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Twenty-second Pacific Rim whale festival set for March

From March 15 to 23 the 22nd Pacific Rim Whale Festival will celebrate the migration of 20,000 grey whales past the western coast of Vancouver Island. The nine-day festival includes more than 75 events in Tofino, Ucluelet and the Pacific Rim Nature Reserve.

Hands-on marine life education and whale identification activities abound with experts from the Vancouver Aquarium, Royal BC Museum, and Parks Canada.

First Nations hereditary whaling Chief Elmer Frank will make a rare public speaking appearance at the festival's closing ceremonies on March 23, joined by the Khowutzun Tzinquaw Dancers from the Vancouver Island's lush Cowichan Valley.

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