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New Exhibit Opening – *The Pull of the Net*

RICHMOND, BC – The Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site is pleased to announce a new feature exhibit for Canada’s 150th, [*The Pull of the Net: Commercial Fishing in Canada*](#). Opening May 6, 2017, with a free, family-friendly multicultural celebration, the exhibit examines how fishing on the East and West coasts has helped shape Canada’s cultural identity, and celebrates the story of the people, places, and achievements of the commercial cod and salmon fishing industries.

Exhibit curator Shannon King, Manager of Audience Engagement comments, “Fishing has a special place in the hearts of many people, especially in Canada’s coastal communities like Steveston. *The Pull of the Net* celebrates the allure of fishing on both East and West Coasts of Canada.” Featuring largely visual and interactive displays, the exhibit explores the historical and modern importance of fishing for all Canadians, engaging visitors of all ages and backgrounds.

The exhibit opens with “[*The Pull of the Net: A Multicultural Celebration*](#)” on Saturday, May 6 from 11am to 4pm. Highlights of the event include cultural performances (lion dancers, traditional Salish song and dance, Japanese taiko drummers, and Canadian maritime music), guided heritage tours, workshops, demonstrations and displays, a community weaving project, short films, and food tastings, representing the many cultures from our community.

This exhibit is supported by the Province of British Columbia and the Pacific Salmon Foundation. The feature exhibit will show daily from May 6, 2017 to 2019.

The Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site of Canada is operated by the non-profit Gulf of Georgia Cannery Society, on behalf of Parks Canada.

Location: 12138 Fourth Avenue at Moncton, Richmond (Steveston Village).

Hours: Open daily, year round from 10am-5pm. **Call 604-664-9009 for details.**

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