CITY OF NANAIMO
THE HARBOUR CITY

Fire Rescue Department

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To: The Media

From: Karen Lindsay, Nanaimo Fire Rescue

Re: Update on Burn Ban

The Coastal Fire Centre has issued an information bulletin indicating that effective noon September 1st, 2010, campfires will be permitted throughout the Coastal Fire Area with the recent rains and cooler weather patterns central Vancouver Island area has been experiencing.

Although the campfire ban has been lifted, the City of Nanaimo bylaw remains in effect which does not allow open burning within city limits. Small confined cooking fires and private campground fires are permitted under the bylaw.

In addition, a smoking ban continues to be in effect in City of Nanaimo parks, as conditions are still dry and forecasts indicate another drying trend.

Nanaimo Fire Rescue would like to remind the public that early detection is always an important factor in reducing the risk of fire. The earlier a fire is detected and reported, the faster fire crews can control and suppress the fire.

Although we are experiencing cooler and damper weather, conditions continue to remain dry. Nanaimo Fire Rescue continuously responds to small accidental fires in planters and grassy areas. The majority of these fires are caused from carelessly discarded cigarettes. Please continue to safely and properly discard cigarettes and smoking materials

If you see smoke or signs of fire, please do not hesitate to call 9-1-1. For more information on City of Nanaimo Burning bylaw visit www.fire.nanaimo.ca or call the non-emergency line at 250-753-7311.

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