



**ASSOCIATION OF VANCOUVER ISLAND
AND COASTAL COMMUNITIES**
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President Barbara Steele and Board
Union of BC Municipalities
60 – 10551 Shellbridge Way
Richmond, BC V7X 2W9

Dear President Steele and Board:

**RE: 2010 RESOLUTION B30 DERELICT & ABANDONED VESSELS, BARGES
AND DOCKS**

Last year, AVICC Executive submitted Resolution B30 Derelict & Abandoned Vessels, Barges and Docks that was subsequently endorsed by delegates. A “Finding Solutions to the Management of Derelict Vessels” workshop was also held Thursday, September 30 that was very well attended. In addition, Islands Trust initiated a meeting with Minister Bell on this same topic.

As a result, the issue received substantial attention by the media over the week of Convention and the week following. Shachi Kurl, reporter with A News interviewed Minister Bell on September 29 with Minister Bell advising that he hoped to arrive at “conclusion with Ottawa by the end of the year and then moving forward in 2011 in terms of new rules set and how we manage these crafts.” Our members viewed this as a very promising response.

Although later than anticipated, an inter-governmental working group at the staff level was established in December, 2010 that included UBCM policy staff, Brenda Gibson and Islands Trust policy analyst, Clare Frater on behalf of local government. We understand that this working group had two meetings, but has not met since March and is not expected to meet in the near future.

This issue remains a significant concern to our members and we are asking for your support in keeping this file active and for UBCM to seek any opportunities or avenues available to raise the priority with the provincial and federal governments in order to resolve this issue for affected local governments. We are hoping that the 2011 UBCM Convention might provide such opportunities.

We look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Chair Joe Stanhope
President