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## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION ON SUSTAINABLE AQUACULTURE BEGINS JUNE 5, 2006**

VICTORIA — Beginning June 5, the Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture will be holding a series of public hearings in 19 communities across British Columbia. The public hearings will be an integral component of the Committee's mandate to examine, inquire into and make recommendations with respect to sustainable aquaculture in British Columbia.

"The public consultations will provide an excellent opportunity for British Columbians to share their experiences with us," said committee chair Robin Austin, MLA. Added deputy chair Ron Cantelon, MLA, "This Committee wants to hear directly from the people in their communities, where these issues are most important." Based on this input, the Committee must present a report no later than March 2007.

Public hearings will be held in the following communities :

Nanaimo	June 5, 2006	Port McNeill	June 27, 2006
Tofino	June 6, 2006	Port Hardy	June 28, 2006
Campbell River	June 7, 2006	Smithers	Autumn, 2006
Kitkatla	June 19, 2006	Queen Charlotte Islands	Autumn, 2006
Prince Rupert	June 19, 2006	Bella Bella	Autumn, 2006
Terrace	June 20, 2006	Bella Coola	Autumn, 2006
Kitwanga	June 21, 2006	Victoria	Autumn, 2006
New Hazelton	June 21, 2006	Vancouver	Autumn, 2006
Alert Bay	June 26, 2006	Powell River	Autumn, 2006
Sointula	June 27, 2006		

The members of the Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture are:

Robin Austin, MLA (Skeena), Chair	Daniel Jarvis, MLA (North Vancouver-Seymour)
Ron Cantelon, MLA (Nanaimo-Parksville), Deputy Chair	Gregor Robertson, MLA (Vancouver-Fairview)
Gary Coons, MLA (North Coast)	Shane Simpson, MLA (Vancouver-Hastings)
Scott Fraser, MLA (Alberni-Qualicum)	Claire Trevena, MLA (North Island)
Gordon Hogg, MLA (Surrey-White Rock)	John Yap, MLA (Richmond-Steveston)

Individuals and organizations wishing to appear before the committee should contact the Office of the Clerk of Committees at the phone numbers listed below. Local newspapers will identify the location and times of the public hearings. The Committee also welcomes written submissions by letter, fax or e-mail. All correspondence should be received by the Office of the Clerk of Committees by July 1, 2006.

Information about the Committee's work – including transcripts of hearings and complete meeting details – can be found on its website at [www.leg.bc.ca/cmt/aquaculture](http://www.leg.bc.ca/cmt/aquaculture), by contacting any committee member, or by contacting:

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