



MEMORANDUM

TO: AVICC Members

FROM: President Joe Stanhope

DATE: September 14, 2012

RE: **AVICC UPDATE – SEPTEMBER, 2012**

Aquaculture Working Group

Eight nominations were received. Thank you to those who forwarded nominations and were willing to let their names stand. Executive reviewed the nominations with the criteria for selection of representatives including consideration of regional representation, both shellfish/fin fish experience, and municipality/regional district representation. To be able to accommodate as wide a representation as possible, yet keep the group small and effective, four representatives were selected:

1. Mike Irg, Manager of Planning & Development, Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District
2. Terri Martin, Environmental Coordinator, City of Campbell River
3. Courtney Simpson, Island Planner, Islands Trust
4. Rick Davidge, CAO, District of Port Hardy

It is expected that these four representatives will consult as needed with other members who are involved in commercial aquaculture to ensure that the needs of all local governments can be included in the deliberations. The four nominees not selected at this time would provide the basis for this consultation group, but others may be identified.

The first task will be to develop terms of reference. Executive will be requesting that once these have been drafted, that they would have the opportunity to review them. This will provide the opportunity to review the representation on the Aquaculture Working Group to ensure that the widest and most effective representation of affected members has been achieved when considering the parameters of the terms of reference and the identified objectives of the group.

Update on Derelict Vessels

AVICC has requested a meeting with Minister Steve Thomson. We had hoped that the UBCM Convention might provide the opportunity. As the issue requires more than the typically allotted 15 minutes available for meetings during the UBCM Convention and because the *Transport Canada Survey Results* are not yet available, we have asked that the meeting be scheduled after the UBCM Convention.

Once the meeting has been scheduled, we will be issuing invitations to those have been involved in past meetings with the Minister on this topic plus the sponsors of the two related resolutions coming forward to this year's UBCM Convention to participate either in person or by teleconference.

Update on Gas Operating Agreements

Executive is anticipating that they will be able to meet with Minister Coleman either during the UBCM Convention or shortly thereafter to ensure that we have his support in moving forward with allowing eligible local governments to have the choice of incorporating into their renewal operating agreements the option of having FortisBC collect operating fees on their behalf, to discuss the process that is required to ensure the legal capacity to allow this to happen, and communicate the importance of having the Application for Common Rates, Amalgamation and Rate Design currently before the BC Utilities Commission (BCUC) approved.

The draft of the template operating agreement has been completed and is currently being reviewed by local government and Fortis BC legal representatives. It has also been sent out to affected local governments. AVICC Executive will be meeting with FortisBC representatives during the UBCM Convention at which time we expect FortisBC will be seeking AVICC's endorsement of the template agreement.

We wish to thank members for your letters of support for FortisBC's application before BCUC and for garnering additional support letters from your communities. Thank you to local government staff who have been involved in the working group to develop the template agreement and special thanks to Douglas Holmes, Assistant City Manager/General Manager, Corporate Services for City of Nanaimo and Paul Murray, CAO for District of Saanich who have provided a significant leadership role on behalf of local government. We also appreciate the effort being put forth by FortisBC representatives Carol Greaves, Gord Schoberg and Gerald Berry.

AVICC Luncheon During the UBCM Convention

Over 250 delegates have registered to attend the AVICC Luncheon on Wednesday, September 27 in the Crystal Gardens. As always, the primary goal of the luncheon is to provide the opportunity to get together to share ideas and enjoy the company of fellow AVICC members. WoodWorks BC will be making their annual presentation of the Community Recognition Award and Mayor Wendal Milne will say a few words to encourage delegates to come to Sooke for the 2013 Convention.

Executive wishes to acknowledge Councillor Claire Moglove's nomination for Director at Large on the UBCM Board. Councillor Moglove will address delegates briefly during the luncheon. AVICC is automatically represented on the UBCM Board by the AVICC President; however, AVICC has benefited over the past several years with a second representative elected as Director at Large. Executive would recommend that the membership continue to support this additional representation and put their support behind Councillor Moglove.