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VANCOUVER AQUARIUM'S BCTV AQUAVAN VISITS SURREY

Free Community Event on Saturday, January 30 Offers Aquatic Education to Entire Community

Vancouver, B.C. – The Surrey community is invited to visit Vancouver Aquarium's BCTC AquaVan on Saturday, January 30 at Laronde Elementary. The BCTC AquaVan is aquatic education on the move! This mobile classroom invites participants to experience hands-on learning with living marine life.

Laronde Elementary students have been participating in the BCTC AquaVan's special week-long program SeaChange and now it's time to invite the entire Surrey community be a part of the action and the fun. SeaChange is a program to educate students of all ages on human connections with the ocean, showing people how to help conserve precious marine species and their ocean environments through direct-action programs.

BCTC AquaVan Free Community Event:

WHEN: Saturday, January 30, 2010, 10:00am – 12:00pm

WHERE: Laronde Elementary School, 1880 Laronde Drive, Surrey

Special highlights of this fun, family-friendly event include:

- Hands-on Interaction – Touch living, colourful marine life such as sea stars and hermit crabs
- Student Artwork – Conservation-themed art projects created by SeaChange students
- Ask An Expert – Want to know how your conservation efforts can protect marine life? Get the answers from the Vancouver Aquarium's BCTC AquaVan education team

About the BCTC AquaVan

The Vancouver Aquarium's BCTC AquaVan is one of the Aquarium's many educational initiatives that help people connect with our natural world and inspire them toward conservation action. This award-winning program is 32-feet of aquatic education on the move! The program provides children and families across BC and Alberta with the chance to get up close and personal with live animals and to experience aquatic life regardless of where they live. This fun, interactive aquatic education program complements the BC Ministry of Education's curriculum guidelines for K-12.

About BCTC

The people at BC Transmission Corporation (BCTC) invest in and help enhance quality of life in communities throughout the province. In partnership with charitable and non-profit organizations, BCTC strives to make a positive difference to the people and organizations that make BC a great place to live and work. BCTC is pleased to be supporting the Vancouver Aquarium's AquaVan – it is one way that BCTC demonstrates their commitments to education and the environment.

About Vancouver Aquarium

The Vancouver Aquarium is a global leader in connecting people to our natural world, and a self-supporting, non-profit association dedicated to effecting the conservation of aquatic life through display and interpretation, education, research, and direct action. Learn more at www.vanaqua.org.

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