

The Coast Sustainability Trust

Report of the Trustee as of December 31, 2004

General

As of December 31, 2004 the Coast Sustainability Trust (CST) Balances were as follows:

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| Matching Fund Account | \$9,412,372 |
| Mitigation Fund Account | \$12,197,547 |
| EBM Land Use Planning Account | \$142,773 |
| Economic, Scientific and Adaptive Management Development and Planning Subtrust | <u>\$147,026</u> |
| Total available funds | \$21,899,718 |
| Distributions to beneficiaries to date | |
| Severance | \$2,933,857 |
| Contractor Mitigation | \$10,749,764 |
| Community Matching Funds | \$1,024,653 |
| EBM Land Use Planning Subtrust | \$115,000 |
| ESAMDAP Subtrust | <u>0</u> |
| Total Distributions to beneficiaries | <u>\$14,823,274</u> |
| Total available funds plus distributions | <u>\$36,722,992</u> |

During the second quarter of 2003 the CST received \$254,000 in donor-directed funds to be used for ecosystem based management (EBM) related land use planning in the Trust area. During the second quarter of 2004 the CST received \$145,000 in donor-directed funds to be used for Economic, Scientific and Adaptive Management Development and Planning (ESAMDAP). After allowing for those separate accounts and their interest, income to date from investments of the CST has exceeded total administration expenses by over \$1,300,000. It continues to appear that there may be no need to use any of the capital of the Trust to fund its administration. This may allow over \$2.5 million more than originally planned to go to beneficiaries.

Mitigation Fund Account

To date the CST has received and approved the restructuring plans of the three major licensees on the Central Coast. They are International Forest Products Limited, Western Forest Products Ltd., and Weyerhaeuser Company Limited. These restructuring plans involve 46 contracts that were fully or partially bought out, and 182 redundant workers who received severance payments funded by the CST. The first round of distributions on the Central Coast from the Mitigation Fund is now complete. At this time there is no indication that there will be any further call on the Mitigation fund. It appears likely that most, if not all, of this fund will be rolled into the Matching Fund on April 1, 2005.

Distributions to Beneficiaries

As of December 31, 2004, payments totaling \$2.93 million have been made to 182 redundant workers. The average severance per employee is \$16,120.

Also as of December 31, 2004, payments totaling \$10.75 million have been made to mitigate the holders of 46 contracts.

In every case the distributions to workers and contractors satisfied a Distribution Objective of the Deed of Trust that established the CST. In particular, these payments met the requirement that “The distribution will assist in mitigating any adverse effect suffered by Workers, Contractors and other Beneficiaries as a result of provincial government land use decisions made in respect of the Specified Area.” Each of the workers and contractors met the above test in that the workers all suffered a loss of employment, and the contractors all suffered a loss of contractual rights.

No recent government land use decisions related to the LRMP process or EBM have been made that negatively affect contractors or workers on the Central Coast, so no new restructuring plans have been prepared by licensees or reviewed by the CST Advisory Board. A second round of mitigation payments will only be required if the final land use decisions related to the CCLRMP process cause further reductions in AAC and/or available timber. Decisions related to the North Coast or Queen Charlotte Islands LRMP process may also require mitigation, but if that happens it is likely to occur a bit later. Given that the Trust Deed calls for the collapse of the Mitigation Fund into the Matching Fund effective April 1, 2005, and the fact that no Mitigation Fund applications are pending, it appears to be unlikely that there will be any other distributions from the Mitigation Fund.

Measured outcomes of Contractor Buyouts and Employee Severance

As part of the Contribution Agreement entered into with contractors that held replaceable “Bill 13” contracts, the contractors agreed to provide the Trustee with information about the benefits obtained through the contract buyouts. There has been a 98% response rate from the contractors, with the following results:

- 44% continued to work in the Forest Industry, but only 29% continued to work in the same area.
- 31% continued to work for the same licensee, but often in a different area.
- 27% changed the type of work they do.
- 49% had an overall reduction in the amount of work they had to do.
- 49% of the contractors that were bought out are now working in a different area (such as Alberta and North Eastern BC).
- 13% of bought out contractors are retired or semi retired.
- 40% of respondents used the funds to help pay off debts and continue to work on the Central Coast.
- 36% used the funds to pay off debts and work as contractors in a different area or start a new career.

- 47% of contractors used CST funds to pay severance to ex employees.

We did not track all individual severed employees. Most contractors did not know what became of their ex-employees. Some truck drivers are still working at hauling logs, either on the coast or in the interior. At least one ex-forest worker is reported to be working on a fish farm, and others are working at sawmills in Campbell River and the Interior. Several are reported to be working in Alberta in jobs not related to the Forest Industry, and several have retired.

The general feeling appears to be that the contract buyouts and severance payments helped to create a softer landing for the displaced forest workers. In many cases it helped them dig at least part way out of their debt hole, and move on to other work.

Matching Fund Account

When the CST Community Matching Fund started operations, it was decided that decisions related to specific initiatives in the communities should be made at the local level as opposed to by the broader Advisory Board. Therefore, five Regional Steering Committees (RSCs) were formed. They are Comox Strathcona, Mount Waddington, the Central Coast, the North Coast, and the Queen Charlotte Islands / Haida Gwai. Significant progress has been made to date with four of the five Regional Steering Committees (RSCs). Formation of the Queen Charlotte Islands (QCI) RSC continues to be on hold because there has been limited progress with the QCI LRMP process.

Each of the RSCs was initially allocated \$1,000,000 to use towards developing Regional Economic Development Strategies and to support individual initiatives that fit those strategies. By the end of November 2004, funding had been approved by the RSCs for a total of 54 projects, and each RSC had or was close to committing all of their initial \$1,000,000 allocation. On December 10, 2004 the Advisory Board agreed to allocate each RSC an additional \$500,000. In the case of the QCIRSC, these funds will be held in reserve for now, pending the eventual creation of that RSC.

Attached is a schedule listing all the approved projects, and giving a short description of them. Following is a table that shows the total value of the requests for assistance, and the progress in approving funding for each of the RSCs. As of December 31, 2004, Funding Agreements were being negotiated with proponents of many of the approved projects.

**Status of Community Matching Fund funding requests
As at December 31, 2004.**

| Regional Steering Committee | Total Project Size | Amount Requested of CST | Amount Rejected by CST or abandoned by applicant | Amount still under consideration by CST | Amount approved by CST | Amount disbursed by CST |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|---|--|-------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Comox Strathcona | \$19,309,639 | \$7,714,086 | \$6,545,883 | \$325,260 | \$842,943 | \$359,340 |
| Mount Waddington | \$10,972,856 | \$3,066,652 | \$1,930,321 | \$150,000 | \$986,331 | \$276,340 |
| Central Coast | \$6,766,542 | \$1,824,200 | \$460,460 | \$429,940 | \$933,800 | \$273,973 |
| North Coast | \$9,474,741 | \$2,537,014 | \$993,847 | \$454,000 | \$1,089,167 | \$115,000 |
| Total: | \$46,523,777 | \$15,141,952 | \$9,930,511 | \$1,359,200 | \$3,852,241 | \$1,024,653 |

Types of Projects being approved

Each of the RSCs have determined what their strategic priorities are, and are at various stages of developing detailed Economic Development Plans. However, given the diversity of the constituent communities, and often even the level of disagreement within individual communities, none of the Regional Steering Committees have yet developed a detailed three-year business plan that has the agreement of all the constituent communities in the RSC area. Each of them is working towards that goal.

In order to stimulate activity, each RSC is considering and approving projects that fit into what are generally accepted as the strategic priorities of their area. Projects that may not fit in the eventual business plan are not being considered. An example is anything to do with finfish aquaculture. Although some communities support it, others are opposed, so it is not clear whether that sort of initiative will make it into the final business plan.

The types of projects being approved at the RSC level vary to some extent by the chosen strategic direction of each RSC. In each RSC the highest concentration of project approvals relate to the enhancement of tourism opportunities, with an emphasis on eco and cultural tourism. For instance, in Comox Strathcona, 59% of approvals relate to tourism, in Mount Waddington it is 63%, and in the North Coast it is 66%.

Infrastructure improvements are another primary focus. Sometimes they are specifically aimed at enhancing tourism, such as the creation or enhancement of destination hiking or mountain biking trails, or the improvement of harbours. At other times, projects more generally enhance industrial or commercial opportunities, such as an industrial park in Port Alice, or providing services to an Economic Development Zone on Quinsam Indian Reserve 12 in Campbell River. The Central Coast RSC voted to contribute \$200,000

towards a project that will provide Broadband Internet to all the communities on the Central Coast.

A third focus is shellfish aquaculture. The Comox Strathcona and Mount Waddington Regional Steering Committees jointly elected to help fund a Shellfish Industry Investment Attraction initiative promoted by the Vancouver Island Economic Developers Association (VIEDA). The Central Coast and the North Coast RSCs jointly agreed to support a combined Tsimshian Stewardship Committee and Turning Points Initiative application for assistance in developing a coast wide shellfish aquaculture initiative. Comox Strathcona is considering a proposal from Tahsis to develop a shellfish aquaculture co-operative, the Central Coast RSC has provided support to the Heiltsuk Nation Shellfish Co-operative, and the Mount Waddington Regional Steering Committee has decided to support an Abalone cooperative.

Ecosystem Based Management - Land Use Planning Account

In the second quarter of 2003 a donor directed trust of \$254,000 was added to the CST. It is restricted to providing assistance for land use planning related to EBM. To date the CST has received four funding requests, totaling \$184,188. Three were approved, for a total commitment of \$144,188. As of December 31, 2004, \$115,000 has been disbursed.

The projects relate to helping the Nuxalk Nation join the LRMP process, helping the Turning Point Initiative work out a framework agreement for government-to-government negotiations, and doing an EBM related study in Haida Gwaii.

Economic, Scientific and Adaptive Management Development and Planning Sub Trust

In the second quarter of 2004 a donor directed trust of \$145,000 was added to the CST. It is restricted to providing assistance with Economic, Scientific and Adaptive Management Development and Planning. As of year-end the CST had received and approved one application for \$7,500, but no funds have been disbursed.

Looking Ahead

During the first quarter of 2005, I expect the following activity:

- Funding requests will continue to be received and evaluated by each of the four existing Regional Steering Committees.
- Funding Agreements for Community Matching Fund projects will continue to be signed in the four existing RSC areas, and further disbursements will be made.
- Further Funding Agreements for the EBM Land Use Planning Subtrust projects will be signed, and additional disbursements will be made.
- The new Economic, Scientific and Adaptive Management Development and Planning Subtrust, will begin to disburse funds.

Eric van Soeren, Trustee

Coast Sustainability Trust Approved Projects Report

| <u>CST Project Number</u> | <u>Project Title</u> | <u>Area/Town</u> | <u>Project Value</u> | <u>CST Contribution</u> |
|---------------------------|---|--|----------------------|-------------------------|
| Central Coast | | | | |
| CST-CC-001 | Bella Coola Watershed Conservation Society | Hagensborg | \$53,350.00 | \$23,550.00 |
| | Project Description: | <p>The Society wishes to develop a detailed watershed database, including quality mapping, accurate historical data and all relevant activity, both past and present that has or will have an impact on the watershed. This database would be available to all interested parties to permit research into the watershed. In the near term the request was for funds to buy a GPS unit.</p> <p>The GPS unit has been purchased, people have been trained to use it, and revenues are being generated by contracting it out.</p> | | |
| CST-CC-003 | Central Coast BRAND Broad Band Project | Bella Coola | \$2,202,015.00 | \$200,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | <p>Development and installation of broadband internet access for the communities on the Central Coast.</p> <p>The project has started, and all communities on the Central Coast are expected to have Broadband Internet Connections by the winter of 2004/2005.</p> | | |
| CST-CC-004 | Bella Coola Valley Museum | Bella Coola | \$20,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | <p>The request is for \$10,000 in assistance to help employ a full time archivist, purchase technical equipment to access National and Provincial archive technical support and resource centres, collect and preserve Central Coast Archival Records, train volunteers, investigate options to secure a permanent location for archival records, provide displays, offer tours and install a ventilation system to void the harmful damp air from the museum.</p> <p>A records office has been set up at the Bella Coola Airport, and the job of recording and preserving artifacts is under way.</p> | | |
| CST-CC-005 | Bella Coola Valley Tourism | Bella Coola | \$40,000.00 | \$20,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | <p>The request is for funding to assist in continuation and completion of current projects, creation of a tourist information centre and a permanent employment opportunity, sponsorship of the Bella Coola coffee table book, financial support for the Discovery Coast Music Festival, a tourist information gathering process to aid in developing a long term tourism strategy, continuation of the signage program at Anaheim Lake, Channel Creek, the Bella Coola Wharf and other strategic locations, and planning and management of the 50th anniversary celebration of the "Freedom Road" hill to provide an opportunity to showcase the valley and earn valuable media coverage.</p> <p>Work is ongoing and should be wound up by February 2005.</p> | | |

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| CST-CC-006 | Ocean Falls Seaplane Ramp | Ocean Falls | \$30,000.00 | \$15,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The request is for funding to assist in the rebuilding of the existing but dilapidated seaplane ramp. Rehabilitation of the seaplane ramp is under way. | | |
| CST-CC-007 | Innovative Ecosystem Based Forestry | Bella Bella | \$225,500.00 | \$90,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Heiltsuk Nation wants to develop opportunities based on accessing under utilized timber with innovative harvesting and management practices, and develop cost effective methods of implementing Ecosystem Based Management in Heiltsuk forestry ventures. The proponent proposes to reduce logging costs (and environmental impact) by using an innovative system of yarding with lightweight multi-purpose equipment and log forwarding on narrow, non-bladed, overland trails. Production will be primarily yellow and red cedar. Eight to ten jobs will be created for six months, and 5 to 15 long-term jobs are expected. The project is temporarily on hold pending re-evaluation of priorities by the Heiltsuk Nation. | | |
| CST-CC-012 | Heiltsuk Nation Shellfish Cooperative | Waglisla | \$20,000.00 | \$10,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Cooperative is using the funds to hire a fulltime Coordinator to help expand the activities of the Coop. | | |
| CST-CC-013 | Klemtu Community Accommodations | Klemtu | \$455,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Kitasoo First Nation plans to build a 12 room accommodation facility in Klemtu. Construction has commenced. | | |
| CST-CC-015 | Forestry Venture Business Plan | Bella Coola | \$56,000.00 | \$28,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The applicant needs to develop a business plan for the developing forestry tenure awarded to the Nuxalk Nation. The plan was expected to be completed by the fall of 2004. However, the applicant has been invited to submit a proposal for a community forest license, so a modified proposal is currently being considered. This project will likely be blended into the new proposal. | | |
| CST-CC-018 | Central Coast Regional Economic Forum | Ocean Falls | \$25,000.00 | \$5,923.00 |
| | Project Description: | A Central Coast Regional Economic Forum was held in Bella Coola to identify and strategize on common economic initiatives to benefit the communities in the Central Coast and the region as a whole. | | |
| CST-CC-019 | Heiltsuk QQS Projects Society | Waglisla | \$54,000.00 | \$22,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The QQS (Eyes) Project Society purchased a sixteen bed lodge on behalf of the Heiltsuk people. They currently use the space on a part time basis for training programs and retreats, and all proceeds go back to community development programs. They would like to use the site as a year round training centre, and need to do some strategic planning to develop a long term vision and management plan for the facility. | | |

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| CST-CC-020 | Nuxalk Economic Strategy Project 2004 | Bella Coola | \$24,000.00 | \$12,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Nuxalk Nation would like to develop an economic strategy resulting from community members interests and participation in creating a common vision. They would like to examine, update and endorse the existing Community Development Plan, hold a series of community meetings and collaborate with schools and colleges to involve youth in community vision and planning. The first meeting has been held, turn out was good, and more meetings have been planned. | | |
| CST-CC-025 | CCRD & Nuxalk Strategic Economic Development Plan | Bella Coola | \$50,000.00 | \$25,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Central Coast Regional District and the Nuxalk Nation would like to put together a community development plan. The project has received matching funding from the Community Futures Development Corporation of Cariboo-Chilcotin. | | |
| CST-CC-027 | Bella Coola Discovery Coast Music Festival | Bella Coola | \$35,000.00 | \$17,500.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Festival is seeking funding to support the design and development of the Discovery Coast Community Stage and to support the creation of a festival coordinator staffing position. | | |
| | | The stage was completed in time for the 2004 festival, and was well received by the community. | | |
| CST-CC-028 | Bella Coola Valley Sustainable Agricultural Society | Bella Coola | \$7,000.00 | \$3,500.00 |
| | Project Description: | The purpose of the society is to create jobs and support diverse sustainable economic development initiatives in agriculture. The society will provide infrastructure support for all aspects of sustainable agriculture in the Bella Coola Valley and its trading area. One of the first projects it will support is the expansion of the community gardens, assisted by the construction of a greenhouse and the purchase of equipment such as a seed drill and rototiller. | | |
| CST-CC-029 | Oweekeno Traditional Cultural Arts Centre | Port Hardy | \$234,650.00 | \$92,325.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Oweekeno Nation original Cultural Arts request contained general training funding. This request is for assistance in funding the construction of a Traditional Cultural Arts Centre. The Oweekeno hope to use the building for training and studio space for artisans. They hope the availability of the structure will enable skill development required for entry into the market for cultural arts. The Oweekeno are still trying to secure matching funds for the project. | | |
| CST-CC-030 | Central/North Coast Shellfish Aquaculture Initiative | | \$756,998.00 | \$216,777.00 |
| | Project Description: | Turning Point Initiative and the Tsimshian Stewardship Committee would like to implement the regional business plan for the communities of Heiltsuk, Kitasoo and Oweekeno. The applicants are still trying to secure matching funds for the project. | | |

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| CST-CC-031 | Bella Coola Valley Digital Heritage Project Project Description: The Archive would like to digitize their photographic collection as part of the Canadian Memory Fund/Canadian Culture Online Program. This online collection will tell the history of the Bella Coola Valley and provide educational tools for teachers and students. The website will include a curriculum based lesson plan, quizzes and activities developed to teach high school aged students about what life was like in an isolated Western community. Funds for this project will also go toward developing a website for B.C. Central Coast Archives and Bella Coola Valley Museum. The digitized photograph collection will be available on that site. | Bella Coola | \$20,450.00 | \$10,225.00 |
| CST-CC-032 | BCV Tourism, Museum & Norwegian Heritage Society Project Description: The Association required funds to operate its museum, heritage house and visitor information booth and thus develop its tourism industry. The project created part time jobs, but also helped raise the profile of tourist activities in the Bella Coola Valley. | Bella Coola | \$34,000.00 | \$17,000.00 |
| CST-CC-033 | Bella Coola Valley Museum Renovation Project Description: The Bella Coola Valley Museum Society will use these funds to cover necessary renovation costs to their museum. | Bella Coola | \$30,000.00 | \$15,000.00 |
| Total CCRSC: | | | \$4,372,963.00 | \$933,800.00 |

Comox Strathcona

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| CST-CS-002 | Direct in-market sales program Project Description: Tourism North Central Island (Tourism NCI) and Vancouver Island North Visitor's Association have entered into a partnership agreement to jointly represent the region's tourism product in a direct in-market sales program. The program consists of direct sales at consumer and travel trade shows. The regions will be represented under the name Tourism North and Central Vancouver Island. The proposal spans the rest of 2003 plus all of 2004 and 2005. During the fall and spring of 2003/2004 several shows were attended in Canada and the U.S. Planning is underway for the 2005 trade show season. | Campbell River | \$199,887.00 | \$99,943.00 |
| CST-CS-005 | Shellfish Industry Investment Attraction Project Description: The intent of this proposal is to attract new investment and create new jobs in the shellfish industry in Vancouver Island Coastal communities. Through database research and trade show contacts, a short list of 43 potential investors has been created. Of these contacts, 16 companies were actually visited at sites in Eastern Canada and Western United States. Four companies are actively arranging visits to BC to review investment prospects in detail. | Northern Vancouver Island | \$379,150.00 | \$100,000.00 |

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| CST-CS-008 | Campgrounds/Tourism | Courtenay | \$405,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Comox Indian Band wants to invest in an RV and campground at Puntledge as well as at Goose Spit. Both will also serve to promote other Comox Band/member tourism services, including guided tours, whale watching, wildlife viewing and equipment rental. They will also serve to promote the Band's existing I-Hos Art Gallery, and be a showcase for the Band's value-added wood products. The environmental assessment is now complete, and construction has commenced. | | |
| CST-CS-012 | Wildlife Tours Project | Campbell River | \$260,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Homalco First Nation plans to enhance their eco-tourism project by having a totem pole carved and raised, training traditional dancers and drummers; constructing a wheelchair accessible bear watching tower; and establishing a solid national and international publicity network. The upgrades started in the summer of 2004. Visits during the summer were almost double last year. | | |
| CST-CS-019 | Quinsam IR No 2 Economic Development Area Site Servicing | Campbell River | \$2,276,056.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The project is the installation of infrastructure on and to the We Wai Kai First Nation's economic development zone on IR No. 12. The infrastructure will become part of the We Wai Kai First Nation's Economic Development Zone (first phase 9,4 ha) located on the outskirts of Campbell River. When completed, the infrastructure will permit the development of the We Wai Kai First Nation's commercial development, starting with an easy access fuel and service depot. | | |
| CST-CS-021 | Comox Harbour Revitalization | Comox | \$621,500.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Comox Valley Harbour Authority plans to construct a building on a platform in the Comox Harbour to house laundry, showers, washrooms, information and administration services, to support vessel tourism. Construction started in the summer of 2004, and will be ready for the 2005 season. | | |
| CST-CS-022 | Ehattlesaht Timber Salvage & Woodlot | Zeballos | \$82,000.00 | \$25,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Ehattlesaht First Nation would like to establish a woodlot within the Zeballos area. The timber from the woodlot would be a supply for mills in the local area and/or will be sold on the open market. The project will involve the recruitment of a manager to prepare a business plan and manage the timber salvage business related to the timber salvage agreements. | | |
| CST-CS-025 | Infilm Marketing Campaign | Campbell River | \$140,000.00 | \$60,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | Infilm would like to create a direct in marketing campaign/regional business and local labour pool online registry. The applicant is working to find matching funds. | | |

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| CST-CS-026 | Campbell River All Seasons, All Weather Boat Ramp | Campbell River | \$225,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Campbell River Indian Band in partnership with the District of Campbell River wish to construct an all weather/all season boat ramp to expand opportunities for employment directly for First Nations and to open ancillary opportunities for economic development not only for First Nations but for all water users in the Campbell River area. | | |
| CST-CS-027 | Regional Economic Development Strategy | Courtenay | \$116,000.00 | \$58,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The CVEDS and the CREDC Partnership obtained financial assistance to complete a comprehensive economic development strategy for the Comox-Strathcona Regional District. | | |
| Total CSRSC: | | | \$4,704,593.00 | \$842,943.00 |

Mount Waddington

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| CST-MW-001 | Direct In-Market Sales Program | Campbell River | \$199,887.00 | \$99,943.00 |
| | Project Description: | Tourism North Central Island (Tourism NCI) and Vancouver Island North Visitor's Association have entered into a partnership agreement to jointly represent the region's tourism product in a direct in-market sales program. The program consists of direct sales at consumer and travel trade shows. The regions will be represented under the name Tourism North and Central Vancouver Island. The proposal spans 2003 plus all of 2004, 2005. | | |
| | | During the fall and spring of 2003/2004 several shows were attended in Canada and the U.S. Planning is underway for the 2005 trade show season. | | |
| CST-MW-002 | Shellfish Industry Investment Attraction | Northern Vancouver Island | \$379,150.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The intent of this proposal is to attract new investment and create new jobs in the shellfish industry in Vancouver Island Coastal communities. | | |
| | | Through database research and trade show contacts, a short list of 43 potential investors has been created. Of these contacts, 16 companies were actually visited at sites in Eastern Canada and Western United States. Four companies are actively arranging visits to BC to review investment prospects in detail. | | |
| CST-MW-007 | North Island Trail Park | Port Hardy | \$200,000.00 | \$74,500.00 |
| | Project Description: | The North Island Trail Riders Organization is proposing 10+ km of multi-use trails, located on private Weyerhaeuser lands. The trails will be used for hiking, biking, wildlife, whale and bird watching, and educational marine and wilderness interpretive tours. The trails are expected to encourage tourists to spend more time in the North Island as well as actually draw tourists to the area. | | |
| | | The proponent has had difficulty obtaining matching funds. The project is on hold until those funds are found. | | |

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| CST-MW-009 | First Nations Pavilion | Port Hardy | \$158,776.00 | \$60,638.00 |
| | Project Description: | The District of Port Hardy has been approved for assistance in the development of a multi-use facility that will serve a variety of cultural needs for Port Hardy and First Nation communities. It will provide a focal point for positive community to community interaction. | | |
| CST-MW-010 | North Coast Trail Development – Cape Scott Provincial Park | Port Hardy | \$1,250,500.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The District of Port Hardy would like to expand the existing trail system in the Cape Scott Provincial Park, providing an additional 40 km of trails. This expansion will provide a world class wilderness experience for hikers and will be a major tourist attraction. In addition, the addition of another trail will also act to relieve some of the environmental pressure on existing wilderness trails. | | |
| | | Construction of the trail improvements started in the fall of 2004. | | |
| CST-MW-012 | Industrial Park Development | Port Alice | \$550,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Village of Port Alice proposes the development of an industrial park to create more employment opportunities in the area. | | |
| | | The lots have been presold, and the project will commence as soon as a final purchase of the land from Western Forest Products is completed. | | |
| CST-MW-017 | Mt. Cain Upgrade | Port McNeill | \$995,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | Mt. Cain Alpine Park Society proposes to install a water and sewer system on Mt. Cain, as well as upgrading the road and expanding its lodge. With these improvements, Mt. Cain should be able to grow and expand as a regional recreation resort, fostering economic growth and diversification on North Vancouver Island. | | |
| | | The proponent has not let located matching funds, so the project is on hold for now. | | |
| CST-MW-018 | Regional Economic Development Strategy | Port McNeill | \$10,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The project helped create a regional economic development strategy for Mount Waddington that will direct future investments of human, social and financial capital into the area. It is based on the various studies, workshops and proposals that have been done in Mount Waddington in recent years. | | |
| | | The project has been completed. | | |
| CST-MW-022 | Town of Port McNeill Municipal Marina Facility | Port McNeill | \$189,000.00 | \$63,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The town of Port McNeill will construct two calm-water loading and unloading docks at its existing municipal marina. The creation of this facility will bring many different types of businesses to the marina that presently load and unload elsewhere. | | |
| | | The project started in the fall of 2004. | | |

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| CST-MW-024 | Da'naxda'xw Awaetlala Cultural and Eco-Tourism | Alert Bay | \$200,000.00 | \$90,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Da'naxda'xw/Awaetlala Nation would like to expand the services and infrastructure that exist at the Village Tsatsisnukwomi and to further develop initiatives in native cultural/heritage and eco-tourism in order to encourage economic diversity and sustainability. The applicant is still trying to locate matching funds. | | |
| CST-MW-025 | Malcolm Island Shellfish Cooperative | Sointula | \$866,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | Malcolm Island Shellfish Cooperative (MISC) is a locally owned and operated shellfish aquaculture pilot project dedicated to upland abalone hatching and culture. The present facility is now too small and there is a need to expand the hatchery and grow-out facility in order to develop it into a commercially viable entity. The applicant is still trying to locate matching funds. | | |
| CST-MW-026 | Port Hardy Harbour Improvements | Port Hardy | \$265,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The District of Port Hardy plans to fully complete the service area and walkway improvements adjacent to the Port Hardy Marina. This includes redesigning and reconstructing the service area, including paving and beautification of the second half of the boat trailer parking area. Additionally, the project will complete the upgrade to the service area to include an environmentally sound method of managing storm water run off from the parking lot. This includes a storm water collection section and an oil/water separator. The project was started in the fall of 2004. | | |
| CST-MW-027 | North Island Community Salvage License | Port McNeill | \$10,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Regional District of Mount Waddington is requesting a business plan for a North Island Community Salvage License. The purpose of the proposed business plan is to develop a model for a Community Salvage License, showing economic factors and administrative requirements, and to investigate potential impacts on stakeholders. Though the business plan is intended for use by the Regional District of Mount Waddington, the information will be readily available to any group wishing to apply for a Community Salvage License. | | |
| CST-MW-028 | Bere Point Campground, Malcolm Island | Port McNeill | \$95,700.00 | \$37,850.00 |
| | Project Description: | Bere Point Regional Park has been operated under the Regional District of Mount Waddington parks function since 1989. The Regional District now wishes to expand the existing campground, improve an existing hiking trail and develop a sustainable whale watching facility and management framework for Bere Point. The expansion of Bere Point and the addition of a whale watching facility will lead to increased tourist traffic in the area. This will then create more employment opportunities for local tourist operators. | | |
| CST-MW-029 | Mount Waddington NTFP Innovation Centre | Port McNeill | \$100,600.00 | \$41,400.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Mount Waddington Innovation Centre Society proposes the creation of an Innovation Centre which will focus on Non-Timber Forest Products. The Centre will work with the NTFP community to increase the volume of existing NTFP output while, at the same time, fostering the development of new products and markets for them. The outcome will be increased economic diversification and benefit for the Northern area of Vancouver Island and the Central Coast. The Centre has hired a coordinator to provide outreach to communities as well as marketing and workshop presentation. | | |

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| CST-MW-030 | RDMW Harbours Coordination | Port McNeill | \$8,000.00 | \$4,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The RDMW is planning on the coordination of resources and services of all of the harbours in the region. In order for this to take place, a North Island Harbours Commission needs to be formed. | | |
| CST-MW-031 | Forest Sector Strategy | Port McNeill | \$15,000.00 | \$5,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | There is a need for a forest manufacturing sector in the Regional District of Mount Waddington. In order for the Regional Forest Sector Strategy to be launched, a preliminary report must be produced. Then a workshop needs to be held after which a final report must be completed. | | |
| Total MWRSC: | | | \$4,497,613.00 | \$986,331.00 |

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| CST-NC-003 | Cruise Ship Opportunity | Prince Rupert | \$573,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | Tsimshian Tourism Inc. is a marketing organization mandated to develop, package and market Tsimshian Nation tourism products and services as well as non-aboriginal tourism products and services. The organization requires grants and subsidies from the government and private sector to assist in its start up phase. Matching funds have not yet been located, but are expected by the spring of 2005. | | |
| CST-NC-004 | Gingolx Cultural Longhouse/Carving Shed | Gingolx | \$592,500.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Gingolx plan are in the process of building a cultural longhouse and a carving shed as an anchor for their cultural tourism efforts. | | |
| CST-NC-005 | Port Edward Historical Society | Port Edward | \$376,614.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Port Edward Historical Society plans to construct a float, gate and railings, connect an access ramp, and restore a safe walkway from the ramp to the historic fishing village. To date, matching funds have not been confirmed. | | |
| CST-NC-007 | Longhouse Renovation | Kitkatla | \$210,427.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Gitxaala First Nations Band are in the process of renovating their longhouse, located by the now existing Band Office. Work commenced in the fall of 2004. | | |

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| CST-NC-008 | Tsimshian Shellfish Aquaculture Development Initiative | Prince Rupert | \$1,009,331.00 | \$289,036.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Tsimshian require funding to do the following for their shellfish aquaculture development initiative: developing community commitment; renewing and maintaining pilot projects; establishing and planning corporate structures; establishing commercial sites; developing and confirming markets; securing investment and potential joint venture partners; building human resources capacity; expanding biotoxin and sanitary survey programs; development of specific processing infrastructure; other associated development projects. The applicants are still trying to secure matching funds for the project. | | |
| CST-NC-009 | North Coast Economic & Community Development Plan | Prince Rupert | \$106,000.00 | \$49,500.00 |
| | Project Description: | The North Economic Development Commission will produce a strategic plan for economic and community development within the North Coast Region. Work commenced in the fall of 2004. | | |
| CST-NC-011 | Butze Rapids Trail | Prince Rupert | \$119,603.00 | \$48,964.00 |
| | Project Description: | The applicant has now completed the upgrades to the Butze Rapids Trail. | | |
| CST-NC-012 | Rushbrook to Seal Cove Trail Project | Prince Rupert | \$325,000.00 | \$75,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The existing Rushbrook to Seal Cove Trail needs to be restored, interpretive signage needs to be installed, and safety concerns need to be corrected. Work will commence as soon as matching funds are secured. | | |
| CST-NC-018 | Kitselas Canyon Cultural Tourism Initiative | Terrace | \$1,087,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Kitselas Nation plans to re-establish elements of a traditional Kitselas village in Kitselas Canyon as a basis for an integrated cultural and eco-tourism initiative, which will play a major role in socio-economic and cultural sustainability of the Kitselas First Nation. Progress on this stage of their tourism plan will begin as soon as matching funds are obtained. | | |
| CST-NC-020 | Prince Rupert Airport Float Plane Dock | Prince Rupert | \$445,000.00 | \$100,000.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Prince Rupert Airport Authority would like to replace the existing float plane dock as it has reached its maximum capacity. They would like to build a facility capable of handling 30% growth over the next three years that better serves the needs of floatplane and charter boat operators. The applicant is currently trying to source matching funds. | | |
| CST-NC-021 | Haisla Shellfish Farming & Fisheries Program | Kitamaat Village | \$406,672.00 | \$26,667.00 |
| | Project Description: | The Haisla Fisheries Commission are requesting funding in order to bring their shellfish aquaculture pilot project into the industrial production stage and to improve their ability to implement new, employment creating, educational and financially sustainable fisheries programs. Matching funds have been identified and a funding agreement is currently being completed. | | |
| Total NCRSC: | | | \$4,678,147.00 | \$1,089,167.00 |
| Total RSC's: | | | \$18,253,316.00 | \$3,852,241.00 |