

Steveston Harbour Authority Presentation to the General Purposes Committee

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Steveston Harbour Authority's Mandate

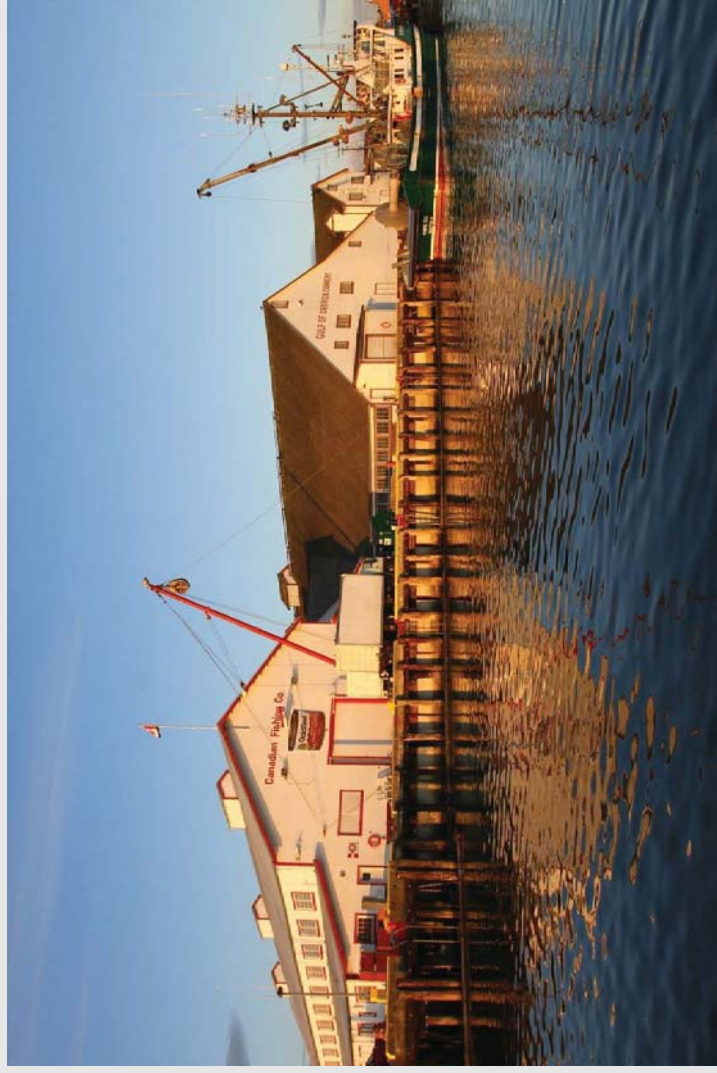
The Steveston Harbour Authority exists for the purposes of operating, maintaining and managing a public commercial fishing harbour at the Steveston Gulf site and the Steveston Paramount site in Steveston Harbour as well as surrounding lands.



Steveston Harbour - Important to the Local Economy

Steveston Harbour Authority is the largest commercial fishing harbour in Canada and is homeport to approximately 400 vessels. In addition to that it draws thousands of tourists every year into Steveston.

Currently Steveston Harbour Authority has over 35 site tenants and provide the following services: 50-ton travel lift, vessel repair area, ship chandlery, rigging, canvassing, tote fabricating, aluminum welding, ice plant, marine insurance, seafood unloading station and auction, public fish sales float, vessel electronics, net fabrication & mending, navigation school, restaurants and cafes.



Steveston Harbour Authority's 4 New Improvement Objectives

To enhance and expand our existing operations

To become more visible in the public realm

To clean up our properties

To encourage a new generation of fishermen to be involved on the Board of Directors



Steveston Cannery Channel Dredging

The federal government abruptly withdrew funding for secondary channel dredging in the late 1990s.

Sediment removal is urgently required to maintain the waterway for continued safe transit of both commercial fishing vessels and pleasure boats and to protect the sustainability of the channel for the commercial fishing & tourism industries.



Major Tenant

Canadian Fishing Company is the single largest tenant of the Steveston Harbor Authority and operates a large net loft and occupies a significant number of the moorage slips.



2014 Fraser River Fishery

During the 2014 Fraser River Sockeye fishery Canadian Fishing Company had over 300 fishing vessels actively delivering fish to its packers. Throughout the season many of these fishing vessels relied on the goods and the services provided by local merchants and the Harbour Authority itself.



Employment

In total, the 2014 Fraser River Sockeye fishery allowed Canadian Fishing Company to provide employment opportunities to over 700 fishermen, crew, shore side and plant workers. Many of these people happen to also be residents of Richmond and rely on the services that the Steveston Harbour Authority provides.

