

## **Floatplane Survey**

Results of an online survey of central Vancouver Island residents and business owners regarding the feasibility of a floatplane service from Nanaimo Harbour to Victoria Harbour

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## Background

In Spring 2007 after several instances of automobile traffic backup on the Trans Canada Highway, several central Island business owners commented to the Economic Development Officer on their interest in a floatplane service between Nanaimo Harbour and Victoria Harbour.

During this period, Steering Committee members of Nanaimo Economic Development Group (EDG) met with members of the Ladysmith Economic Development Commission to share projects and discuss whether there were activities offering mutual benefit to residents of Nanaimo and Ladysmith.

The online floatplane survey project is a result of anecdotal discussions with business owners as well as the meeting between the economic development organizations in Nanaimo and Ladysmith. Questions were drafted by staff of the Economic Development Office and reviewed for approval by the two economic development organizations.

## Process

The survey which was posted online at the City of Nanaimo's webpage [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca) was not meant to be scientific, but simply an opportunity to gauge the level of interest in expanded floatplane service between the harbours of Nanaimo, Ladysmith and Victoria. It went online at the end of August 2007. Emails to members of EDG and communications from the Economic Development Office to business colleagues, encouraged them to visit the site and complete the survey. The Ladysmith Economic Development Commission also broadcasted that the survey was available, to its business community via their Chamber of Commerce. Media stories on this project were offered by A-Channel News and the Nanaimo Daily News.

## Outcomes

252 persons completed the online survey. 69.7% of respondents supported the presence of a floatplane service to Victoria Harbour. 84.% would be willing to pay between \$50-\$75 for a one-way flight between Nanaimo and Victoria, suggesting that the capacity of the small business community could afford this price range, which also included \$75-\$100 and \$100-\$125.

A combined total of nearly 88% responded that they travelled to Victoria once a month and less than once a month, indicating that there is a high frequency of movement between communities for (in order of highest response) purposes of shopping and tourist attractions, entertainment, visit with family, government services, medical reasons and other.

The five open-ended questions included in the survey elicited 177 comments regarding the respondents' nature of business in Victoria, including a broad range of personal and professional activities. For the 31 respondents who did not currently travel on floatplanes, their reasons included their not needing the service, retirement situation, route not available, considered environmentally unfriendly or no business in Victoria.

72 respondents were supportive of a floatplane service to Victoria, depending on considerations such as cost, time of day and scheduling. Convenience was mentioned numerous times as the reason they were interested.

## Next Steps

As previously stated, this project was not intended to be a scientific survey on the feasibility of a floatplane service. Instead it was a random survey with short questions to gauge level of interest within a short period of time, in response to several businesses' request to gather the data.

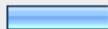


The outcomes of this survey will be made available to any interested parties and will be available from the City of Nanaimo's website at [www.nanaimo.ca](http://www.nanaimo.ca), click on 'Business', scroll down to 'Economic Development'.


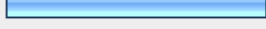
For persons considering a full business planning exercise related to any entrepreneurial opportunity indicated in the survey outcomes, assistance with statistical research and market data is available from:



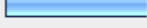



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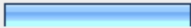


The information contained in this report and the survey outcomes are not intended to replace the comprehensive research, financial planning and investigative activities of a full business planning exercise. Where a business opportunity might be indicated in the survey outcomes it is recommended that additional information be obtained from business development agencies such as Community Futures, Chambers of Commerce, Small Business BC, or any of the numerous Internet business planning sources available to entrepreneurs.

1. Do you currently fly on seaplanes for business?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Never 	17.7%	44
Sometimes 	63.1%	157
Always 	19.3%	48
<i>answered question</i>		249
<i>skipped question</i>		3

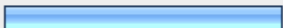
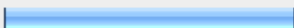

2. If you do not currently fly on seaplanes for business, why not?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Cost 	45.6%	31
Convenience 	8.8%	6
Other 	45.6%	31
Please Specify		32
<i>answered question</i>		68
<i>skipped question</i>		184

3. How often do you travel from the Nanaimo area to Victoria for business?		
	Response Percent	Response Count
Never 	14.1%	35
Less than once a month 	41.8%	104
Once a month 	24.9%	62
Once a week 	12.9%	32
2-3 times a week 	3.2%	8
More than 3 times a week 	3.2%	8
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<i>skipped question</i>		3

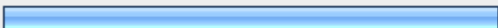


5. Do you stay overnight in Victoria when on a business trip?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Never 	32.2%	75
Sometimes 	61.4%	143
Always 	6.4%	15
<i>answered question</i>		233
<i>skipped question</i>		19

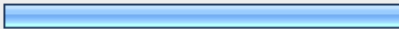

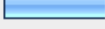
6. Do your business trips to Victoria occur on weekends?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Never 	48.1%	112
Sometimes 	50.2%	117
Always 	1.7%	4
<i>answered question</i>		233
<i>skipped question</i>		19

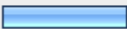


7. When you travel to Victoria for business, do you bring materials and supplies with you, i.e. for sales calls? If so, how much does it weigh?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Under 25 pounds 	86.5%	185
Over 25 pounds 	10.8%	23
Over 50 pounds 	2.8%	6
<i>answered question</i>		214
<i>skipped question</i>		38







## 8. Would you support a floatplane service from Nanaimo Harbour to Victoria Inner Harbour for business trips?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Yes 	69.7%	168
No 	12.9%	31
Maybe 	17.4%	42
Please explain		73
<b>answered question</b>		<b>241</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>11</b>

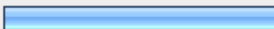


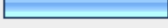
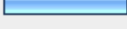
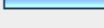
## 9. Do you currently fly on seaplanes for non-business reasons?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Never 	21.2%	53
Sometimes 	72.0%	180
Always 	6.8%	17
<b>answered question</b>		<b>250</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>2</b>


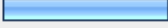
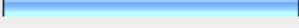
## 10. How often do you travel from the Nanaimo area to Victoria for non-business reasons?

	Response Percent	Response Count
Never 	4.9%	12
Less than once a month 	50.6%	125
Once a month 	37.3%	92
Once a week 	4.5%	11
2-3 times a week 	2.0%	5
More than 3 times a week 	0.8%	2
<b>answered question</b>		<b>247</b>
<b>skipped question</b>		<b>5</b>

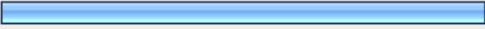



**11. Why do you travel to Victoria? Check all that apply.**

	Response Percent	Response Count
Visit with family 	47.7%	114
<b>Shopping and tourist attractions</b> 	73.2%	175
Entertainment 	62.3%	149
Government services 	28.9%	69
Medical 	21.8%	52
Other 	18.0%	43
Please specify		45
<i>answered question</i>		239
<i>skipped question</i>		13

**12. Would you support a floatplane service from Nanaimo Harbour to Victoria Inner Harbour for non-business trips?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
No 	20.6%	51
Maybe 	28.2%	70
Yes 	51.2%	127
<i>answered question</i>		248
<i>skipped question</i>		4

**13. How much would you be willing to pay for a one-way flight from Nanaimo to Victoria?**

	Response Percent	Response Count
\$50-\$75 	84.4%	194
\$75-\$100 	9.1%	21
\$100-\$125 	6.1%	14
More than \$125 	0.4%	1
<i>answered question</i>		230
<i>skipped question</i>		22

## APPENDIX A

### Open-Ended Question: If you do not currently fly on seaplanes for business, why not?

31 respondents

1. I work and live in Nanaimo
2. No need
3. Job does not require it
4. No need
5. Usually use ferry to take vehicle
6. Not necessary
7. No need to
8. Retired
9. Not yet necessary, but one day...
10. Doesn't go to Victoria
11. Don't need to
12. Flight schedules are not always conducive to meeting schedule and weather delays/cancellations can also create uncertainty
13. No need to
14. No business in Victoria
15. I'm retired
16. Does not fly the route I need
17. Retired
18. Not environmentally friendly
19. They are dangerous and environmentally unfriendly
20. Destination
21. I don't need to travel to Vancouver either for business or pleasure...
22. Prefer passenger ferry
23. Only fly when my employer is paying fare
24. Most times a car is handy and convenient
25. I don't like small planes - helijet I like
26. Haven't done business in Victoria
27. Not necessary for my position
28. Need for a vehicle
29. Little business off Island
30. Never thought about it
31. Not required

**APPENDIX B****Open-Ended Question: What is the nature of your business to Victoria?**

177 respondents

1. Training/recruiting
2. Various
3. Architecture
4. Government
5. Business
6. Meetings
7. Airport
8. VIHA
9. Corporate
10. Hotels
11. Computers
12. Course/information
13. Meetings or conferences
14. Usually training
15. Training
16. Conference
17. Medical work but also additional trips to see children
18. I don't have business in Victoria
19. Shopping/visit relatives
20. Meetings
21. Art and design projects
22. Seminars/courses
23. Tourism management
24. Government
25. Professional development courses
26. Government offices
27. It wouldn't be for business it would be for pleasure
28. Tourism shopping spas
29. Conferences, courses
30. Business meetings and conferences
31. IT
32. Government
33. Sales
34. Conferences
35. N/A
36. Consulting
37. Conferences, meetings
38. Work for provincial government
39. IT
40. Fly to Toronto
41. Government, shopping
42. Health care
43. Shopping
44. Getting to the airport - more consistent flights/ better flight schedules out than

- Nanaimo's
45. Business
  46. We go to Victoria to visit - but not for business - you need to make your survey apply to retired people
  47. Client meetings
  48. Medical
  49. Meetings with government ministries
  50. Visiting clients
  51. Consulting
  52. Industry related - attend industry events/sales calls
  53. Pilotage
  54. Marine pilotage
  55. BC coast pilot
  56. Real estate
  57. Client meetings
  58. Meetings
  59. Consulting
  60. Ships pilot
  61. Real estate
  62. Medical
  63. Related to contract bidding, meetings with government officials and other Social Service or U Vic reps
  64. Real estate sales and business
  65. Client visits
  66. Attending conferences, seeing clients
  67. Construction
  68. Tourism, cruise & government meetings
  69. Typically training or professional development
  70. Teaching/meetings
  71. Meetings
  72. Construction
  73. I live in Nanaimo and work in Victoria. My work takes me to Nanaimo for meetings about once a month
  74. Travel to headoffice and other store visits
  75. Tourism
  76. Work
  77. Meeting clients/colleagues, pursuing professional development opportunities
  78. Software
  79. Meetings
  80. Commuting to Calgary
  81. Visit for pleasure and to see family and friends
  82. BC Coast Marine (ship) Pilot
  83. To work
  84. Marine Pilotage of deep sea ships
  85. Visit family
  86. Software sales
  87. Government work
  88. Work in government in downtown Victoria
  89. Technical
  90. Presentation

91. Meetings
92. Marine transportation
93. Government
94. Marine pilot
95. Meet with clients
96. Home inspections
97. Retired
98. Once a week (generally) from Victoria to Nanaimo & back
99. Sales
100. You did not ask whether one travels from Victoria to Nanaimo/Parkville as I do; so I assume this question will clarify that point
101. BC Government (Min Environment); I note there are a LARGE NUMBER of prov. gov.'t staff who must attend meetings in Victoria on regular basis who would use this service year round
102. Meetings
103. Provincial council meetings and consultant meetings
104. Meet with colleagues at Victoria branch office
105. Ministry of Education
106. Construction
107. Legal
108. I teach at Malaspina
109. Head office visits
110. Law
111. Meeting with head office staff
112. Legal
113. Inter-Tribal Health Authority, Victoria Hospital for parents health
114. Government
115. Manufacturing contacts
116. Meetings or seminars or conventions
117. Attending training seminars....probably 1 or 2 per year...employer's decision, not mine
118. Moving Films from Victoria to Ladysmith
119. Customers are there
120. Tourism
121. Real estate
122. Meetings
123. Tourism
124. Government/health
125. Sales
126. Business meetings with colleagues; attending conferences
127. Supplier meetings
128. Meetings
129. Branch Office and meetings
130. Work
131. Insurance / seminar / meetings
132. Professional development
133. Conferences, workshops
134. Financial services
135. Mostly personal, sometimes business to attend events at another branch
136. Conferences

137. Networking and personal
138. Meetings
139. Work and visiting family
140. Meeting with Viatec, Business Development Bank
141. Meetings
142. Meetings
143. None, as of yet
144. Supplies
145. Marine transportation, shipyard repairs
146. Client and sales meetings
147. Meetings
148. Consulting
149. Non profit
150. Career management services
151. Full time employment with provincial govt
152. Machinist for DND, CFB Esquimalt. Naval reservist in HMCS Malahat
153. Engineer
154. Seminars
155. Mostly government meetings
156. Meetings and conferences
157. Tourism related meetings
158. Sales
159. Meetings
160. Business meetings
161. Clients and DND business
162. Meetings
163. Training
164. Visit our branch offices in Victoria
165. Government services
166. Investment
167. Satellite office locations
168. Leisure, business meeting
169. Business meetings
170. Loans to business contacts
171. Meetings/conferences
172. Various
173. Meetings - film pre production and newspaper and book publisher
174. Tourism based meetings
175. Federal government
176. Business
177. Government

## APPENDIX C

### Open-Ended Question: Would you support a floatplane service from Nanaimo Harbour to Victoria Inner Harbour for business trips?

72 respondents

1. Depends on departure times, flight length, and cost
2. I'm all for it , but not certain how often I'd use it
3. It would be faster and probably cost about the same as driving (car mileage, gas, time etc.)Less stress, better for the environment then 15 cars driving up and down the island, safer than driving over the Malahat
4. Depends upon cost
5. I would use if available since this is very convenient and fast
6. Providing the cost was realistic
7. Time and convenience especially during the winter over the Malahat
8. Would have to be similar to cost of driving
9. Would most likely use the service in the winter but that is when it is most unreliable
10. I wouldn't need it for business but I would for personnel use
11. Depends on cost
12. The drive is tedious and one has to leave very early for an 8:30 appointment
13. Good idea. Don't know if I would use it
14. Cost effective?
15. It's better than driving the malahat and sitting in commuting traffic on the outskirts of Victoria
16. Depends on cost
17. I do not want to see our harbour (the Harbour City) destroyed by turboprop float planes - Victoria harbour is very unpleasant during the day due to noise and fumes of float planes
18. I'd use the service in a heartbeat because the floatplane terminal is close to my clients' place of business
19. Would save 4 hours and mileage to the client and provide me with a competitive edge
20. Convenience
21. Depending on cost
22. Time is money
23. If the cost was reasonable
24. I think this idea would fly (no pun intended!)
25. I would also support a service from Victoria to Nanaimo
26. For convenience, to save time
27. Make sure of getting the service
28. From Victoria to Nanaimo, definitely a need
29. Definitely!
30. If cost-effective
31. There are already far too many floatplanes they are incredibly noisy and fumes are bad near take off and landing areas, they are totally disruptive to areas they fly over because they fly so low
32. Probably yes during months March - October once a month I could travel by floatplane instead of automobile

33. You failed to ask a very important question... Do the City of Victoria's residents WANT a float plane service from Nanaimo or anywhere else? Why do you assume that they do?
34. Nanaimo is the regional (Vancouver Is.) Home base for many prov gov't ministries with a lot of traffic to and from Victoria - most often down in the AM and return that last afternoon. I have previously mentioned this to the airlines, and they have indicated that, as their main service base is in Vancouver, that they would have to route via Vancouver for some portion of these flights
35. Based on price and drop point
36. Time saving
37. Easier to drive by car from Nanaimo to Victoria
38. Quick and easy
39. I need my car to get to outer areas
40. Living in Ladysmith, it is only 1hr 10 mins to Victoria driving. Would take longer to drive to Nanaimo, wait, then fly
41. Need transport there
42. It would depend on cost, times etc.
43. It is about an hour drive. I can't see it being faster or less expensive
44. Price dependent
45. My origin of travel is Courtenay even though my office is in Nanaimo. Once I'm on the road, it doesn't pay to slow down
46. Cost prohibitive and practicality of delivering to several locations
47. Not a significant savings in travel time
48. Business and personal
49. Very easy to travel by vehicle
50. While driving takes longer, it provides greater flexibility in stops and return times
51. More for personal. Travel 2 - 3 times per month, would love to be able to fly
52. If I went to Victoria
53. I don't know how much of a demand there is for business use. I definitely agree that it would be beneficial for business and leisure use
54. If I were trying to get back to Nanaimo the same day and road conditions weren't favourable
55. When convenient but normally confine with family visits so vehicle is helpful --- have doubts this is a viable service
56. Issues to consider would be scheduling, cost, location
57. Depend of the convenience and price
58. My business travel takes me to Vancouver, not Victoria
59. Reasonable price, convenient times
60. I would rather see a high speed train that runs similar to the Sky train. I would be willing to pay \$10.00 one way. It would have to be fast, and be able to support all of the cities south of Nanaimo
61. Depend on cost and schedule
62. Because there is no ferry involved, not so difficult to get to Victoria as it is to downtown Vancouver. If we open an office in Victoria that may change how often/timing to get there etc. Still think most would drive
63. I think it is a great idea, however it is unlikely that I would use the service myself as I find having my vehicle is valuable to me
64. If business was right downtown, then it would be advantageous. Sometimes meetings are in Saanich which makes getting around expensive by cab
65. Would be convenient for quick trips
66. Anything to save time, especially when I'm in a hurry

67. Depending on cost
68. The time saving is not significant enough, I will just drive
69. After three years of living in Nanaimo, I have sold my home and business interests and moved to Victoria. Nanaimo, while beautiful, has very high property and business taxes
70. Occasionally, not always. But yes
71. It's a nice drive and I want a car when I get there
72. Travel time

**APPENDIX D****Open-Ended Question: Why do you travel to Victoria? (Other than Visit with family, Shopping and tourist attractions, Entertainment, Government Services, Medical, Other)**

44 respondents

1. Airport
2. I work with VIHA and need to go there for business
3. Family and friends
4. Business
5. Picking up visitors from the airport
6. Visit clients for my job family
7. Visit with friends
8. Marathon
9. To fly somewhere
10. Business
11. Work
12. Visit friends
13. Sports events for kids
14. Work
15. Work
16. Business
17. Sports often
18. Real estate purposes
19. To catch a plane to Calgary
20. Specialty dining
21. Visit friends, travel to us
22. I'm Victoria resident, but would use this service regularly for work (once every month or two)
23. I live in Victoria and travel to Nanaimo. My company pilots the deep sea ships into and out of Nanaimo area and all BC ports
24. Visit with friends
25. Again, you forget the two-way aspect. See above
26. Business
27. Travel to the USA
28. Trips to Victoria are usually to pick-up/drop off family at Vic airport, or to show overseas guests the city of Victoria.
29. Work
30. Work
31. US. port of entry boat and air
32. Visit with friends
33. Business
34. To catch the ferry down to Seattle
35. Business
36. To meet with government and other non profit organization representatives
37. Work fleet maintenance facility cape breton
38. Visit friends.
39. Business
40. Hockey games (minor)

41. Business
42. Business
43. Visit friends
44. Business

## APPENDIX E

### Open-Ended Question: Why do you travel to Victoria? (Other than Visit with family, Shopping and tourist attractions, Entertainment, Government Services, Medical, Other)

65 respondents

1. Thanks for asking!
2. The flight time would also need to be convenient ie Between 7-9 am from Nan. To Vic. And between 2-7pm coming back
3. We need an alternative to the drive, especially in the winter when the weather is not very pleasant.
4. The current train service to Victoria is inconvenient for two-way travel, but paired up with a floatplane in one direction, it could make for a wonderful return trip experience
5. I don't understand why we do not have a service. There is service with other companies to Vancouver, Richmond
6. This would be an excellent service; providing convenience, ease and elevated quality of life for the community
7. How about discounts for advance booking and also volume discounts
8. Where would the main departure and arrival be?
9. If it would cost anything more than 25-35 dollars one way, I would drive
10. Would not support this if a one-way fare was \$50. Needs to be under \$50.
11. If there would be some flights to inner harbour in Victoria, it's better to one more destination to Patricia bay (3 minutes from cyyj to transit)
12. How about Courtenay to Victoria?
13. You should conduct a survey of government officials in Nanaimo - there are many people (mostly managers) who travel from Nanaimo to Victoria numerous times a week for business
14. If the cost was under \$50 I would travel more than once a month
15. West jet should go from Nanaimo to Victoria, connections to west jet would be very efficient and help support a float plane business with a shuttle
16. Nanaimo harbour to the Victoria airport would also be of interest
17. Cheaper then \$50. It only costs that to go to Vancouver it should be \$30 bucks
18. As it stands, a meeting in Victoria consumes almost an entire day of my time as I have to drive. Using a floatplane would dramatically reduce the time required for meetings in Victoria
19. I looked into it once, only to find out that the service didn't exist. Just for fun, I checked expedia.ca to see if it was possible, and it was - for \$1,300 including a stop-over in Vancouver!
20. I am in the hospitality/tourism industry and any new means of transporting guests is welcome!
21. With BC coast pilots we often travel by taxi between Victoria and Nanaimo Seaplane would be an efficient alternative
22. I don't see it as a huge time saver or convenience when we are only just over an hour away to drive
23. I feel it is a great idea
24. Could be great for tourism!
25. A minimum of two morning flights (8/8:30) and 2 return flights 4:30/5:00) weekdays would be fabulous!

26. Would also support the idea of a landing in the Colwood/Langford area, even at a slight premium!
27. A great idea, but cost has to be affordable, my kids go to Victoria to visit their dad and his family, and I hate the drive and I hate having them on the road so much, if this happens, I do hope it is on the affordable side then more 'non-business, mid-income' people will use it. Hours of flights are also important, 7 am to.... At least 8 or 9 pm or maybe later on big concert days
28. The value of this service is minimal. Why concentrate on this market when the Vancouver - Nanaimo market hasn't been fully addressed?
29. I live in Victoria & travel to Nanaimo for business reasons. Presently use a car service, however, a float plane service would save me considerable time in travel either to Nanaimo from Victoria, or the return trip home from Nanaimo to Victoria. The biggest restriction I would have using such a service would be that much of my work is done during the night when sea plane service would not be available. However, it would sure be a good option if it worked out time-wise.
30. Even 3 or 4 flights/day would be useful and would eliminate the Malahat drive completely for me.
31. Flight times would need to allow travel from Nanaimo at sensible business hours with return options,
32. I'm sure that the BC coast pilots would use this service; currently we use a limo service that costs about \$200.00. Our company has at least one or two people travelling back and forth every day. Some based in Nanaimo and some in Victoria
33. The convenience would be wonderful
34. This would be a fantastic idea!
35. Victoria harbour has lost its charm as a harbour, it's incredibly noisy and smelly, the boats are totally displaced, do you really want your harbour similarly ruined?
36. You have composed and are conducting a "survey" which I think you feel must reach a pre-conceived conclusion. As noted above, why don't you ask Victoria's residents whether they want another float plane operator polluting their harbour
37. Encourage you to work with the airline to come up with a workable solution to this service. May have a "green" side as well, otherwise gov't staff and others have to drive back and forth adding to air pollution, green-house gases, etc.
38. It would ease up on the driving risk on the Malahat
39. My interest is in going from Victoria to Nanaimo (I work at Malaspina UC)
40. This would be a very valuable and useful service
41. A very much needed service and have always wondered why there was no service flights from Nanaimo to Victoria the business there would boom and help many to get there quicker for business, tour the beautiful city of Victoria and get to the USA
42. I would like to be able to fly all the way to Seattle, and a link from Nanaimo to Victoria would open that up, as you can currently fly from Victoria to Seattle on a regular basis
43. I would likely never use it
44. Improve the train service instead

45. Because Victoria has an international airport a flight from Nanaimo to Victoria airports would be nice because currently if a flight leaving Victoria can involve a very early morning drive or an overnight stay. Then you have to leave a vehicle at the airport as well as pay. So maybe a small plane connector to the Victoria airport would be useful. I can see tourists enjoying a flight to and from Nanaimo - the view would be great and the experience event better
46. Would not pay \$50+ for service
47. Not viable for me personally but would not want to object to anyone making use of it
48. Airport to airport should be considered in the whole equation...
49. Have been waiting for a long time for this to occur, 25 lbs would be to little,
50. Great idea. It would make me want to go to Victoria more
51. I reside in Campbell river, however my children and grandchildren reside in downtown Victoria and my husband works in Victoria. If a floatplane was in service I would definitely be a passenger at least once a month and my husband would be able to be home more than once a month. Please consider the surrounding communities when you do your survey. Include Comox, Campbell River and other communities. For us it is a 3 hr drive to downtown Victoria and if this commute could be shortened and another mode of transportation possible, we will all benefit from it. " build it and they will come."
52. It might work well as a stop over enroute to Seattle
53. I support a float plane service to Victoria... It would save time, money and congestion on the malahat...
54. It would be great, if it could be convenient for people of Nanaimo, like early departure from Nanaimo and late return available from Victoria
55. This is an essential service as there are currently no flights available of any kind
56. Good idea, but would probably be difficult to make it cost effective
57. A high speed train would be better
58. When travelling on business it is convenient to have my car with me. I often have business stops on route
59. I don't think it's a viable business
60. Cost and convenience of flights are main factors
61. My use of this service if available would be very limited, not more than once a year.
62. What is travel time between Nanaimo harbour to Victoria inner harbour via floatplane?
63. It must be very cheap. Just over the cost of gas that one will spend driving.
64. Sounds intriguing