



Howard Little puts the finishing touch on cedar sheds that are now being made by lisaak along with a host of other products such as lawn chairs, planters and picnic tables. Right, Denise Amos in sales at lisaak, stands beside one of the huge posts that will eventually be in the new Ucluelet Aquarium.

lisaak expands operations with secondary manufacturing

lisaak started off with a simple goal 13 years ago, to gain ownership of local forest tenures. Today lisaak own both forest tenures on the west coast, they operate a saw mill which does a brisk business in cedar shakes, shingles and milling specialized wood beams and posts, creating a secondary manufacturing business rather than just selling raw logs. The transformation and expansion of lisaak is not over by a long shot according to Derek Drake, general manager. He proudly show's off lisaak's latest product line of outdoor patio furniture that includes deck chairs, tables, planters and cedar sheds.

Drake noted that the saw mill isn't operating at full capacity yet, but the level of production is a good fit with today's economy, as the mill's employees are learning the various facets of operating a saw mill safely and exploring different markets and products and wood is being sold. "Our wood is sold all over the world to markets in Europe and Asia," Drake commented. "We're tied into

an international distributor and there is a market for high end clear wood," he said. He noted there is a different need on the local market and much of the wood sold locally is used for typical outside applications such as decks and fencing and trim (not construction), shakes and singles, specialty timbers and for instruments. Dave Jacobson, manager of Corporate Development for lisaak noted that the wood is FSC certified (Forest Stewardship Council) which guarantees that harvesting is done with utmost care for the environment with waterways, culture and wildlife habitat being protected. lisaak was the first forest tenure in BC to be certified Jacobson said. lisaak also follows the standards of the Clayoquot Scientific panel which according to Derek, will result in only a small fraction of the land will be logged over a long period of time and done so responsibly. lisaak employs approximately 20 on the lisaak site on the Pacific Rim Highway and another 20-40 people on the logging side of the operation. CONTINUED ON PAGE 2

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After Labour Day weekend Visitor Centre Hours cut back

Ucluelet Chamber of Commerce Hours of Operation: M-F 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Pacific Rim Visitor Centre Hours of Operation: Every Day 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

lisaak sponsors Carving on the Edge Festival

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This year and last lisaak has been a major sponsor of the Carving on the Edge Festival which takes place in September. This year, lisaak found

and donated a huge log which will be carved into a dug out canoe during the festival. The public is welcome to purchase products from lisaak, sold at the mill (Pacific Rim Hwy just past the junction) and also at Place TV and Blackrock Oceanfront resort in Ucluelet.

Visitor Information Centre survey shows majority of visitors feel welcomed and satisfied with service

The Visitor Centre Network survey has been very popular with our visitors this summer; with hundreds of cards being returned to the BC Ministry of Tourism. Information on tours, attractions and activities was the top reason that people stopped at the local visitor centres, with 228 respondents noting that. Other reasons why people stopped were to inquire about the weather or road conditions, collect maps, to purchase merchandise, to get information on various accommodations and to use washrooms.

Visitor Centres were rated on a variety of items such as if the centre was well signed and easy to locate, if the atmosphere was welcoming and professional and if the information was easy to find. The Visitor Centers rated 'very satisfied' for the majority of those items with the average score being 315 out of 402 and additionally the second highest rating was satisfied which was rated about 3-1 over those that were dissatisfied. Rating the visitor information counsellors, 363 respondents said they were welcomed to the centre while only 5 per cent expressed dissatisfaction with their welcome. The overall level of satisfaction with Visitor Information Counsellors was rated 357 respondents as 'very satisfied' and only seven, as 'very dissatisfied.'

Thank you

To our summer Visitor Information Counsellors for helping provide our visitors with the best vacation experience.

Summer staff included: Lucy Morrison, Alex Abdulla, Gerry Mitchell, Carly Green and Kat Sundquist.

After Labour Day the PRVC hours will revert back to our regular hours (in conjunction with Park's Canada) The centre will be open from 10-4:30, each day, with staff working from 9-4:30 p.m. The downtown centre will be open during regular Chamber hours from 9-4:30 on weekdays.

Kennedy Lake area closed while cougar hunt continues

Parks Canada is continuing to search for the cougar that attacked an 18-month-old boy on Monday evening. The Kennedy Lake day use area remains closed. By focusing on the Kennedy Lake day use area, Parks Canada is making every effort to capture the correct animal. In the case of an animal capture, various evidence collected from the attack will be adopted to ensure the animal is positively identified.

As several days have elapsed since the attack occurred, there is no longer an adequate scent for trained dogs to track the cougar. For this reason, the province's conservation officers and ground dogs are no longer involved in the search. However, the teams are on stand-by and will return when required.

In addition to the closure of the Kennedy Lake day use area, adjacent BC Park lands have been closed to public access. The entrance gate to the

Kennedy Lake day use area will be monitored on a 24-hour basis to ensure visitor safety. Parks Canada continues to ask the public to advise us on

any cougar sightings. Please call 1-877-852-3100 with specific details. All other areas of Pacific Rim National Park Reserve will remain open, visitors should use precautions to reduce the possibility of conflicts with wildlife. Parks Canada would like to remind the public of the following safety tips for visiting wilderness that is shared by cougars:

- Keep dogs on a leash at all times
- Never approach a cougar
- If approached by a cougar, back away slowly while maintaining eye contact and create as much noise as possible. Wave arms to appear larger. Pick children up.
- Carry pepper spray and an airhorn and use these items if approached by a cougar.