
Media Advisory

CCGS Sir John Franklin Returns to Coast Guard Base in Victoria BC

Friday, March 25th, 2022, at 10am PDT



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CANADIAN RESEARCH VESSEL THE CCGS SIR JOHN FRANKLIN RETURNS TO THE COAST GUARD BASE IN VICTORIA BC

March 25th, 2022 – Media is invited to attend the CCGS *Sir John Franklin* return event for the 2022 International Year of the Salmon (IYS) Pan-Pacific Winter High Seas Expedition, which will take place at the Canadian Coast Guard Base in Victoria, British Columbia (25 Huron Street) on March 25th from 10am – 11am PDT.

Please note that all attendees of the return event at the Coast Guard Base must present a negative Covid antigen test to enter the Coast Guard Base. Covid antigen tests are available at the Coast Guard Base but you must show up at least one hour in advance to receive your test in a timely manner before the event. Otherwise, you can present evidence of a negative Covid test taken within 48 hours of the event time.

Dignitaries from Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and the Province of British Columbia, Canadian partners, and scientists from the CCGS *Sir John Franklin* will hold a short briefing to highlight the scientific accomplishments of the CCGS *Sir John Franklin* leg of the 2022 IYS Pan-Pacific Winter High Seas Expedition and their experiences over the past month at sea.

Canadian scientists studying the winter ecology of Pacific salmon on the CCGS *Sir John Franklin* are returning from a month in the North Pacific Ocean (NPO), after completing their survey for the 2022 IYS Expedition. This expedition is the largest ever pan-Pacific, epipelagic ecosystem survey during winter, focused on understanding salmon and their ecosystems, and is part of the IYS initiative led by the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission (NPAFC).

On February 20th, the CCGS *Sir John Franklin* departed from Victoria, British Columbia to begin sampling in the eastern-most region of the NPO. The CCGS *Sir John Franklin* is one of four research vessels making up the fleet for the 2022 IYS Pan-Pacific Winter High Seas Expedition, whose research will build on successful research expeditions in the Gulf of Alaska in 2019 and 2020 with a broader scope.

The overall objective of the 2022 IYS Expedition is to demonstrate the utility of an international pan-Pacific winter ecosystem survey to understand how increasingly extreme climate variability in the NPO and the associated changes in the physical environment influence the abundance, distribution, migration, growth, fitness, and survival of Pacific salmon and surrounding species.

The 2022 IYS Expedition is made possible by in-kind ship time contributions from Canada and the United States, and additional financial and technical contributions from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, the British Columbia Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund (Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Province of British Columbia), the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the North Pacific Research

Board, the Great Pacific Foundation, the Pacific Salmon Foundation Northern Endowment Fund, the Russian Federal Research Institute of Fisheries and Oceanography, Japan Fisheries Research and Education Agency, the North Pacific Anadromous Fish Commission, the North Pacific Fisheries Commission, the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Tula Foundation, the University of Alaska Fairbanks, the University of British Columbia, Oregon State University, and the University of Washington.

Date: March 25th, 2022

Time: 10am – 11am

Location: Coast Guard Base, 25 Huron Street – Victoria, B.C.

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