

To promote aquaculture development that supports First Nation communities, culture and values

Date set for AGM- You are invited!

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The Aboriginal Aquaculture Association will be holding its Annual General Meeting on **July 18, 2008**. Please make arrangements to attend. It will be held at the Quinsam Centre We Wai Kai First Nation Board Room Suite#100-2005 Eagle Drive- just south of Campbell River.

This will be a chance for you to meet other First Nations that are interested in aquaculture, or already in operation, as well as getting an update on Association activities. Lunch at noon followed by the meeting 1 p.m. - 3 p.m.

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Introducing the Aquaculture Outreach Specialist

The Aquaculture Outreach Specialist will be available to assist you with specialized expertise in the area of aquaculture.

The Association is pleased to introduce Odd Grydeland who is the new Association's Aquaculture Outreach Specialist. He has worked in the aquaculture industry for 23 years, both in Canada and internationally.

His broad knowledge and experience in aquaculture development and familiarity with the regulatory processes makes him a valuable addition to the Association team. Odd has also experience from working with First Nations on aquaculture-related issues.

Having this position will allow the Association to provide direct support to First Nation communities with technical advice and guidance in the development of aquaculture initiatives. You can contact Odd directly at our office (ph. 250.286.9939), by fax (250.286.9931) or by e-mail: info@aboriginalaquaculture.com

ACES Pilot Projects

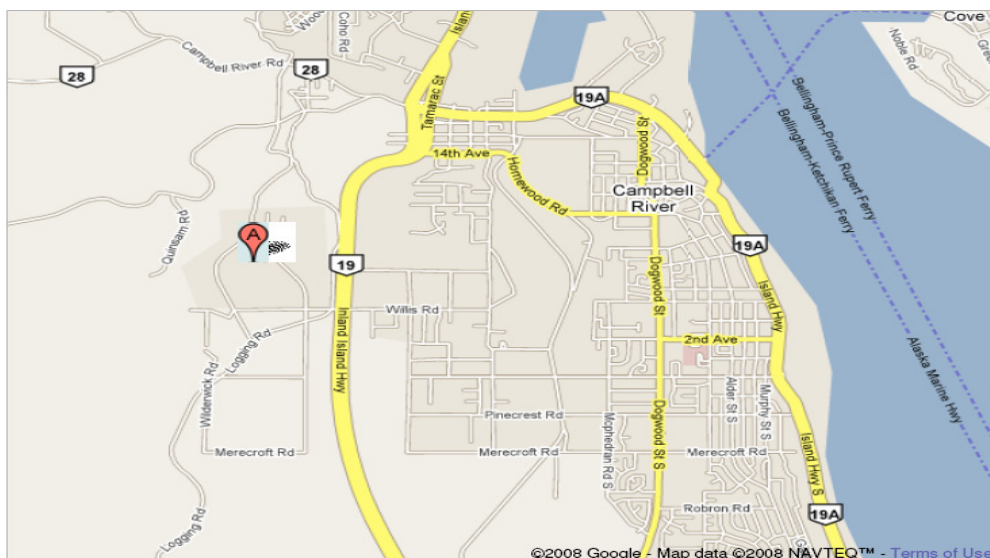
The Association has been invited to set up pilot projects taking the Certification of Environmental Sustainability (ACES) to the next stage, incorporating the principle of ecosystem sustainability to aquaculture.

ACES outlines an operational framework for an environmental certification program designed to ensure the protection of the renewable natural resources within our territories. Implementation of ACES will be a positive approach to all issues; social, environmental and economic.

Further information about this initiative can be found on the Association web site:

<http://www.aboriginalaquaculture.com>

The pilots will be set up at both shellfish and finfish facilities. Look for news in the coming months about this exciting initiative.



Aboriginal Aquaculture Assoc. AGM, July 18, 2008 AGENDA

1. Appointment of Chair
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Financial Report
4. Appointment of Auditor
5. Director's Report
6. Aboriginal Certification of Environmental Sustainability (ACES) update
7. Other
8. Adjourn

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