

An Opening Banquet is planned for the end of that first day -- and the cost of it will be included in your registration fees. (So, you will have a financial incentive to arrive by the 9th at the latest).

The Workshop

Our discussions will begin on Saturday morning, the 10th of May, and extend throughout Sunday, the 11th. Most of the meetings will be at Middle Beach Lodge itself, but some of the plenary sessions will be held at the Legion Hall in Tofino. We will provide local transport as required.

Those interested may wish to join us in Victoria on the 12th, where we will have arranged some meetings with provincial government officials that afternoon. You should take account of this extra opportunity when you make your travel plans.

Getting Home

Although the main part of the Workshop will be over by 5 pm on Sunday -- just in time for Vancouver participants to beat it back to catch the last ferry from Nanaimo to Horseshoe Bay -- we think that you will enjoy the experience more if you stay over in Tofino on Sunday night, and head back on Monday morning, in the daylight. Remember that it is a difficult drive over the mountains, and that you will probably be rather exhausted at that point.

Certainly, there will be some vehicles leaving Tofino on the evening of Sunday the 11th. However, you could not expect to be in Nanaimo before 8 to 9 pm, or in Victoria before 10 or 11. This means that most people flying to more distant places will have to count on leaving the next morning. Consult carefully with your travel agent -- or E-Mail us if you have any questions.

The main party will leave Tofino between 7 and 9 am on Monday, for planned arrivals in Victoria between noon and 2 pm.

Funding

We have promised travel and subsistence costs to a few of our foreign participants, and we will certainly redeem those promises. If our funding drive goes as expected, we should also be able to cover the costs of travel to BC for other participants from outside the province. In addition, we will be offering support to a handful of graduate students. That will just about exhaust our travel and subsistence budget. BC-based participants should assume that they will have to fund their own participation.