

**VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE
COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA**
TO BE HELD WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 26, 2025, at 6:00 pm
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VILLAGE OFFICE



(1) CALL TO ORDER

We are privileged to acknowledge that this meeting is being held on the traditional territory of the Quatsino First Nations.

(2) ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for February 26, 2025, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.

(3) DELEGATIONS:

(4) MINUTES:

a.) THAT the Minutes from the Regular Meeting Minutes of February 12, 2025, be approved.

(5) COMMUNICATIONS:

a.) Port Alice Heritage and Golf Club Letter

February 13, 2025, Letter from Luanne Buelow, PAHGC Executive

b.) New Report from MLI and BCBC Op-ed: Canada's salmon farm ban is a disaster for coastal communities and Indigenous sovereignty

February 20, 2025, Email from Michelle Franze, Manager of Communications, Partnerships and Community

(6) QUESTION PERIOD:

(7) RESOLUTION TO PROCEED TO CLOSED MEETING

THAT the meeting be closed to the public to consider matters pursuant to the following sections of the Community Charter:

Section 90 1 (c) labour relations and other employee relations.

RECONVENE

(8) ADJOURNMENT:

THAT the meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held February 26, 2025, be adjourned

INFORMATION ITEMS

a.) February 20, 2025, Media release, NIC Fest comes back to Campbell River campus March 11

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VILLAGE OF PORT ALICE COUNCIL
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2025
AT COUNCIL CHAMBERS, VILLAGE OFFICE



Present
Mayor Kevin Cameron
Councillor Sean Watson
Councillor Holly Aldis
Councillor David Stewart

Absent
Councillor Russell Murray

Staff
Bonnie Danyk, CAO/CFO

Call to order 6:00pm

10/25
Adoption of
Agenda

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Agenda for the Meeting of the Village of Port Alice for February 12, 2025, be approved; AND THAT all delegations, reports, correspondence, and other information set to the agenda be received.

DELEGATION:

Island Health: Lesly Deuchar, Sara Gogo, Doctor Nicole Bennett-Boutilier

Lesly introduced Sara Gogo who will be temporarily replacing her. There was a discussion about challenges at the Health Centre.

11/25
Minutes of
January 22,
2025

MINUTES:

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Minutes from the Council Meeting of January 22, 2025, be approved.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Industrial Inquiry Commission Reviewing Canada Post

January 16, 2025, Letter from Jan Simpson, National President, Canadian Union of Postal Workers

REPORTS:

Fire Chief's Report for January 2024

January 31, 2025, Report from Jerry Rose, Fire Chief

QUESTION PERIOD:

ADJOURNMENT: 6:31pm

12/25
Adjournment

Moved, Seconded and CARRIED

THAT the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice held February 12, 2025, be adjourned at 6:45pm.

I hereby certify the preceding to be a true and correct account of the Regular meeting of the Village of Port Alice Council held February 12, 2025.

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

Tanya Spafford

From: Luanne buelow
Sent: Thursday, February 13, 2025 5:20 PM
To: info@portalice.ca
Cc:
Subject: Fw: Letter

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> Dear Mayor and Council,
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> The Port Alice Golf Club recently updated our name to reflect our desire to preserve the last building in “old Port Alice” and the historical memorabilia we have.
> As the Port Alice Heritage Golf Club, we would like to expand our collection and hope to gather photographs, history books, artifacts etc. from the original town and the Mill, and put them on display.
> Anything you may have to share or suggest would be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Luanne Buelow

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Tanya Spafford

From: Michelle Franze <michelle@bcsalmonfarmers.ca>
Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 2:03 PM
To: Michelle Franze
Subject: New Report From MLI and BCBC Op-ed: Canada's salmon farm ban is a disaster for coastal communities and Indigenous sovereignty

Importance: High

Good afternoon,

We are reaching out to inform you of the news release below from the Macdonald-Laurier Institute regarding their new report on salmon farming in BC.

The report calls for the federal government to rethink the ban on current ocean pen systems and instead suggests:

- Science-based policy-making that follows peer-reviewed research rather than activist campaigns.
- Investment in real conservation efforts to tackle wild salmon decline, including habitat restoration and stronger regulation of Alaskan overfishing.
- Support for aquaculture innovation, ensuring Canada remains competitive in global seafood markets.

The full report can be found here: <https://macdonaldlaurier.ca/swimming-against-the-tide-the-case-for-salmon-fish-farming-in-british-columbia/>

Additionally, the BC Business Council has written an op-ed that has been published in Business in Vancouver, calling on the federal government to rethink the ban while supporting alternative innovations to minimize interactions between farm-raised and wild salmon. You can read the op-ed here: [READ HERE](#)

Let us know if you have any questions.

Michelle Franze

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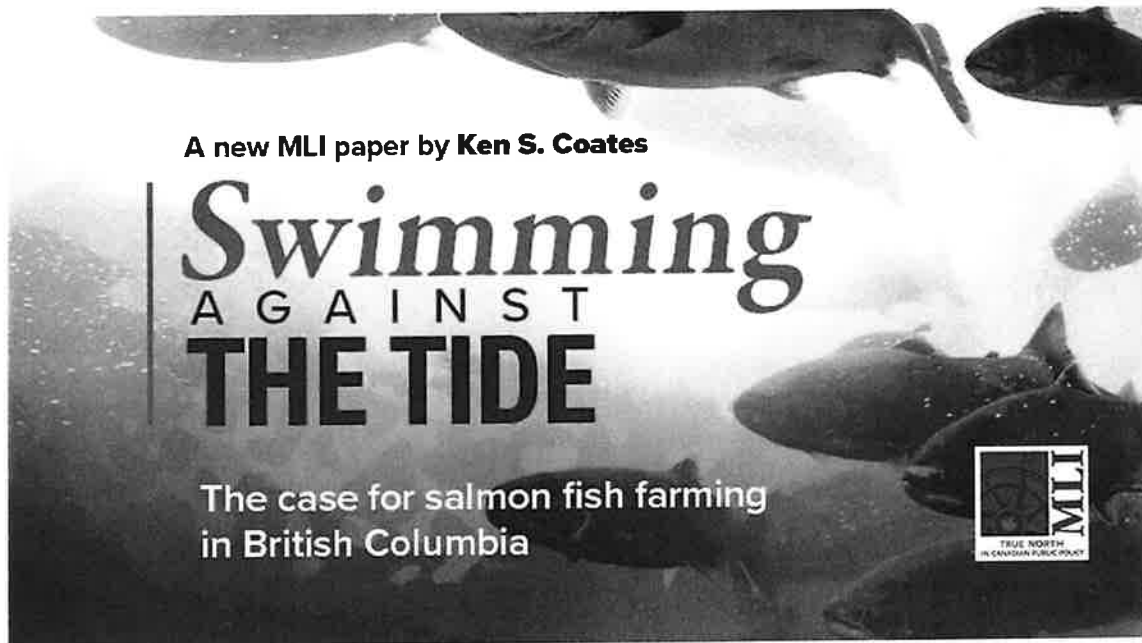
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From: Macdonald-Laurier Institute <media@macdonaldlaurier.ca>

Sent: Thursday, February 20, 2025 8:34:21 AM

Subject: Canada's salmon farm ban is a disaster for coastal communities and indigenous sovereignty



OTTAWA, ON (February 20, 2025):

The federal government's decision to ban open-net salmon farming in British Columbia by 2029 is a politically driven policy that will devastate rural communities, undermine Indigenous rights, and fail to restore wild salmon populations, according to a new report by Ken Coates, a

Distinguished Fellow and Director of Indigenous Affairs at the Macdonald-Laurier Institute.

The report highlights how the ban, driven by activist pressure rather than scientific evidence, will eliminate thousands of jobs, disrupt local economies, and erase a vital industry that supplies sustainable seafood to Canada and global markets. Fisheries and Oceans Canada's own research has not found conclusive evidence that salmon farms harm wild stocks.

The consequences will be severe. The report notes that First Nations communities that have partnered with the salmon farming industry will face significant economic hardship. Many Indigenous groups have embraced aquaculture as a path to prosperity, yet the government's ban disregards their autonomy and economic self-determination.

"Those First Nations that support and engage with the salmon farming industry assert that they have the right to determine the use of their waters," writes Coates. "They respect, in full, the right of other First Nations to reject the placement of fish farms in their territories and expect the same respect and autonomy in return."

Rather than banning salmon farming, the report calls for:

- Science-based policy-making that follows peer-reviewed research rather than activist campaigns.
- Investment in real conservation efforts to tackle wild salmon decline, including habitat restoration and stronger regulation of Alaskan overfishing.
- Support for aquaculture innovation, ensuring Canada remains competitive in global seafood markets.

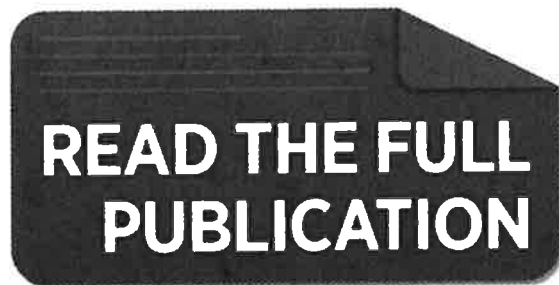
"Canada and British Columbia have indicated their commitment to UNDRIP, but they have stopped well short of recognizing the full implications of First Nations autonomy," Coates argues. "The salmon

farming issue provides an excellent opportunity to test the government's commitment to Indigenous rights.”

Countries like Norway, Scotland, and Chile have strengthened regulations and invested in new technology without banning fish farms. Canada is taking the wrong path, risking its position as a leader in sustainable aquaculture.

The federal government must reconsider its approach before irreversible damage is done.

To learn more, read the full paper here:



Ken S. Coates is a distinguished fellow and director of Indigenous Affairs at the Macdonald-Laurier Institute and a professor of Indigenous Governance at Yukon University.

For further information, media are invited to contact:

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INFORMATION ITEMS

MEDIA RELEASE

Feb. 20, 2025

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

MR25-007

NIC Fest comes back to Campbell River campus March 11

Once again, it's time for North Island College's annual education and career festival.

NIC Fest comes back to the Campbell River campus March 11 from 2 to 5 p.m. The event provides a chance for anyone interested to check out the training and educational opportunities available to them in the community.

"NIC Fest is a great opportunity for people to come and see the amazing programs our college has to offer," said Craig Whitton, Director, Student Affairs, NIC.

At NIC Fest, anyone can:

- learn about upcoming training opportunities;
- tour classrooms, shops, studios, labs, study space and the Indigenous lounge;
- talk to regional employers at Career Central Live networking events;
- meet faculty, support staff and NIC alumni;
- enjoy free snacks and giveaways;
- enter our prize draws, including three \$1,000 tuition bursaries courtesy of the NIC Foundation; or
- get an exclusive code to waive your application fee.



People can meet NIC faculty members and staff to find out more about programming, services and supports.

There will be information on programs such as trades and technical, university arts and sciences, business and office administration, human services, health and continuing education. NIC Fest will provide opportunities to learn more about supports and services like accessible learning services, educational advising, financial aid and awards, library, alumni relations, international education, Student Life and the NIC Foundation, among others.

There will be other opportunities to find out more from the Centre for Applied Research and Technological Innovation (CARTI), nursing, the library and the student union. Several employers will also be taking part in Career Central Live, including NIC, Island Health, Skilled Trades BC, BC Emergency Health Services (PHSA), BC Construction Association, Broadstreet Properties and Seymour Pacific, Chan Nowosad Boates, MNP LLP and School District 72.

From 5:30 to 7 p.m., there will also be a parent and supporter information night.

The college began holding NIC Fest three years ago. Anyone can take advantage of the opportunity, from students in secondary school to working people wanting to learn about new skills or considering a new career.

"Whether a person is wanting to spin up a business of their own, find a way to work in one of our many diverse industries in our region or simply expand their knowledge through interest programming, NIC Fest is their chance to see just how much is possible right here in their back yard – no travel to the mainland necessary," Whitton said. "This means more options for North Island citizens, businesses and communities to thrive, and we're happy to be able to showcase these opportunities in what we all agree is an incredibly special place to call home."



MEDIA RELEASE

The Port Alberni and Comox Valley campuses also hold events in March. You can keep up to date with NIC Fest news on Facebook and Instagram for more information on the event and prizes.

- For more information, you can check out our Event page at nic.bc.ca/nicfest

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