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The Coast Sustainability Trust Invests in Mount Waddington

Nine new initiatives in Mount Waddington will receive a total of \$753,700 in funding from the Coast Sustainability Trust (CST).

The projects include significant upgrades of the Port Hardy Civic Centre, the Port Hardy Seagate Wharf, the Coal Harbour Dock, the Mount Cain ski hill, and the Cluxewe Resort. Each of these initiatives will help boost the Mount Waddington tourist industry, as well as add amenities and increased employment opportunities for North Island residents. Tourism will also be helped by funding aimed at improving signage so visitors will be able to more easily find attractions.

The communities of Zeballos and Coal Harbour will receive assistance in getting connected to high speed Internet. They will join Holberg, Quatsino and Sointula, all of which were helped in a previous round of CST funding.

Finally, the Quatse Salmon Stewardship Centre will receive funding that will help it diversify its operation to include an added classroom, lab space and an interpretive center. This will enable the Northern Vancouver Island Salmonid Enhancement Association to add educational, research and tourist aspects to its operation.

“These are the most recent of what we hope will be many worthwhile projects that the CST will be able to support. To date over \$2.3 million has been committed by the CST to economic development projects in Mount Waddington,” said Trustee Eric van Soeren.

Funding for the nine projects was approved at the October 2006 meeting of the Mount Waddington Regional Steering Committee of the CST.

“Regional Steering Committee members Brenda Swanson, Dawn Nicolson, Larry Pepper and Tom Nelson work hard to sift through worthwhile projects,” said van Soeren. “Their task is to decide which of the initiatives seem most likely to provide long-term sustainable economic development in the North Island.”

Communities, First Nations and community-based non-profit organizations are invited to submit funding proposals. Application guidelines and general information is available on the CST website at www.coastsustainabilitytrust.com. Interested parties can follow the links to the Community Matching Fund Guidelines and Stage One Application.