

Sent to AVICC Members August 8, 2012

**Re: Invitation to AVICC Members to Nominate Rep by Aug 31 to Serve on Aquaculture Working Group**

*Please forward this message to the elected officials and CAO.*

The **June 2012 Update to AVICC Members** advised that the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations was proposing the establishment of a small working group to look at ways of incorporating local government needs into the online approval process required for commercial aquaculture licences and that AVICC Executive was supportive of the proposal. Attached is a letter from Sean Herbert in follow-up to that discussion.

Executive would like to invite members who have commercial aquaculture operations in their jurisdictions to nominate a staff member to serve on the working group that is being proposed. Please see Mr. Herbert's letter for details about the proposed vision, timelines, time commitment and meeting logistics.

The deadline for nominations is **August 31**. Please use the attached form to forward your nomination. Two versions of the form have been attached for ease of completion: a .pdf that can be printed and completed by hand or a .doc version that can be filled in using Microsoft Word.

Thank you.

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August 7, 2012

Sent by email to Iris Hesketh-Boles, AVICC Executive Coordinator, [iheskethboles@ubcm.ca](mailto:iheskethboles@ubcm.ca)

Attention:

Board of Directors, Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities

I was fortunate to participate in a workshop during this year's AVICC Annual Convention that provided information about the changes to the role of the Provincial Government related to the management of aquaculture. During the workshop, there was an open discussion about how the Province might work more closely with local governments when it reviewed applications related to commercial aquaculture.

There was general acceptance of forming a working group made up of key local government representatives and Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations staff. I understand that the board has considered the idea further. I would like to invite the AVICC to join FLNRO to form a working group to advance the idea to improve government-to-government relations and to increase understanding of the issues that affect all parties related to the approval process required to enable commercial aquaculture. Initially, I envision three AVICC representatives joining myself and two other ministry staff to discuss the general vision and goals for the working group and to establish terms of reference for future work. From time to time, the working group may seek input from Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Transport Canada and Royal Canadian Coast Guard.

I recommend that the first meeting of the working group be a face-to-face effort and future meetings be conducted by conference call. The working group will guide the frequency of meetings. I expect bi-weekly conversations will occur during the establishment of the group followed by monthly or bi-monthly conversations once the group is comfortable with its role. I recommend also, that the first meeting occur during the last two weeks of September as schedules of the working group member's permit.

Thank you for considering this opportunity. My office is situated in Nanaimo therefore it is easy for me to meet with your Chair, Joe Stanhope, to discuss further details and suggestions from the AVICC Board for moving forward.

Yours Truly,

Sean Herbert  
Director, Provincial Program Delivery  
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations



## Nomination to Serve on Aquaculture Working Group

The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations is proposing the establishment of a small working group (3 AVICC staff representatives, 2 Ministry staff representatives) to “improve government-to-government relations and to increase understanding of the issues that affect all parties related to the approval process required to enable commercial aquaculture.” For more information on the proposal including expected commitment and proposed timelines, see August 7, 2012 letter from Sean Herbert, Director, Provincial Program Delivery.

AVICC members who have commercial aquaculture operations in their jurisdictions are invited to nominate a staff member to serve on the proposed working group.

Name of Local Government: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Local Government Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Nominee: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee’s Tel #: \_\_\_\_\_

Please briefly describe Nominee’s background and experience as it relates to managing commercial aquaculture in your jurisdiction (can also be attached to this form):

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**Forward Nomination Form to the AVICC Office by August 31, 2012**

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