

Subject: AVICC Update - Information Session on Funding for Abandoned Vessels, Fire Bans and Restrictions

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Please forward to elected officials, the CAO and Corporate Officer:

1. Abandoned Vessels – Information Session on Funding on July 6th

Applications and project proposals are currently being accepted for the federal government's new \$6.85 million national, five-year [Abandoned Boats Program](#). Funding is available for the assessment and removal of small, high priority abandoned boats; as well as education, awareness and research initiatives.

Transport Canada will be holding an information session to assist local governments in preparing their applications; and to discuss issues such as the in-kind funding that is eligible under the program, the project ranking process, and the eligibility of landfill fees.

This session will take place on Thursday, July 6 from 10 a.m. to 12 noon in Vancouver. A teleconference option is available. If you would like to attend this session, please contact [Marylyn Chiang](#), Senior Policy Analyst, UBCM at (604) 270-8226, ext. 110, for the location, teleconference details and meeting materials.

2. Fire Bans and Restrictions

With summer here and the region starting to dry out there's a greater chance of wildfires like the one in the Alberni Valley last weekend. Information on current fire bans and restrictions in the Coastal Fire area is available on the BC Wildfire Service's website at [Fire Bans](#).

Members might also be interested in initiatives from the [City of Kamloops](#) to reduce fuel for wildfires in interface areas between public and private lands.

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