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Exhibit Opening -- *Trading Routes: Rivers, Fish and Oil*

Richmond, BC – March 17, 2015: The Gulf of Georgia Cannery National Historic Site welcomes its thought-provoking new feature exhibit – *Trading Routes: Rivers, Fish and Oil*.

Opening on April 11, 2015, the exhibit focuses on the ecology and cultural changes caused by industry and development along Northern BC's "grease trails," the First Nations' eulachon oil trading routes. This exhibit will enhance understanding of the impact of industrial development on BC's salmon bearing rivers; the Fraser, Skeena, Nass, and Stikine. Through interactive technology, visitors can explore the changing resource use of each river and how this has impacted wildlife habitat over the past 100 years.

Artistic expressions from the *Trading Routes* artist/investigators, and reflections and art from residents and artists in Northern BC will enhance cultural understanding of the relationship of their communities, and the proposed resource extraction and shipping, to the rivers. Information about the rivers will be presented through artwork, images, video, audio, and text.

The exhibit is a collaboration with the Social Sciences and Humanities Council of Canada Research/Creation Grant, *Trading Routes: Grease Trails, Oil Pipelines* held by Emily Carr University Professor, Ruth Beer (PI) and UBC Professor Emerita, Kit Grauer (CI).

Sponsored by the *Georgia Straight*, the exhibit shows daily from April 11, 2015 to Spring 2016.

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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