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Comox Valley and Mount Washington to Host 2009 IPC World Cup

Comox Valley and Mount Washington, Vancouver Island – With the 2010 Olympics a mere 707 days away, winter athletes around the globe are competing in elite level competitions in preparation for the Games. The Comox Valley and Mount Washington will once again welcome some of these athletes to their region, thanks to being named the host destination for the 2009 International Paralympic Committee Nordic and Biathlon World Cup.

“The Comox Valley and Mount Washington provide the IPC World Cup and these incredible athletes some of the best conditions and facilities for this level of competition,” said John Furlong, CEO of the Vancouver Organizing Committee, who attended the announcement in the Comox Valley today at a packed business luncheon.

This World Cup will be paired with the 2009 IPC World Cup final and Paralympic Winter Games sport event to be held at Whistler Olympic Park the week after on March 12-15, 2009.

The Comox Valley will be working in partnership with VANOC in the coordination of these two events, which are also used for training sport and other event officials for the 2010 Paralympic Winter Games.

Stan Hagen, Minister of Tourism, Sport and the Arts joined Mr. Furlong at the announcement, “This is a fine example of how communities in our Province are leveraging the opportunities provided by the 2010 Olympics.”

Susan Kelsey, Chair of the Comox Valley Spirit of BC Community Committee, and former Olympian, was thrilled by the announcement, “The Comox Valley and Mount Washington have done an incredible job in developing the infrastructure needed to host this level of competition. We are so proud to welcome those athletes.”

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