

Coastal Fire Centre



COASTAL FIRE CENTRE LOCATIONS

- Fire Centre Office is located in Parksville BC on Vancouver Island
- There are six zones
 - Fraser (includes Haida Gwaii)
 - Pemberton
 - Sunshine Coast
 - North Island – Mid Coast (includes Bella Coola)
 - Mid Island
 - South Island
- BCs most populated fire centre





Coastal Initial Attack Crews

- Campbell River > 3 crews
- Parksville > 3 crews
- Cobble Hill > 3 crews
- Powell River > 1 crew
- Sechelt > 2 crews
- Pemberton > 3 crews
- Squamish > 1 crew
- Hope > 4 crews





Coastal Unit Crews

- Port Alberni (1 crew)
 - Thunder Bird UC
- Pemberton (2 crews)
 - Salish UC
 - Heet Seaker UC
- Cultus Lake (1 crew)
 - Fraser UC
- Hope (1 crew)
 - Trail Blazer UC



NORTH ISLAND – MID COAST

- Main base is located in Campbell River
- Forward attack base in Bella Coola
- Campbell River is the hidden gem on Vancouver Island. We are the third-largest city on the island with a population of more than 37,000, and the urban service centre for about 60,000 people in our region.
- The sea meets the sky in Campbell River where people like to ski, snowshoe, hike, camp, swim, fish, boat, hunt etc. There is a thriving bike scene with many riding trails and more being built every day. Mt. Washington ski resort is only 40 min away for winter and summer fun.
- Full sports facilities: hockey, soccer, baseball, lacrosse, climbing, dance. We have boating and fishing of all types, saltwater, freshwater, lakes and rivers.
- The North Island Mid Coast Zone is the largest zone within the Coastal Fire Centre.
- The area includes all of Vancouver Island north of Fanny Bay, all the Islands and inlets from Maurelle Island north to the Dean Channel north of Bella Coola.
- Most of our terrain is very steep and rugged mountains accessible only by helicopter.



MID ISLAND ZONE

- The Mid-Island Fire Zone runs from roughly the Nanaimo Lakes area in the South to the Tofino – Buckley Bay latitude in the North.
- 2 fire bases: Errington (IA) and Port Alberni (UC)
- Nicest place to live and equal fire days to interior crews on average to busy seasons
- Tons of awesome projects with BC Parks, rec and trails including trails on coastal islands, mountains, lakes etc.
- Some of the best falling sites and chainsaw training sites in the province, great training program!



SOUTH ISLAND ZONE

- The main base is located in Cobble Hill and home to three IA crews.
- The South Island Zone is one of the top 6 most beautiful zones in the Coastal Fire Centre.
- It is the smallest zone in the fire centre, but good things come in small packages! It includes Victoria and the Southern Gulf Islands.



SUNSHINE COAST ZONE

The Sunshine Coast Zone is a hidden paradise with unique geography, culture and history.

- The Sunshine Coast Zone spans from Howe Sound to Desolation Sound, and Mount Waddington to the beautiful northern Gulf Islands. Placed amidst the Coastal Mountain range, you can expect steep slopes, big timber and priceless vistas from the many helicopter flights you will take. When you're not hiking up mountains, you'll be pumping water on a sandy beach or sailing across the Salish Sea.
- 2 fire bases: Sechelt and Powell River. While the CoFC is not known for its extreme fire behaviour, the population density and forest industry make for complex and interesting fires. Our IA crews are composed of capable and adaptable firefighters with a great community mindset. Helping each other in a positive work environment is paramount when working with fewer individuals.
- Sea kayaking, mountain biking, rock climbing, backcountry skiing, fishing, sailing - we have it all! Top it off with a great selection of restaurants, festivals and community groups – there's a reason our zone is called the "Jewel of Coast". Having a fulfilling work situation is very important but calling a world class destination home is truly priceless!



PEMBERTON ZONE

Located on the mainland, north of Vancouver, it has the same borders as the Sea to Sky Natural Resource District. The zone is bordered by the Fraser Zone, the Sunshine Coast Zone and the Lillooet Zone. The three main towns in the zone are Pemberton (location of primary fire base), Whistler and Squamish (location of secondary fire base).

- Industrial Activity in the zone varies from logging, railway, hydro and recreational operators. During the summer months there are over 50 privately operated recreational activities in the zone.
- The proximity to Vancouver and the international market has world exposure with the biggest draw being the Resort Municipality of Whistler and its large recreation tourism industry, in addition there is no shortage of great mountain biking, hiking, and backcountry access throughout the zone.

Pros of the zone:

- Great year round lifestyle
- Year round work (winter seasonal work compliments seasonal wildfire work)
- Beautiful country/landscape
- Diverse and experienced staff





FRASER ZONE

Extends east to Manning Park, north to Boston Bar, includes Bowen Island and Haida Gwaii. The zone is home to 4 IA crews (located in Hope) and 2 unit crews (Hope and Chilliwack). Perhaps a surprise, but most of the zones fires are on top of mountain ranges where no vehicles can access, overlooking the beautiful Fraser Valley.

Favorite food: Wing Wednesdays at Majors; Flautas entrée at Fiesta Loca Mexican Restaurant (everything made from scratch), Freshiis, Burger Shack, Pho Galaxy and many more.

Favorite after-work/weekend activities: Golf, Fishing, hiking, mountain biking, sun bathing at Cultus Lake, beach volleyball, Hemlock Ski Mountain, one-hour drive to the city if you want to catch any concerts or comedy shows in Vancouver and plenty more to explore.

Favorite hikes:

<https://www.clubtread.com/Routes/ByRegion.aspx?Region22.html?Region=2>



STILL HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT COASTAL?



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