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Province of British Columbia Appoints Dianne St. Jacques to Port Alberni Port Authority Board of Directors

PORT ALBERNI – The Port Alberni Port Authority is pleased to announce the appointment of Dianne St. Jacques by the Province of British Columbia to its Board of Directors effective July 1, 2010 to a three-year term.

Ms. St. Jacques is no stranger to the community and the stakeholders served by the Port Authority. Dianne brings tremendous experience and energy to the board from her background as an entrepreneur, politician and mother. A passionate and visionary leader for west coast issues important to our local and regional sustainability, Dianne has successfully advocated on behalf of the west coast fishery and, in particular, the local hake commercial fishing fleet and processors. Under her leadership as Mayor of Ucluelet from 1999 – 2008 and fulfilling the role of President of the Ucluelet Economic Development Commission the Town won a variety of awards and gained world-wide recognition for its citizen-led efforts towards sustainable living and community planning. Dianne's leadership with Ucluelet that successfully balanced the challenges and needs of the community as it pursued new economic opportunities will translate well to the Port Alberni Port Authority as it looks to diversify its operations and investments in waterfront infrastructure.

Ms. St. Jacques continues to serve her region with additional roles as Director of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' Groundfish Special Industry Caucus; member of the Clayoquot Sound Central Region Board; and Chair of the West Coast Community Resources Society. Dianne also continues to find the time and energy to own and operate Fletcher's Cove Bed and Breakfast as she has since 1996.

The Port Alberni Port Authority is pleased with Ms. St. Jacques' appointment by the Province of BC to its board and looks forward to her contributions throughout her term.

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