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## The pipeline to prosperity starts here



Chief Bill Cranmer gets a very different perspective on the ocean waters than his ancestors did when they challenged the perils of the sea in dugout canoes. He and the other gentlemen are San Francisco-bound on the bulk carrier *Acadian* that loaded March 31 at the Orca Quarry marine terminal. From left to right are Harry Sutherland, Director, Orca Sand & Gravel Ltd., Chief Tony Hunt of the Kwakiutl First Nation, Chief Cranmer, and Gerry Furney, Mayor of Port McNeill. ~



The long tube of galvanized steel isn't actually a pipeline. It's the cover over the last stage of a conveyor system that can move 70,000 tonnes of custom-blended sand and gravel mixes 1.7 km from the pit to an awaiting bulk carrier in under 24 hours. At maximum production it will be loading up to two ships per week. ~



A vessel as big as the *Acadian* needs help with the delicate process of docking at a ship loader. On the left two big tugs gently nudge her into place. Above, an aerial view of the Orca site, with the *Acadian* at the loading dock in the background. The East Cluxewe deposit, one of three in the area, contains some 121 million tonnes of high grade sand and gravel. Photos courtesy Orca Sand and Gravel ~

