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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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### **PORT AUTHORITY AWARDS GILLIAN TRUMPER MEMORIAL BURSARY TO PAIGE TARDIF**

The Port Alberni Port Authority is proud to announce that Paige Tardif is this year's recipient of the Port Alberni Port Authority's Gillian Trumper Memorial Staff Bursary to pursue her educational goals.

Paige is currently enrolled at the University of Victoria in her fourth year of Biology studies, with a concentration in Marine Zoology. With a goal of working in the field of how various species interact in the marine ecosystem Paige took full advantage of her time working at China Creek Campground and Marina. Working at that location gave Paige the opportunity to learn from many of our guests about lifecycles and migration patterns of Pacific salmon species. Paige has continued to learn and grow, personally and professionally over the number of years that she has worked with the Port as a seasonal staff attendant. Her supervisors, co-workers and guests of the facilities at which she has worked have seen Paige's confidence and leadership skills consistently improve as a role model for her peers.

The Port Alberni Port Authority has historically supported local youth to achieve meaningful work experience through seasonal employment. President and CEO, Zoran Knezevic explains that: "most of these youth have sought employment with us for the primary purpose of earning income to pay for post-secondary education. The bursary, which was renamed last year to honour the legacy of former Board member, Gillian Trumper, aligns with her and the Port's support, of youth education and mentorship. Paige certainly reflects all of the values that Gillian encouraged in youth and so, is a very deserving recipient."

This annual bursary of \$3,500 rewards outstanding dedication to work duties and customer service by an eligible employee to pursue post-secondary education. Applicants were considered on the merits of their overall work performance including dedication, commitment and leadership; educational pursuits; career goals; and financial need.

Zoran Knezevic,

President & CEO

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**PAIGE TARDIF, recipient of the 2020 Gillian Trumper Memorial Staff Bursary**