

Subject: AVICC Member Update - Review of Changes to the Fisheries Act and Public Engagement

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The Regional District of Nanaimo has requested we distribute the following information about the review of the Fisheries Act to the AVICC membership.

Subject: Fisheries Act Review Update

As you are likely aware, on June 20, 2016, the Government of Canada launched a review of a number of environmental and regulatory processes. Included in this announcement was the Government's intention to undertake a review of the 2012 changes to the *Fisheries Act*. The Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard has requested that the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans undertake this review and solicit input from all Canadians regarding the changes made to the legislation in 2012.

The review process will include engagement with the public, DFO staff, Provincial and Territorial governments and Indigenous groups through online tools and direct meetings. Information related to the review can be found at the official website:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/conservation/assessments/environmental-reviews/fish-habitat-protection.html>

A fundamental element of the review will involve participation of Canada's Indigenous groups and as such funding has been made available to support this participation in the review. The funding program, was released on August 23rd, 2016 and **will close on September 23rd, 2016**. Information regarding the funding program and the application process can be found at:

<https://www.canada.ca/en/services/environment/conservation/assessments/environmental-reviews/funding-support-indigenous.html>

Letters were sent to Indigenous groups outlining the review and the related funding program Aug 30 - Sep 2, 2016.

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