

# BIG ROCK BOAT RAMP PROJECT UPDATE

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## CONSTRUCTION GETTING READY TO ROLL

The contract for the upgrades at the Big Rock Boat Ramp has been awarded to Upland Contracting Ltd.

With the award granted and final budget approved, the project team is on track to begin construction at the ramp as of June 11 – and is now only awaiting final approval from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) for the in-water work.

Once underway, work will begin on the breakwaters and then move to the repair of the ramp and the installation of the floating docks (which are now under development by CR Metal Fabricators).

When complete, improvements at the launch will offer:

- **Better protection from wave action:** higher breakwaters will prevent gravel build-up in the basin and access channel
- **Improved access:** floating docks will be secured to eight piles (four on each side) with a 6' wide steel grating surface, allowing for year-round access and moorage on both sides of the docks
- **Easier launching:** ramp will be widened and angle reduced, and it will be repaved with a high traction finish

The upgrades will require closure of the ramp from June 11 to October, but the result will offer increased safety and ease of use for boaters, for many years to come.



## THIRD ANNUAL ROYAL LEPAGE CAMPBELL RIVER SALMON DERBY

Are you planning to cast a line in the 3rd annual Campbell River Salmon Derby on June 9? You can still plan to use Big Rock Boat Ramp! Construction will close the ramp for most of the summer, but only after the derby is finished. Good luck to all!

## WONDERING WHERE TO LAUNCH THIS SUMMER?

For a map showing alternative boat launch options during the closure, visit <http://bit.ly/alternativeboatramps>

To find out more about additional construction happening along Highway 19A this summer, as a part of the Waterfront Project 2018-2020, visit [campbellriver.ca/construction](http://campbellriver.ca/construction)



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JUNE - OCTOBER 2018

## EELGRASS PLANTING IN THE CAMPBELL RIVER ESTUARY

The City of Campbell River has established an environmental offsetting plan to the work at the Big Rock Boat Ramp, which will involve eelgrass planting in the Campbell River estuary.

### What is an environmental offsetting plan?

Due to the nature of the work within the marine environment, the City was required – by the DFO – to submit an offsetting plan alongside their application to reconstruct the ramp. The goal of an offsetting plan is to compensate for impacts associated with development – in this case, to compensate for any residual harm to fish and fish habitat resulting from in-water work at the ramp.

### What is the offsetting plan for Big Rock Boat Ramp?

Eelgrass – a flowering underwater plant – will be transplanted to an area within the Campbell River estuary that was negatively affected by historical industrial activity. The primary goal in transplanting eelgrass will be to improve fish habitat and habitat productivity in an otherwise degraded area.

### What happens next?

Following debris removal by the Tyee Club in early 2018, preparations have begun for the transplant of eelgrass to impacted areas in the Tyee Spit. The plan involves scuba divers gathering eelgrass shoots from an appropriate donor site within the estuary and transplanting the donor plants to the target areas.

## WHAT'S NEXT?

The timeline below demonstrates how crews will complete the work in the limited time when in-water work is permitted by the DFO.

- JUNE 11**  
**Construction Begins**  
\*Date subject to change
- JUNE-JULY**  
**Breakwater Work**  
Providing better protection from wave action
- JULY-AUGUST**  
**Floating Dock/Ramp Work**  
Offering improved traction and access at range of tides
- AUGUST 31**  
**Fish Window Closes**  
All in-water work must be completed, according to DFO requirements
- SEPTEMBER**  
**Wrap-up**  
Final steps completed and construction team demobilizes
- OCTOBER 2018**  
**Celebrate!**  
Boat Ramp reopens with improved facility

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