

## **University of Victoria Sustainability Project - Victoria, British Columbia**

The University of Victoria Sustainability Project is opposed to the building of Raven Coal Mine and a coal port in Port Alberni. These projects are contrary to our vision to create and support sustainable practices. We oppose the many environmental impacts of Raven Coal Mine and Port Alberni coal port including:

- harms to salmon and cut-throat trout habitats
- heavy metal contaminants in drinking water and local aquifers
- harms to the Fanny Bay shellfish industry
- harms to fish and wildlife habitats from dredging the Port Alberni Inlet
- greenhouse gas emissions caused by transporting coal, the future industrial use of the coal as an energy source, and the construction of the mine and coal port.

We ask that the Environmental Assessment thoroughly investigate all these environmental impacts. Furthermore, We request that an Independent Panel of experts chosen by the Environmental Assessment Office conduct the Environmental Assessment. We also request that public hearings be conducted in every mid Vancouver Island Municipality to inform the public of the results of the assessment and allow for the public to give further input.