Dick said the village of Cape Mudge is going to be severely impacted by this year's poor season.

"We were expecting a year with enough to carry us over. Our fishermen all have mortgages on their houses, and we won't be able to pay our mortgages. We've got no help like they've got on the East Coast—they're getting money handed to them. There's lots of frustration out there and it's not just in our village. We're all in the same boat," he said.



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Campbell River Tourism Has New President

The Board of Directors of Campbell River Tourism did the expected and appointed their Vice President, Ian Lamont, to the role of President following the transfer of outgoing President Jim Douglas to Prince George. Lamont and his wife Joanne are the owners of Abyssal Diving Charters on Quadra Island.

Says Lamont, "I expect that it will be a very busy year for our Board of Directors as we look to rebuild our market share as a result of new restrictions and public perception of the recreational fishing opportunities available in British Columbia. While we have diversified the tourism draw to the area in recent years, the community has to accept that the void created from a drop in recreational fishing activity is significant. More commitment and resources are going to be required in the future if we wish to maintain and grow the type of tourism revenue that the community has come to expect.

Asked on major society goals for the year Lamont cited seeking higher participation from the region's business and tourism operators, working with other groups on the creation of a more coordinated community tourism plan and seeking further revenues for external marketing. He also commented that the plunging Canadian dollar is creating more opportunities to capitalize on the strength of the U.S. and Alberta-east Canadian economies but that this also had the added effect of making marketing in these areas more costly than before. Lamont cited that present exchange rates have also meant that some planned projects have had to be reworked as a result.

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