

# 5 Ports, Marinas and Small Craft Harbours

## Ports

Three main ports contain terminal industries for the shipping of bulk cargos in PNCIMA: Kitimat, Prince Rupert and Stewart.

The private Port of Kitimat services the Alcan aluminium smelter,<sup>1</sup> and markets in the US and Asia. It can accommodate vessels up to 320,000 DWT (dead weight tonnes). Kitimat is connected within Canada and to the US by road and rail.<sup>2</sup>

The Port of Prince Rupert is a Canada Port Authority. It is linked to other Canadian locations by road and rail, and to international markets, particularly China and the mid-west US. Its harbour can accommodate vessels of up to 250,000 DWT.<sup>3</sup>

The Port of Prince Rupert contains a cruise ship dock and a container port in addition to its deep sea berths.<sup>1</sup>

Stewart Bulk Terminals is the major terminal in Stewart, and is privately owned. Bulk carriers are loaded at the terminal with copper concentrates and rock. It is linked to other Canadian and US locations by road.<sup>4</sup>

## Marinas

Marinas provide permanent and temporary moorage for commercial and pleasure boats, including motorboats,

sailboats, yachts, charters, and fishing boats. There are 603 operating marinas in BC. The dataset was refined to exclude marinas outside PNCIMA; duplicate fields; fuel sites; ferry docks; sites that could not be confirmed, do not exist, or have been abandoned or closed; and sailing/boating clubs that do not have their own facilities, ramps and anchorages. As a result, 102 facilities in PNCIMA comprising marinas, public docks, private docks and yacht clubs are presented in the accompanying map.

**There are 3 major ports, 102 marinas and 38 small craft harbours in PNCIMA**

## Small Craft Harbours

There are 103 fishing and 13 recreational harbours in BC. In PNCIMA, there are 38 small craft harbours of which 37 are fishing harbours and one is a recreational harbour.<sup>1</sup>

Material presented is drawn from the following literature reviews, which include primary references:  
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 3 Association of Canadian Port Authorities [www.acpa-ports.net](http://www.acpa-ports.net)  
 4 Stewart Bulk Terminals Ltd. [www.stewart-hyder.com/company/bulkterminals.html](http://www.stewart-hyder.com/company/bulkterminals.html) (Accessed March 2009).

Ridley Terminal, Prince Rupert. Photo: Dale Gueret



Boats in Queen Charlotte harbour. Photo: Nicholas Irving



Campbell River Small Craft Harbour. Photo: Anuradha Rao

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