COME VISIT THE OLDEST INTACT SALMON CANNERY ON THE WEST COAST

# BUILT IN 1889, NORTH PACIFIC CANNERY'S HISTORY OF ALMOST CONTINUOUS SALMON PRODUCTION IS UNRIVALED

North Pacific is unique among the few surviving cannery sites. It was established in 1889 and is the oldest remaining salmon cannery on the West Coast of North America and ran continuously for almost 100 years. Owned by the Anglo British Columbia Packers Company, North Pacific would employ hundreds of men and women of Chinese, First Nations, Japanese and European backgrounds as fishers, cannery workers and support staff during the months of the salmon run up the Skeena River. Because of its unique history and the fact it is one of the very few remote canneries that is almost entirely intact, North Pacific Cannery has been designated a National Historic Site by Parks Canada.

# **CONTACT US**

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## INFORMATION

### RATES

adult: \$12 student (5 - 18): \$6 senior (65 and over): \$10 children (under 5): free tour groups: \$10 per person family rates available

### SITE HOURS

10:00am – 5:00pm Site hours are extended on cruise ship nights

### SEASON OF OPERATION May 1 to September 30

Large tours or off season

tours can be arranged in

either the summer or winter

advance by contacting

telephone numbers.

An up-to-date schedule of hours for the current season is available on the North Pacific website. The website also provides information about departure times for scheduled tours, which are included with admission.

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Statement of Commemorative Intent, Parks Canada 2000

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# HERITAGE OF SALMON CANNING

From the last half of the 19th century and during most of the 20th century, hundreds of commercial salmon canneries dotted the West Coast of North America, from California's Sacramento River to Alaska's Bristol Bay. Each summer tens of thousands of people from diverse ethnic backgrounds would congregate in these canneries for four months as salmon began heading up rivers to spawn. Many of these canneries, especially in British Columbia, were located in remote locations, which made for a very unique work and living experience. Today, only a handful of these facilities remain as testaments to the formation of the industrial economy on the West Coast and the development of a modern multiethnic society in Canada and in the United States.

# **VISITOR EXPERIENCE**

As a visitor to North Pacific, you will be in awe of its remarkable river setting on Inverness Passage and wandering amongst the buildings set on wood piles, you will be transported back to the hectic days of cannery life. Tours, exhibits, historic photos and interpretation set against its historic backdrop will bring to life the characters and the stories of North Coast salmon canneries. Displays are housed in historic buildings and guided tours describe the canning process, fishing methods and living conditions of early cannery life.

# **AMENITIES & ACCOMMODATION**

In addition to the historic interpretation, North Pacific Cannery also offers visitors other services. The old Mess Hall serves unique, historically inspired food. The old Bunkhouse is an affordable lodging full of authentic character and picturesque scenery at the doorstep. The gift shop, located in the recently completed Visitor Orientation Centre in the old can factory, offers a wide selection of paraphernalia related to the salmon canning industry as well as selling quality crafts and products that exemplify the talent and creativity of the region and the province. North Pacific Cannery hosts many community and private events and can be rented for almost any scale of function in a setting that no one will forget.