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Sub to survey sunken logging equipment



Jeff Heaton, operations supervisor for North Vancouverbased Nuytco Research, opens one of two Newtsub Deep Worker 2000s on board the MV Aurora Explorer yesterday in Campbell River. Packed with the latest in high-tech equipment, including advanced sonar/GPS and high-definition cameras, the subs could be in the waters of Robson Bight as early as this afternoon. Using the Campbell River-based Aurora Explorer as a base of operations, the Newtsubs are expected to spend the rest of the week mapping and examining logging equipment lost near the ecological reserve in August when a barge flipped. B.C. Environment Minister Barry Penner said yesterday the coast guard continues to advise the province that a 10,000-litre diesel tank that was part of the cargo has likely already imploded due to water pressure. The submersible survey is expected to be able to confirm whether that is the case and help determine whether further action is needed.

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