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# Capilano gets a new centre

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It's not often Education Minister Jack Heinrich gets bouquets, but Capilano's Dean Doug Jardine paid tribute to him in absentia Thursday at the grand opening of the aquaculture resource centre in the Sechelt campus Thursday.

The centre is a joint venture between Capilano and Malaspina colleges.

"The first of its kind," said Jardine. "Seed money, \$100,000, came from the \$58 million Local economic renewal and development fund (LERD) and was ex-

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pressly approved by Heinrich himself who sees it as spending the money in the way it was meant to be spent."

About 75 people were invited to the opening which featured paella, a Spanish seafood dish, for lunch catered by the Casa Martinez. Representatives from federal, provincial and municipal governments attended as did college personnel and representatives from the industry. Sechelt Mayor Joyce Kolibas cut the ribbon to open the centre officially.

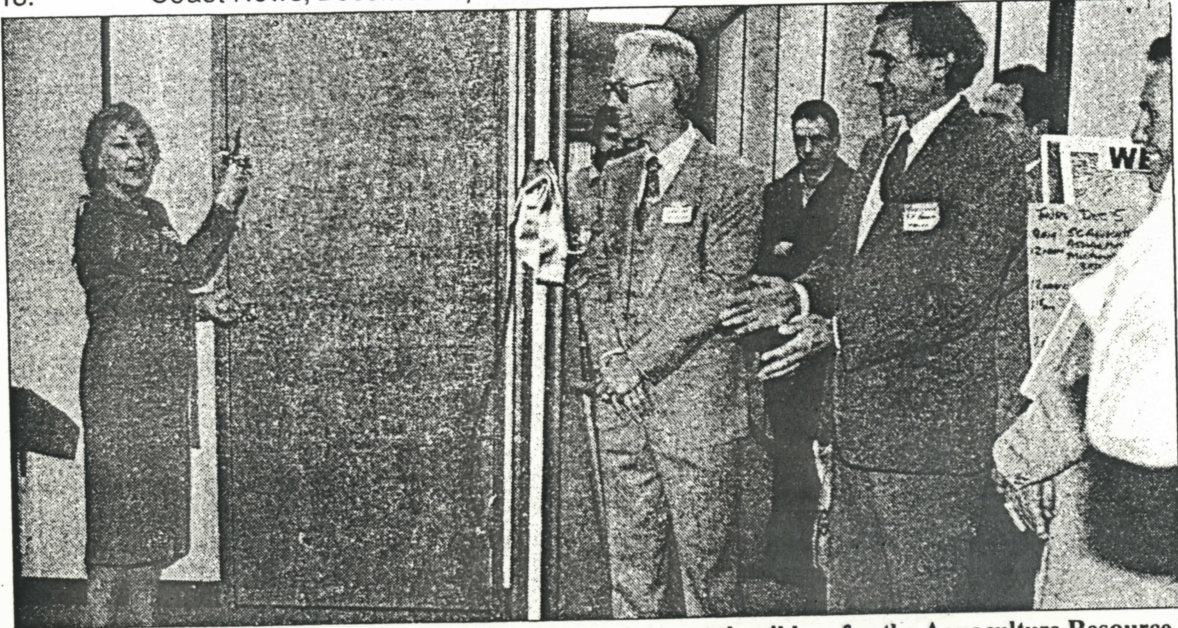
Ken Albrecht, a shellfish biologist on six months leave of absence from the Ministry of the Environment, has been appointed co-ordinator of the aquaculture resource centre.

The renovations to create it were paid for jointly by Capilano College and the Sunshine Coast Regional District. A bay door was removed from what is now the centre, the ceiling was lowered, the floor carpetted, and the whole wing re-wired.

As a result of the clerical component of the LERD money, Capilano College's opening hours have been extended to 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. (Monday to Friday) rather than 12:30 p.m to 7 p.m. as in the past..

Several workshops were held to coincide with the opening of the centre. It is set up for both industry and public. Both technological and business aspects of the aquaculture industry will be considered.

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Mayor Joyce Kolibas was at Capilano College last week to cut the ribbon for the Aquaculture Resource Centre, a joint venture between Cap College and Nanaimo's Malaspina College. (See story)

—Dianne Evans photo

## Aquacentre is opened

The Aquaculture Resource Centre opened last week with a ribbon-cutting ceremony by Sechelt Mayor Joyce Kolibas.

Located on the Sechelt campus of Capilano College, the centre will provide reference material for the local industry and short courses and workshops for both laymen and cultivators.

Centre co-ordinator Ken Albright told the *Coast News* that while no specific courses have been set up yet, by early next year he would like to be offering short one to three week courses and evening seminars.

The primary function of the centre, said Albright, is "to bring as much information as we can under one roof."

Dozens of textbooks and journals have been ordered and technical reports have been culled from the federal Fisheries Research Branch and other sources. The Economic Development Commission has supplied the centre with trade publications and aquaculture videos.

Albright said the centre is something the local industry has a current need for:

"Salmon farming is just booming so fast right now that it might get ahead of itself, leaving behind quality control and marketing, for instance."

He said salmon farming, which is the most prevalent and controversial type in the recent boom, is viable "provided you

have the right site, some field experience and long-term financial resources."

But he added that dissent in the community, objections raised over the long-term impact of farms on clean coastal shores, is a healthy thing, and that the centre will explore long-term effects of aquaculture abroad as research continues.

The resource centre is a joint venture between Capilano College and Nanaimo's Malaspina College. The \$100,000 funding for the project comes from the provincial Ministry of Education and will run out in six months, at which time, said Albright, more funding will be sought.