

BC Aquaculture Management Framework

IMAP, Conditions of Licence and Management Framework Strategic Questions for First Nations, Industry, & Stakeholders

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Please assist us by identifying your affiliation:

First Nations
 Industry
 Stakeholder
 Other: _____

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The department of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) plans to initiate the development of Integrated Management of Aquaculture Plans (IMAPs) to assist in structuring the management framework for aquaculture in British Columbia. These will include IMAPs for marine finfish and shellfish in 2012, followed by freshwater. IMAPs are intended to outline the framework and objectives for management related to each type of aquaculture. DFO intends to take a phased approach to development and implementation of the IMAPs, with initial discussions about the governance, structure and content of IMAPs taking place in 2011 and 2012 and the marine finfish and shellfish plans being completed in 2012.

There are many items in the draft IMAPs which will require discussion and consultation among governments, First Nations, industry, and stakeholders. Some may be things that can be completed within the next year, but likely other issues will need to be tackled over a longer period of time.

This document is intended to help facilitate dialogue and to solicit input into the process for developing IMAPs, and to seek input on the proposed outline of the IMAP documents themselves (including backgrounders). Additional opportunities for review and consultation of the draft IMAPs will be provided over the course of the next year.

As a part of the development of IMAPs, DFO's goal is to design advisory processes which will support groups working together toward continuous adaptive management and ongoing improvements in aquaculture management.

Question #1:

- a) How do you think DFO should bring together the key groups with interests related to aquaculture in order to develop effective advisory processes?*

Question #2:

- a) How do you see yourself engaging most effectively in advisory processes for aquaculture?*
- b) How should advisory processes could be structured in the most effective, efficient and cost-efficient manner?*

Question#6:

a) Do you have any initial thoughts about the type of Management Issues that should be a priority for discussion under the IMAP framework?

Thank you for your participation.

Please submit your completed response in order for us to include your comments in the Conditions of Licence for next year. We are always interested in your input – any comments on the IMAPs, Conditions of Licence and Management Approaches can be forwarded to us at any time. We will review and consider any information that you

provide to us as a part of the overall planning process. Your response can be submitted by:

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