



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

FISHERIES RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2016, 9:30AM

Regional District Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

AGENDA

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1. <u>CALL TO ORDER</u>	
Recognition of Traditional Territories.	
2. <u>APPROVAL OF AGENDA</u> <i>(motion to approve, including late items requires 2/3 majority vote)</i>	
3. <u>ADOPTION OF MINUTES</u>	
a. Fisheries Resource Committee Meeting held April 13, 2016	3-8
<i>THAT the minutes of the Fisheries Resource Committee meeting held on April 13, 2016 be received.</i>	
4. <u>CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION</u>	
a. LETTER OF SUPPORT FROM ACRD TO FEDERAL MINISTERS, MAY 11, 2016	9-10
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- f. **WEST COAST AQUATIC, AUG 29, 2016 & SEPT 2, 2016** **19**
Re: Pacific Salmon Treaty – Region Wide Forum & Tentative Date
- g. **AVICC MEMBER UPDATE, SEPTEMBER 6, 2016** **20**
Re: Review of Changes to the Fisheries Act and Public Engagement
- h. **ALEX DYER, PLANNER, ACRD, SEPTEMBER 8, 2016** **21-25**
Islands Agriculture Show, Port Alberni-February 3-4, 2016

THAT correspondence a-h be received.

5. REPORTS

- a. Department of Fisheries & Oceans Update – A. Goruk (Verbal)
- b. Ministry of Environment, Fisheries Update – D. Chalmers (Verbal)
- c. Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council Update – D. Hall (Verbal)
- d. West Coast Aquatic Update – S. Falconer (Verbal)
- e. Alberni Valley Update – P. Cote, J. McLeman (Verbal)
- f. West Coast Update – D. St. Jacques, J. Osborne, T. Bennett (verbal)

THAT reports a-f be received for information.

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

7. LATE BUSINESS

8. ADJOURN



Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

MINUTES OF THE REGIONAL FISHERIES RESOURCE COMMITTEE MEETING

HELD ON WEDNESDAY, APRIL 13, 2016 9:30 AM

Regional District Board Room, 3008 Fifth Avenue, Port Alberni, BC

DIRECTORS

Dianne St. Jacques, Chairperson, Mayor, District of Ucluelet

PRESENT:

Tony Bennett, Director, Electoral Area "C" (Long Beach) (via Telephone)

Josie Osborne, Mayor, District of Tofino

Penny Cote, Director, Electoral Area "D" (Sproat Lake)

Jack McLeman, Councillor, City of Port Alberni

Tawney Lem, West Coast Aquatic Management

Andrea Goruk, DFO, South Coast Division

Don Hall, Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

Tawney Lem, West Coast Aquatic

REGRETS:

Dennis Chalmers, Province of BC

STAFF PRESENT:

Robert Gunn, Contractor

Tracy Bond, Administrative Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 9:32 am.

The Chair recognized the meeting today is being held in the Tseshaht First Nation and the Hupacasath First Nation Traditional Territories.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOVED BY: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Osborne

THAT the agenda be approved as circulated.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

a. **Fisheries Resource Committee Meeting held June 29, 2015**

MOVED: Director McLeman

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT the minutes of the Regional Fisheries Resource Committee held on June 29, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. PETITIONS, DELEGATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

5. CORRESPONDENCE FOR ACTION/INFORMATION

- a. **The Tyee, January 2016**
Re: Climate Change a 'Considerable Threat' to Aboriginal Fisheries, Study Finds.
- b. **Minister of Fisheries, July 9, 2015**
Re: Response to Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District letter concerning renewal negotiation for the Pacific Salmon Treaty.
- c. **Minister of Fisheries, July 21, 2015**
Re: Response to Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District letter concerning Area G Troll access to Interior Fraser River Coho Salmon.
- d. **Copy of Correspondence from Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council to the Minister of Fisheries**
Re: Nuu-chah-nulth Opposition to Hake Reduction Fishery Proposal.

MOVED: Director Osborne

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT correspondence a-d be received.

CARRIED

6. REPORTS

- a. **West Coast Aquatic Activities regarding Barkley Sound & Salmon Treaty Transition Funds and Developments - T. Lem (Verbal)**

T. Lem updated the Committee on the Barkley Sound & Salmon Treaty Transition Funds and Developments. Area "G" is concerned that the salmon mitigation funds have not all been used and next round of the Salmon Treaty Negotiations are beginning. So far there have been 13 rounds of licence buy-back and we do not know how much money is left. The retirements are going for about \$110,000 each so there could be as much as 417 million left. No interest is being earned on this money. DFO appears to be staying the buy back course. The Year Five review has still not taken place. West Coast Aquatic

did hold a discussion with the three areas "F", "G" and "H". The impacts for area "G" are clear. A fifty per cent decline in fish. Area "F" and "H" did not lose any fish but they have advised they have been impacted. There was general agreement that the money should be moved before the next round of negotiations take place. The group agreed to meet again for another round of discussions. The group would like to see the money put into trust, have it managed and receiving interest. West Coast Aquatic would like to do a proposal to DFO. They will be consolidating letters from all who have expressed an interest to be involved and forward this information to DFO with a letter from West Coast Aquatic in this into 1 letter to DFO showing support.

D. Hall advised that there are six chapters in Pacific Salmon Treaty. Four are up negotiation renewal and two chapters apply to our area. The Coho and Chinook chapters apply to our area. Negotiations have begun. Basically the southern US wants a 30% reduction from the West Coast, Canada wants to 15% reduction from Alaska, and Alaska does not want a change. There are competing interests for Chinook. We need to protect our Chinook and maintain harvesting of Chinook from other areas. The lead Commissioner for Canada is who we need to contact as well as Paul Sproat, Commissioner, and Dr. Brian Rydal, Commissioner. If the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District is to write a letter the timing should correspond to the next executive session which will be held in October 2016. The sessions will be held in January and February of 2017.

MOVED: Director Osborne

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT the Fisheries Resource Committee recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors forward a letter to the Pacific Salmon Treaty Commission's Lead Commissioner, Rebecca Reid, with copies to Commissioner Paul Sprout, Commissioner Brian Riddell and West Coast Aquatic offering assistance in developing Canada's position with regards to Chinook in the Pacific Salmon Treaty Negotiations.

CARRIED

b. Report on Area 24 Roundtable and Area 23 Harvest Table - T. Lem (Verbal)

T. Lem advised West Coast Aquatic has a roundtable website. It is www.roundtables.westcoastaquatic.ca. The Stewardship fund is now at approximately \$180,000 and this will be the first year that some money from this fund will be awarded. The roundtables meet a four times a year and the groups each have approximately twenty members each.

c. Department of Fisheries & Oceans Update – A. Goruk (Verbal)

A. Goruk provided an update on Herring. There were no commercial fisheries this year. Comprehensive assessments were done. Small spawns occurred in February but the main spawning occurred in mid march. This year the Barkley spawn was larger, the Clayoquot spawn the same as last year. The following are Salmon forecasts:

- **Barkley Sockeye**
 - Preliminary forecast: 700,000 to 1,000,000
- **Terminal Chinook**
 - Mid-point preliminary Chinook forecasts: Conuma 77k, Robertson Creek 100k
- **Offshore AABM Chinook**
 - AABM TAC 133,300
- **WCVI Chum**
 - Chum forecast not available yet
 - Returns expected to be low for wild stocks but could see hatchery surpluses
- **WCVI Coho**
 - Outlook low to near target

d. **Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council Update – D. Hall (Verbal)**

D. Hall advised that there was some ceremonial Herring harvest that took place early this spring.

The witness portion of the Justification Trial in ended mid March. This portion of the trial lasted just over a year. The next portion of the Trial includes written arguments which is limited to 600 pages. The oral arguments are due mid-August with the argument portion of the trial to begin September 24, 2016. The trial is expected to end in October 2016 but no decision is expected until the spring of 2017.

DFO has allowed some flexibility in the Native Fisheries in Clayoquot Sound. There is now an ability to fish and retain for sale Halibut for a limited amount. All 14 Nations have met to discuss the Chinook Management Corridor on the west coast of Vancouver Island. This is a very narrow conservation corridor and is very hard to enforce. The Nations will put forward a request to DFO that there be no fishing allowed in the corridor.

Eight crab trap licences have moved to Tofino this year. The trap limit remains the same so with the additional licences this means each licence receives less traps. This is a significant issue for the First Nations.

f. **Alberni Valley Update – P. Cote, J. McLeman (Verbal)**

P. Cote advised there was a good clean up of the wharf disintegration Great Central Lake. There is now an annual clean up of Sproat Lake and Great Central Lake. Sproat Lake had high water this winter. The lake is in good shape but the Dog Mountain fire is still a concern. There is still debris coming off the mountain into the lake. This could be a problem with fish spawning. The Carp numbers are up.

J. McLeman advised that the Esso property now belongs to the City of Port Alberni. The Lady Rose is going to have a ferry.

g. West Coast Update – D. St. Jacques, J. Osborne, T. Bennett (verbal)

J. Osborne advised that float homes and derelict vessels are a continuing issue in Tofino. Tofino has not received much tsunami debris from Japan so will be sending funding received to the north coast. Tofino will be building a sewer treatment plan by 2020.

D. St. Jacques reported that Hake meetings are about to begin. Ucluelet Council toured Barkley plant. This plant is making lobster bait as it is more lucrative. There are approx. 35 workers. Council also toured the Ucluelet Harbour Seafood Plant. They are working year around with approx. 60 workers. They have been processing shrimp, gulf hake and as of April 12th off-shore hake. The plants are very clean and the wages are good. These plants have a large impact on the local economy. There is not enough ice and ice plants are beginning to start up. The Sports Fishery is just beginning.

MOVED: Director Cote

SECONDED: Director Osborne

THAT the Regional Fisheries Resource Committee receives Reports a-g.

CARRIED

7. LATE BUSINESS

- a. Request from Nuuchahnulth Fisheries for support for the Nuuchahnulth nations presently in litigation with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

MOVED: Director Osborne

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT the Fisheries Resource Committee recommend that the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District Board of Directors write a letter to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard expressing support for the five Nuuchahnulth Nations (Ahousaht, Ehatesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht and Tla-o-qui-aht) presently involved in litigation with Canada and urging the Minister to find other means of

resolving this costly and time consuming action toward a speedy and just end that will assist the economic well-being of both the First Nations involved and the surrounding communities.

CARRIED

8. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Regional Fisheries Resource Committee is to take place on September 14, 2016.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURN

MOVED: Director McLeman

SECONDED: Director Cote

THAT this meeting be adjourned at 11:05 am.

CARRIED

Certified Correct:

Dianne St. Jacques,
Chairperson

May 11, 2016

The Honourable Hunter Tootoo
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard
200 Kent Street
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E6

The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould
Minister of Justice and Attorney General
Room 451S, Centre Block
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The Honourable Carolyn Bennett
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs Canada
10 Wellington Street
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Dear Minister Tootoo, Minister Wilson-Raybould, and Minister Bennett:

Re: The Aboriginal Fishing Rights of Five Nuu-chah-nulth First Nations

The Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District (ACRD) supports the resolution and settlement of the economic fishing rights of five Nuu-chah-nulth Nations: Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht and Tla-o-qui-aht. The current approach through litigation is not in the best interest of Canadians, the five Nations, and the local economy in the ACRD.

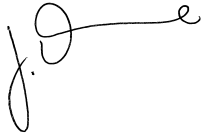
We understand that the five Nations have written to you requesting a meeting to discuss resolving any outstanding issues. The ACRD encourages that you accept this meeting as an important next step toward resolution.

The ACRD is encouraged by the Prime Minister's goal as expressed in your mandate letters to renew the relationship with Indigenous Peoples in Canada on a Nation to Nation basis. In our local area on the West Coast of Vancouver Island, the ACRD can think of no more tangible means to give effect to this goal than in resolving the Aboriginal fishing rights of the five Nations.

In the Alberni Valley, the ACRD and City of Port Alberni have experienced since 1992 the benefits of Aboriginal community fisheries and the significant economic input that they provide our local economies. In Tofino and Clayoquot Sound, we have experienced since 2012 the very modest yet important new economic activity and jobs associated with the limited fisheries provided so far to the five Nations. The ACRD supports sustainable economic development in our region. Expanded fisheries for the five Nations would provide significant new employment and revenue generation opportunities for the Aboriginal communities in our region.

The ACRD encourages you to meet with leaders of the five Nations as soon as possible to renew and reinvigorate these critically important discussions, guided by your mandate from the Prime Minister.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J. Osborne', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Josie Osborne
Chair

Cc: Gord Johns MP, Courtenay-Alberni
Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht and Tla-o-qui-aht Nations
Debra Foxcroft and Ken Watts, Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council



Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council

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July 7, 2016

Josie Osborne, Chair
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Dear Josie:

On behalf of Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht and Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations, we thank the ACRD for your continued support of the Nuuchahnulth fishing rights decision (*Ahousaht et al.*). The most recent letter from the ACRD helped to secure a meeting last week in Ottawa with Minister LeBlanc (Fisheries), Minister Wilson-Raybould (Justice), and Minister Bennett (Indigenous Affairs)

The discussion at the meeting was encouraging: the three Ministers seem sincerely interested in pursuing an alternative path to reconciliation rather than protracted litigation. However, after the last seven years of inaction and questionable legal arguments supported by the previous government, we await tangible evidence that the current government is ready to work with the five Nuuchahnulth Nations in a different way.

We will keep the ACRD informed of developments toward reconciliation of the Aboriginal rights of the five Nations to fish commercially. In the meantime, we thank the ACRD again for helping to secure this meeting.

Kleco, Kleco!

Deb Foxcroft, OBC, President, NTC

Ken Watts, Vice-President, NTC

copy: Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht, and Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations

July 5, 2016

Rebecca Reid
Regional Director General
Pacific Region
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
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Dear Ms. Reid:

Re: Negotiations of the new PST Chinook Annex

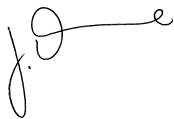
As you are not doubt aware, the Chinook salmon still plays an important economic and cultural role within the communities of the West Coast of Vancouver Island (WCVI). The First Nations, the recreational and commercial sports and the commercial fleet all have an active interest in the results of the deliberations around the Chinook Annex.

In particular, these groups have brought to our attention some provisional WCVI interests, for example on-going concerns for WCVI Chinook stocks means harvest rate reductions in SE Alaska need to continue; WCVI harvesters (commercial, recreational and aboriginal) have borne the entire brunt of the 2009 30% HR reduction, yet other troll sectors have been part of the mitigation/buyback program.

The WCVI fishing sectors and communities are presently developing a more refined statement of concerns and we expect this input will be coming in the fall, after West Coast Aquatic complete their facilitation of community sessions on the subject.

Meanwhile, the participation of the key Commissioners that will be negotiating the Chinook Annex for Canada, (Sue Farlinger, Paul Sprout, Brian Riddell) at either the West Coast Aquatic meeting, or at a meeting to allow them to report out and discuss these locally developed concerns would be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,



Josie Osborne,
Chairperson

August 2, 2016

Rebecca Reid
Regional Director General
Pacific Region
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#200, 401 Burrard St
Vancouver, BC V6C 3S4

Hon Norm Letnick
Minister of Agriculture
PO Box 9043
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Victoria, BC V9W 9E2

Re: On Vessel Processing of Hake by Domestic Harvesters

We are writing to express our concern that the proposal for at-sea hake processing by domestic harvesters will negatively impact shore based employment and perhaps endanger investment in processing plants. We are requesting that before further consideration of this proposal, consultation take place with rural coastal communities, such as Ucluelet, which would be impacted by such a proposal.

As you may be aware at the June 16, 2016 meeting of the Groundfish Integrated Advisory Committee (GIAB), trawl representatives presented a proposal for processing of hake at-sea by domestic harvesters. This proposal was presented with a very short time frame for discussion, one that did not allow for any consultation with First Nations and coastal communities. This point is of particular concern due to the number of jobs in coastal processing plants that are at stake.

The meeting minutes note that the Provincial representative on GIAB indicated that the Province is supportive of the proposal to process hake at sea. The Nuuchahnulth Tribal Council representative indicated there may be some concern about the implications for shore side jobs as shore side processors employ a number of NTC individuals. The processor representative from the trawl sector indicated that his company (UHS) is not supportive of the proposal as it creates an unfair cost advantage for vessels processing at sea in comparison to shore side processing facilities, and that such processing may not result in greater utilization of the hake total allowable catch (TAC) by the domestic industry.

We share these concerns and note that engagement and further discussion with rural coastal communities has not occurred. Accordingly, we are writing to ask you both to develop and conduct a consultation process before further consideration of this proposal.

Sincerely,

Penny Cote, Vice-Chair
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District

Cc: Larry Neilson
Senior Manager of Intergovernmental Relations

Minister of Justice
and Attorney General of Canada



Ministre de la Justice
et procureur général du Canada

The Honourable / L'honorable Jody Wilson-Raybould, P.C., Q.C., M.P. / c.p., c.r., députée
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Ms. Josie Osborne
Chair
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
3008 Fifth Avenue
Port Alberni BC V9Y 2E3

Dear Ms. Osborne:

Thank you for your correspondence, sent on behalf of the Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District, concerning the fishing rights of five Nuu-chah-nulth Nations (Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht and Tla-o-qui-aht). I regret the delay in responding.

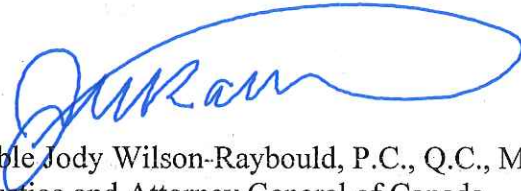
Part of my mandated responsibilities as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada is to review the Government's litigation strategy, which may include early decisions to end appeals or positions that are not consistent with the *Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms*, our values, or our commitments.

I would like to assure you that our government recognizes the importance of renewing a nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous peoples. We are committed to developing a partnership based on the recognition of rights, respect, and cooperation.

Please find enclosed my letter of August 8, 2016, to the Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council for your information.

Thank you again for writing.

Respectfully,



The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

Enclosure

c.c.: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs

The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

Minister of Justice
and Attorney General of Canada



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The Honourable / L'honorable Jody Wilson-Raybould, P.C., Q.C., M.P. / c.p., c.r., députée
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AUG 08 2016

Sally Hill
Program Coordinator
Nuu-chah-nulth Tribal Council
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Dear Ms. Hill:

Thank you for your correspondence of November 25, 2015 and May 16, 2016, on behalf of the five Nuu-chah-nulth Nations (Ahousaht, Ehattesaht, Hesquiaht, Mowachaht/Muchalaht and Tla-o-qui-aht) requesting a meeting to discuss their Aboriginal fishing rights. I sincerely regret the delay in replying to your request, but I still wish to express my thanks for your letters and meeting request.

Thank you as well for your kind words on the occasion of my appointment as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada. It is truly an honour and privilege to assume the responsibilities of this position.

Part of my mandated responsibilities as Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada is to review the Government's litigation strategy, which may include early decisions to end appeals or positions that are not consistent with our commitments, with the Charter, or with our values. In addition, our government recognizes the importance of creating a strong, nation-to-nation relationship with all Indigenous peoples—a relationship based on the recognition of rights, respect, cooperation, and partnership.

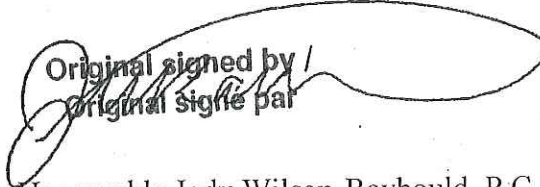
At this time, however, it would be premature for me to speculate on how my review of our litigation strategy will impact on this, or any specific case. To the extent that this review may result in any change to positions taken in respect of the litigation issues raised in your letter, this will be communicated by Department of Justice counsel to your litigation counsel.

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That being said, I would note that my colleagues the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, and the Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs, and I had a productive meeting with the five Nuu-chah-nulth Nations on June 28, 2016.

Respectfully,

Original signed by /
original signé par



The Honourable Jody Wilson-Raybould, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
Minister of Justice and Attorney General of Canada

c.c.: The Honourable Carolyn Bennett, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Indigenous and Northern Affairs

The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

Subject: Pacific Salmon Treaty - region wide forum

Hello everyone,

West Coast Aquatic has been requested to host an 'all Roundtables and WCVI wide' forum to document community interests related to the renegotiation of the Pacific Salmon Treaty. The session outcomes will be provided to Canada's negotiators.

The format and agenda of this 1-day session, to be held in Port Alberni, will be developed and circulated for comment in the coming weeks. However, a date needs to be set early, and an indication of attendance is required so an appropriate venue can be secured.

1. Wednesday Nov 2 or Thursday Nov 3 are two potential dates. **Are you aware of any other events on these days that might affect attendance?** Please also let me know of any other events the week of Oct 31 – Nov 4 and Nov 7 – Nov 11.
2. **Do you plan on attending this session?** Please reply with your interest so a rough estimate of numbers can be established.

Your reply is appreciated ASAP.

This message has been circulated to the Area 23, 24 and 25 Roundtable mailing lists, a key contact within the Area 26 Roundtable, the WCA Governance Board, local government mayors, and select NTC/Uu-athluk contacts. Please feel free to circulate it to others as well.

Thank you,
Tawney

Sent: Friday, September 2, 2016 12:42:13 PM

Subject: SAVE THE DATE - Pacific Salmon Treaty - region wide forum

Thank you to everyone who provided information on available dates in the fall. Based on your input, please save the following date:

Monday, October 31

The session will be in Port Alberni, likely from 10 – 4pm. There has been a good initial level and indications show that a large venue will be needed to accommodate plenary and break out components. Stay tuned for more details, but thank you for setting the date aside.

From: Liz [mailto:avicc@ubcm.ca]
Sent: Tuesday, September 06, 2016 9:38 AM
To: Liz Cookson <avicc@ubcm.ca>
Subject: AVICC Member Update - Review of Changes to the Fisheries Act and Public Engagement

The Regional District of Nanaimo has requested we distribute the following information about the review of the Fisheries Act to the AVICC membership.

Subject: Fisheries Act Review Update

As you are likely aware, on June 20, 2016, the Government of Canada launched a review of a number of environmental and regulatory processes. Included in this announcement was the Government's intention to undertake a review of the 2012 changes to the *Fisheries Act*. The Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard has requested that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans undertake this review and solicit input from all Canadians regarding the changes made to the legislation in 2012.

The review process will include engagement with the public, DFO staff, Provincial and Territorial governments and Indigenous groups through online tools and direct meetings. Information related to the review can be found at the official website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/conservation/assessments/environmental-reviews/fish-habitat-protection.html>

A fundamental element of the review will involve participation of Canada's Indigenous groups and as such funding has been made available to support this participation in the review. The funding program, was released on August 23rd, 2016 and **will close on September 23rd, 2016**. Information regarding the funding program and the application process can be found at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/conservation/assessments/environmental-reviews/funding-support-indigenous.html>

Letters were sent to Indigenous groups outlining the review and the related funding program Aug 30 - Sep 2, 2016.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Fisheries Resource Committee

From: Alex Dyer, Planner

Date: September 08, 2016

Subject: Islands Agriculture Show, Port Alberni – February 3-4, 2016

The Islands Agriculture Show (IAS) was brought into being 5 years ago by the economic development organizations in the Cowichan, Comox and Alberni Valleys to support the agricultural sector on Vancouver Island (and the Gulf Islands). At the outset, the intent of the IAS Board was to move the event between the three areas that had invested in it.

The Alberni Valley has been given the opportunity to host the 2017 Islands Agriculture Show to be held on February 3-4, 2017 at the Glenwood Centre and Fall Fair Grounds. One of the key priorities of the 2017 IAS in Port Alberni is to integrate west coast fisheries, shellfish and aquaculture into the agriculture trade show and conference.

The trade show will run from 8:30am to 4pm on both Friday, Feb 3rd and Saturday, Feb 4th at Glenwood Centre with up to 53 exhibitor displays. The conference program will run concurrently with keynote speakers and educational workshops to be held in the Kinsmen buildings on the Alberni Fall Fair Grounds.

The Islands Agriculture Show Society and the ACRD Agricultural Development Committee would like to invite any parties with specific interest in commercial fisheries, First Nation fisheries, shellfish, aquaculture, kelp harvesting, seafood marketing and educational opportunities to review the attached IAS 2017 Exhibitor Package.

If you have any questions about the event or would like to be involved, please contact:

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February 3-4, 2017

Port Alberni

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EXHIBITOR PACKAGE



About Our Show

“Growing with the Alberni Valley - New & Innovative Agriculture” is the focus for the 2017 show.

The 2017 Islands Agriculture Show will be incorporating new ideas for the future of farming. Highlighting local solutions, small scale farming, aquaculture, wineries, cideries, breweries, cooperatives, local marketing and land leasing. Here’s what brings both brand new & well-seasoned farmers to our doors:

- Dozens of conference sessions offered over two days
- Industry experts share their valuable knowledge
- Friendly, down-home atmosphere
- Busy trade show with a wide variety of products
- Second largest Agriculture show in BC
- Timed so exhibitors can attend both BC shows; just 5 days apart
- Extensive media campaign targets the Islands & the Lower Mainland
- Exclusive advertising packages designed to meet individual needs.

Did you know that 10% of all Canadian small farms are located right here on the Island? According to farm census statistics, in 2011 Islanders spent over \$160 million on farm machinery and equipment, and \$23 million on livestock feed.

Farming on Vancouver Island is big business!

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ISLANDS Vancouver Island, BC AGRICULTURE SHOW

2017 "Islands Agriculture Show," Port Alberni on February 3rd & 4th Exhibitor Package

Business Name	Date
Contact Name	Phone
Billing Address	Cell
City & Province	Postal Code
E-mail	Booth Size

Exhibitor Booth Information

We wish to reserve exhibit space for the Islands Agriculture Show in Port Alberni. Please accept our application for the following spaces as shown on the floor plan. Each booth comes with 4 exhibitor passes, one table & skirt plus 2 chairs. Booths are assigned on a first serve basis. Booth carpeting, extra tables, lighting, & power are available from Black & White Rentals: Phone (250)954-1401, Email: info@bwparty.com

Show Dates

Setup	February 2	Thursday	noon - 7 pm
Show Days	February 3	Friday	8:30 am - 4 pm
	February 4	Saturday	8:30 am - 3 pm
Tear Down	February 4	Saturday	3:00 pm - 6 pm

Exhibitors are invited to attend the Welcome Reception on February 3rd from 4 pm - 6 pm in Mellor Hall.

Payment Rates

<input type="checkbox"/> Early Bird (Before Nov.30, 2016)	8'x 10'	\$ 575.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Regular Rate	8'x 10'	\$ 675.00
<input type="checkbox"/> Display Booth: D1, D2, D3	15'x20'	\$ 2500.00

Booth Location: First Choice _____ Second Choice _____ Third Choice _____

Method of Payment

Card Number	Cheque
Expiry Date	Visa
Name On Card	Mastercard
Authorized Signature	Other

I have read and understand the terms & conditions of this application.

Signature _____

Fax application to: 250.597.2670 or email cowex@shaw.ca or mail to 7380 Trans Canada Highway, Duncan, BC V9L 6B1. Make cheque payable to Islands Agriculture Show.

For Office Use Only: Final Payment \$ _____ Date Received _____ Receipt # _____



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1. Booth spaces are allocated on a first come, first served basis and full payment must be made at time of the application.
2. The Exhibitor agrees not to assign, sublet, or part with possession of the booth area, or any part thereof, without prior written permission of the Islands Agriculture Show.
3. Exhibitors shall operate strictly within the limits of their booth space and shall not in any way operate in such manner as to be a nuisance or annoyance to the public or other exhibitors. Advertising or promotional materials may only be distributed by the exhibitor from their assigned booth space at the show managers discretion.
4. Management reserves the right to terminate or limit a demonstration, which in their opinion, because of factors such as noise, toxic fumes, exhaust or smoke or any other factor, is offensive to other exhibitors or visitors or is in violation of insurance or WCB regulations
5. Exhibitor Eligibility: Show Management reserves the right to reject or prohibit exhibitors or exhibits, which management considers objectionable, or to relocate exhibits or exhibitors when in management's opinion such moves are necessary to maintain the character and/or good order for the Show
4. Exhibitors may conduct free draws from their booth and may sell their products from their allotted area. Solicitation for donations of any kind is not allowed.
5. The cost of decorating, or preparing their booth area for the Trade Show shall be paid by the exhibitor. Additional tables, chairs, power, lighting, table cloths and skirts may be ordered in advance directly from Black and White Event Specialists.
6. While the Islands Agriculture Show will take reasonable precaution to ensure the safety of property and materials brought to Glenwood Hall, the Islands Agriculture Show shall not be liable in any way for damage, loss, or injury, from any cause which may be sustained by an Exhibitor. It is required the Commercial Exhibitor must provide proof of at least \$2,000,000 of general public liability insurance. A copy of the insurance certificate must be attached to the signed contract naming and the Islands Agriculture Show as additional insured.
7. No flammable materials or open flame can be used for demonstration purposes. It is recommended that the Exhibitor have competent attendants in their booth at all times for adequate protection of goods on display.
8. All moving machinery (whether located in indoor or outdoor exhibit space) which is liable to cause accident, injury or damage to a person or a person's property by coming in contact with it, shall be adequately guarded and protected to prevent the public from any danger or damage arising from such contact. NO KEYS shall be left in the ignition of vehicles, tractors, or machinery. Every exhibitor shall indemnify the Islands Agriculture Show and save them harmless of all costs, claims, demands, charges and expenses that so ever which may incur, suffer or to be put to reason of accidental death or any personal injury or damage to personal property suffered by reason of machinery or other Exhibit used by an Exhibitor. The Commercial exhibitor shall defend any and all actions and pay a legal charges and expenses arising.
9. Exhibitor name badges will be at the booth during set up times.
10. Exhibitors may be set up on Thursday afternoon of February 2nd from 12 noon to 7 pm.
11. Exhibit personnel must be in attendance: Friday, February 3rd from 9 am to 4 pm & Saturday, February 4th from 9 am to 3 pm.
12. Exhibits must be taken down on Saturday, February 4th between 3 pm and 6 pm.
13. Outdoor Exhibitors each have their own special requirements. These will be arranged on an individual basis.

Please note that exhibitors may not take down their booths prior to 3 pm on February 4th. Failure to comply may result in denial of exhibit space in subsequent shows.

