City of Campbell River

Aquaculture



The Operational Backbone of Coastal Aquaculture

Campbell River is the business hub for British Columbia's aquaculture sector and a key centre for marine services supporting operations across the coast.

Home to the Canadian head offices of major international aquaculture companies and the BC Salmon Farmers Association, Campbell River plays a leading role in advancing sustainable seafood production, industry innovation, and sector collaboration.

A concentrated network of specialized suppliers, technical expertise, skilled talent, and marine service providers creates a strong foundation for both established businesses and emerging ventures. The community's deep industry knowledge and strategic coastal location make it an ideal base for operations, research, and investment.

For businesses looking to expand, innovate, or enter coastal markets, Campbell River offers direct access to established industry networks, marine infrastructure, and future-focused opportunities across the blue economy.

Campbell River's unique coastal location and strong marine-sector foundation have positioned the community as an important hub for aquaculture and emerging ocean industries.

Supported by a robust network of marine services, transportation links, suppliers, and skilled professionals, Campbell River provides the infrastructure and expertise needed to support both day-to-day operations and long-term growth.

The community continues to strengthen its role through applied research, workforce development, and industry collaboration. Partnerships with educational institutions and innovation-focused organizations are helping advance new technologies, improve operational performance, and foster sustainable sector growth.

At the same time, new opportunities are emerging in areas such as seaweed cultivation, marine biotechnology, ocean technology, and value-added seafood production, creating pathways for diversification across the broader blue economy.

Together, these strengths position Campbell River as a community where industry leadership, innovation, and market access converge, making it a strategic location for investment and business development on Canada's West Coast.

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Sector Snapshot

Aquaculture-related Businesses	101 established operations & services
Industry Leadership	Canadian headquarters & sector
Coastal Access	Gateway to BC's aquaculture region

Education & Workforce

CARTI • Seaweed Production • Applied Training

Innovation & Growth

Ocean technology • Seaweed • Value-added seafood products

Education, Innovation & Workforce

A skilled workforce, specialized training programs, and strong industry partnerships make Campbell River a leading centre for aquaculture and ocean-sector talent development.

North Island College supports the sector through initiatives such as **CARTI (Centre for Applied Research, Technology and Innovation)** and the **Seaweed Production and Processing Program**, helping build the workforce and technical expertise needed for a changing and growing industry.

The community's innovation ecosystem is further strengthened by Indigenous-led research and training initiatives, including the **BC Centre for Seafood Innovation (BC CAHS)**, which advances applied research, product development, and sustainable growth across the blue economy.

Together, these partnerships support workforce readiness, innovation, and long-term competitiveness while creating new opportunities in aquaculture, seafood production, and emerging ocean sectors.