



City of Campbell River
From the Office of the Mayor

- P R O C L A M A T I O N -

- WHEREAS** *in 2008 British Columbia is celebrating 150 years of adventures, struggles, people, events and achievements that have shaped our provincial identity;*
- AND WHEREAS** *British Columbia hosts an ocean and marine culture with coastal communities in small settlements, rural areas and urban centres, providing a gateway for North America's economic connections north, south, east and west;*
- AND WHEREAS** *ocean and marine space businesses, local governments and non-government organizations employ more than 84,000 people, providing more than eight per cent of the gross domestic product to the British Columbian economy; and 98 per cent of ocean and marine space businesses are small businesses with fewer than 25 employees; and increased knowledge will encourage young people to consider ocean and marine space industry employment;*
- AND WHEREAS** *British Columbians value safe, clean and secure access, and responsible use of the ocean and marine space; and ocean and marine space workers, investors and technology play a role in keeping industries competitive while maintaining a solid commitment to environmental operations for clean, safe and secure communities;*
- AND WHEREAS** *British Columbia's commitment to climate change action requires collaboration, quality information and qualified science among industry, environmental non-government organizations, local communities, First Nations and the general public for a sustainable ocean and marine space economy that creates prosperity in coastal, rural, resource, remote and urban communities of British Columbia and Canada;*
- AND WHEREAS** *the Province of British Columbia acknowledges OCEAN Industries BC exists for people who value the promotion of safe, clean and secure ocean and marine economy; and an Ocean and Marinespace Summit will bring together people interested in the successful promotion of a clean, safe and secure ocean and marine space economy;*
- AND WHEREAS** *Sunday, June 8th, 2008 is both World Ocean's Day and British Columbia's River's Day and these two resources are inexorably intertwined;*
- NOW THEREFORE I, Roger McDonell, Mayor of the City of Campbell River** in the Province of British Columbia do hereby proclaim June 2 to 8, 2008 to be:

"OCEAN AND MARINE SPACE WEEK"

in the City of Campbell River.

Dated this 27th day of May 2008 at Campbell River, British Columbia

Roger McDonell

MAYOR