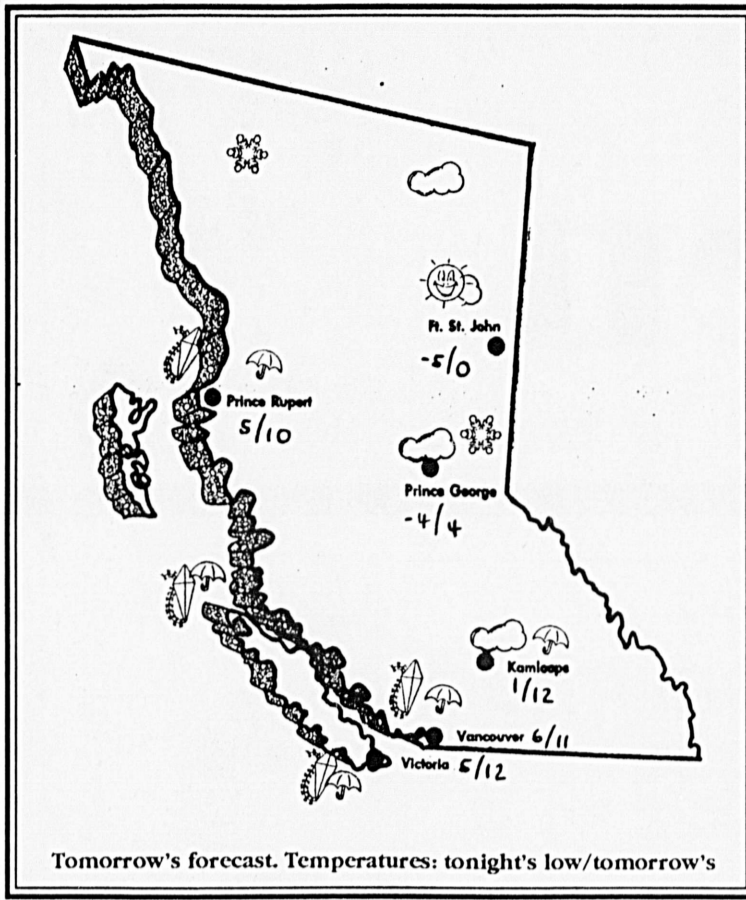
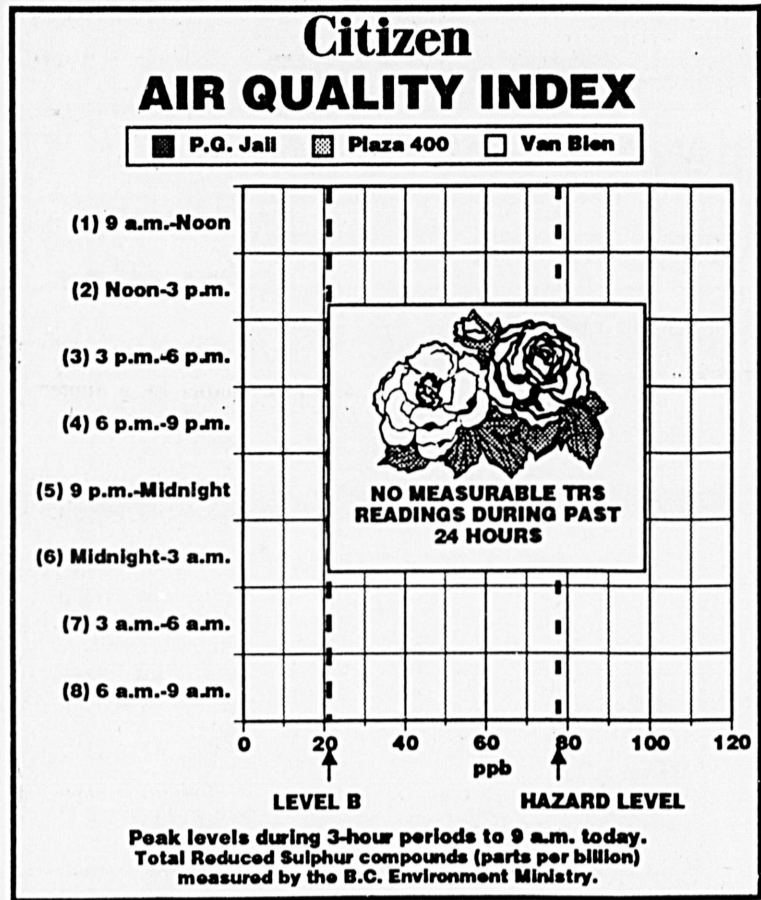


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Resource industries are under attack, says mining chief

VANCOUVER (CP) — B.C. resource industries are under attack from those who would preserve the resources from any development, the president of the Mining Association of British Columbia said Tuesday.

The province's geological environment "provides for virtually unlimited mineral resources," Tom Waterland told the annual outlook conference of the Association of Professional Economists of British Columbia.

"But they could become a depleting resource if reasoned judgment isn't applied to land-use issues."

The biggest challenge to the mining industry is maintaining access to the land for exploration, Waterland said.

"Over the past 150 years or so, actual mining operations have used one-40th of one per cent of B.C.'s land base. But we need lots of room for exploration because only one mineral deposit in about 5,000 that are investigated ever becomes a mine."

Some of the demands being made on mineral exploration in British Columbia are scaring away risk capital, he said. For the first time in its history, the industry isn't finding new ore at the same pace as it is mining existing ore bodies.

In the same discussion on resources and sustainable development, a U.S. forestry expert said economic growth and prosperity in the Pacific Northwest's timber industry in recent years is faltering, and not only from recessionary influences.

"Some evidence suggests we are on the path of increased potential (for growth), other evidence suggests overwhelming environmental restrictions," said Bruce Lippe, director of the Centre for International Trade in Forest Products at the University of Washington.

"Looking at the constraints, the degree of (spotted) owl conservation is still uncertain. A good mid-range estimate of the impact is a 24-per-cent harvest reduction for Washington, Oregon and California."

"Job losses, and wage and salary losses are substantial," Lippe said.

Weather

Immediate Prince George area: The weather office expects it to stay warmer than usual though the weekend, with high temperatures getting past the freezing mark each day.

Tonight, cloudy skies with clear breaks are expected with the temperature dropping to -4 and a chance of flurries.

Thursday is forecast to be cloudy with flurries and a high of 4.

The odds of rain or snow are 70 per cent today, 50 per cent tonight, and 70 per cent Thursday.

On Friday, snow or rain is expected with a low of -3 and a high of 3. The weekend will see cloudy skies with the chance of flurries as the temperature continues to swing from below-freezing nights to above-freezing days.

On Tuesday, the high was 3.3 with an overnight low of -2.4. There was 2.3 hours of sunshine and 4.7 mm of precipitation, mostly rain, in the 24 hours ending at 4 a.m. today.

One year ago, the high was 0, the low was -9.5 with a trace of snow and 6.4 hours of sunshine.

Sunset today will be at 4:14, with sunrise Thursday at 7:38 a.m.

Vancouver: Cloudy with showers. High 10. Tonight, clear breaks. Low 6. Thursday, cloudy. Chance of a morning shower. Periods of rain and gusty winds developing in the afternoon. High 12. Probability of precipitation in per cent 90 today, 20 tonight and 90 Thursday.

Victoria: Cloudy with showers. High 10. Tonight, clear breaks. Low 5. Thursday, cloudy. Chance

of a morning shower. Periods of rain and gusty winds developing in the afternoon. High 2. Probability of precipitation in per cent 90 today, 20 tonight and 90 Thursday.

Fraser Valley: Cloudy with showers. High 9. Tonight, cloudy with clear breaks. Slight chance of an evening shower. Low 5. Thursday, cloudy. Chance of a morning shower. Periods of rain and gusty winds developing in the afternoon. High 11. Probability of precipitation in per cent 90 today, 30 tonight and 90 Thursday.

Thompson, Okanagan: Cloudy with sunny periods. Slight chance of a shower. High 10. Tonight, cloudy. A few evening showers. Low 1. Thursday, cloudy. Chance of showers in the afternoon. Becoming windy in some valleys. High 11. Probability of precipitation in per cent 30 today, 80 tonight and 40 Thursday.

Chilcotin, Cariboo: Cloudy with sunny periods. Morning fog patches. Chance of showers or flurries. High 5. Tonight, cloudy with clear breaks. Chance of a shower or flurry. Low -4. Thursday, cloudy with sunny breaks. Chance of afternoon showers. Becoming windy in some valleys. High 6. Probability of precipitation in per cent 40 today, tonight and 60 Thursday.

Bulkley Valley: Cloudy with flurries. Afternoon sunny periods. High 3. Tonight, cloudy with clear breaks. Low -2. Thursday, cloudy. Periods of snow becoming mixed with rain by the afternoon. High 4. Probability of precipitation in per cent 100 today, 20 tonight and 90 Thursday.

Temperatures

TORONTO (CP) — Temperatures in Celsius; precipitation in millimetres:	Peace River	-14 -20 000.6	The Pas	8 -4 000.0
Vancouver	Whitehorse	-21 -34 000.0	Kenora	0 2 000.0
Victoria	Yellowknife	-13 -18 005.0	Thunder Bay	-1 -7 000.0
Comox	Inuvik	-21 -27 000.0	North Bay	-4 12 000.0
Port Hardy	Eureka	-39 -41 000.0	Toronto	3 -2 000.0
Prince Rupert	Alert	-30 -36 000.2	Ottawa	0 -9 000.0
Terrace	Cambridge Bay	-25 -27 000.0	Montreal	0 -7 000.0
Penikese	Calgary	14 -2 000.8	Fredericton	3 0 000.0
Kamloops	Edmonton	3 -8 000.0	Charlottetown	2 0 000.8
Abbotsford	Lethbridge	20 -3 000.0	Halifax	2 0 000.0
Crabbrook	Medicine Hat	19 -1 000.0	St. John's	1 -3 000.4
Revelstoke	Swift Current	17 0 000.0	Seattle	12 4 010.9
Williams Lake	Regina	18 6 000.0	Spokane	12 3 002.0
Prince George	Saskatoon	12 -2 000.0	Portland	13 6 017.5
Mackenzie	Prince Albert	7 -4 000.0	San Francisco	16 11 000.0
Fort Nelson	Winnipeg	7 4 000.0	Los Angeles	28 13 000.0
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			Phoenix	32 17 000.0

B.C. fishermen support poaching crackdown

VICTORIA (CP) — The B.C. fishing industry is healthy now but faces environmental, economic and political threats, industry and environmental representatives said Tuesday during a trade show.

"Something that's healthy today can be literally destroyed in a generation," said Robert Boyd, executive director of the 625-member Pacific Trollers Association, which sponsored the show.

Association members are heading to Ottawa to throw their support behind Bill C-174, which is slated to increase the penalties for infractions of the Fisheries Act.

"Trollers feel there is no penalty too harsh for poachers," Boyd said. "When poachers take fish, they're literally pickpocketing their fellow fishermen."

Even though there is the perception of widespread poaching, only 16 charges were laid in British Columbia this year.

Sport fishing is unrestricted in the province, Boyd said, estimating that if 400,000 licensed anglers each caught 30 fish a year, it would total 12 million fish and eventually threaten the commercial harvest.

And Norwegian fish farming has nearly eliminated the European market for wild-caught whole salmon in the last four years, he said.

In February, fishermen will take the unusual step of voting on a self-imposed levy to raise money to promote markets for their fish.

Virtually all the top-grade whole sockeye salmon caught in British Columbia ends up in Japan.

"All of North America eats very, very little fish," said Dave Boyes, a representative of the Seafood Enhancement Association of British Columbia. Canadian consumption was about 7.7 kilograms per capita a year in 1989.

'Loggers betrayed'

VICTORIA (CP) — A federal-provincial government decision not to compensate 24 loggers who were laid off after the South Moresby National Park reserve was created in the Queen Charlotte Islands is a betrayal, a forest workers union leader said Tuesday.

The South Moresby forestry compensation committee has told Western Forest Products and the IWA-Canada that the application for \$240,000 to help 24 loggers who were laid off and had to relocate from Sewell Inlet has been refused.

The decision is a major betrayal of promises made when the park was created two years ago, said Jack Munro, IWA-Canada regional president.

Rodger Manning, Western Forest Products president, said politicians who repeatedly promised compensation to anyone affected by the proposed park should be embarrassed at going back on their word.

Western Forest lost 73 per cent of its annual allowable cut when the national park reserve was created. It had to recalculate its logging plans and later laid off two dozen people who were working outside the reserve area.

Various multi-million dollar funds were created to ease the loss to forest companies and workers, but the Western Forest loggers don't qualify for any of the money in the \$31-million forestry compensation fund.

Most of the money is earmarked for Western Forest and MacMillan Bloedel, both of which lost timber rights, but their claims have not been negotiated.

About \$1.2 million has been paid — most of it to 66 employees of Frank Beban Logging, which had to pull out of Lyell Island immediately after the park reserve was created.

But the committee said the Sewell Inlet case is not analogous to Lyell Island.

It said there was a two-year delay to make loggers aware of the looming harvest reductions and they were given formal notification of layoff.

But Manning said that during the South Moresby debate, federal and provincial politicians "specifically said any job loss due to the creation of the park reserve would be fairly compensated; there were no conditions, no caveats."

The Sewell Inlet camp was logging outside the park reserve, but with the future harvest area lost, the camp was scaled back.

Steamships up for sale

VICTORIA (CP) — B.C. Stena Line is going out of business, company president Harry Aarsse told a news conference Tuesday evening.

The Swedish-based firm bought the Crown-owned B.C. Steamship Co., in 1988 for \$6 million. The closure will put about 200 people out of work.

Stena will halt its Victoria-to-Seattle sailings Friday and is putting the steamship line up for sale, Aarsse said, adding there is no future in maintaining the service.

The company's contract called for sailings to continue until October 1991, but Aarsse said the B.C. government has agreed to allow Stena to stop sailings and try to sell the business.

He said he did not know whether a buyer could be found for the whole operation or if it will have to be sold piece by piece.

Stena mothballed the Princess Marguerite before the current season and added the Crown Princess Victoria.

It sold the Victoria, a newer vessel, more than a week ago and the ship left Seattle for the Panama Canal.

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