



We're Coming Back!

We're coming back! The Ucluelet Aquarium Society is proud to announce that the Ucluelet Mini Aquarium will be re-opening in May 2008 for the summer season. We will be located at our original location on the promenade situated beside Whiskey Dock, downtown Ucluelet. We will have our grand opening during the May long weekend, launching into another successful season!

The Ucluelet Aquarium aspires to raise awareness of

local marine biodiversity and promote respect for the ocean. We estimate over 13,000 guests will be fascinated, educated, amazed and inspired by this year's collection of local fish, stars, octopus, crabs and even our sea slugs!

We have been working hard to plan for the permanent Aquarium which we anticipate will be open summer 2010. The permanent aquarium will be constructed next to the intertidal in front of the waterfront promenade

where the mini aquarium will be. Until this it is ready, UMA will be open seasonally!



Meet our New Executive Team!

The Ucluelet Aquarium Society has grown! You may remember two of our friendly staffs' faces: former curator Jim Shinkewski and interpreter Melanie Knight from our first two seasons. Meet them now as the newest members of the Board of Directors! Check our website for a list of board members and staff who are helping to get the aquarium back up

and running. We would like to thank the many volunteers and local supporters who have helped us so far and encourage others who would like to help to contact us. We will need your help leading up to opening day as well as when the doors are open. Thank you in advance for your support. If you would like to help the Aquarium reach our finan-

cial goals, please visit our website. Your donations will go directly to fund the reconstruction of the Ucluelet Mini Aquarium and its life support systems that will instigate wonder in young minds and encourage change! We look forward to seeing you over the upcoming months as we work to get things up and swimming!

Christmas Gala a Success

Over \$3200 was raised for the Ucluelet Aquarium Society at the Pacific Rim Visitor Centre Christmas Gala at the Wickaninnish Interpretive Centre on December 8th. Many chequebooks were out for a good cause as a record attendance was reached for this annual event of over 130 people. Directors Bill, Jim and John tended bar while Philip and

Kumiko sold drink tickets and Melanie greeted. Spencer Wilson, past staff member of the aquarium, helped engage guests at the touch pool showcasing local sea stars, anemones and chitons. Co-beneficiaries also included the Tonquin Foundation and PRVC. The biggest ticket item auctioned off was a set of golf clubs from Wynecote Golf Course selling

for \$2000! The money raised will go to rebuilding the mini aquarium in the upcoming months. For all those who donated their time and money, thank you so much from UAS! We hope to see you at our opening day in May. Special thanks to Marny Saunders and the planning committee for this fantastic evening!

The mission of the Ucluelet Aquarium Society is to raise awareness about local marine biodiversity and promote respect for the ocean environment.

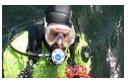
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Special Events!

- Look for us at Whalefest 2008! Scavenger Hunts, talks, nature walks, touch tables, crafts and colouring contests!
- Got a hammer? Wanna help? We need volunteers to help rebuild the aquarium! Please contact Bill Morrison @ womorrison@gmail.com

Meet our Board

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