

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

1. Resolutions and Nominations Deadline

The AVICC Executive would like to remind members that the deadline for resolutions to be submitted for the 2020 AVICC AGM & Convention is February 6, 2020. The call for resolutions that was initially sent out in November is included again with this email. The package provides guidelines for drafting clear resolutions and a sample resolution. Additional information from UBCM on resolutions procedures is included on the UBCM website as a series of articles under [Resolutions Articles](#).

Also attached is the Nomination package for positions on the AVICC Executive. Signed nomination and consent forms need to be received by the AVICC office by February 6, 2020 in order for candidates to be included in the report on nominations. Candidates may also be nominated from the floor at the Convention.

2. 2020 Convention April 17-19 in Nanaimo

The AVICC Executive has reviewed the excellent proposals received for sessions at the upcoming convention, and are finalizing the program. Registration will be opening early in February. We will send out a member update when registration is open with information about the convention sessions and a link for delegates to register online through CivicInfo.

The 2020 Convention will follow the same schedule as previous years, and begins at 2:00 pm on Friday, April 17th and finishes at noon on Sunday, April 19th. AVICC will again be offering pre-convention tours and sessions on Friday morning before the convention opening. The EA Forum and the Mayors and Chairs Caucus will be scheduled on Friday as lunch sessions from noon to 1:30 pm.

3. Shellfish Aquaculture Related Marine Plastic Waste and Abandoned Gear

Director Daniel Arbour of the Comox Valley RD is AVICC's representative on the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Aquaculture Management Advisory Group for Shellfish. He has advised that the DFO recently retained a contractor to:

1. review and assess the common sources of shellfish aquaculture related marine plastic waste and abandoned gear in the Canadian marine environment; 2. review, analyze and synthesise relevant domestic and international legislative/regulatory mechanisms and policies for the management, mitigation, and elimination of marine plastic waste and abandoned gear related to shellfish aquaculture activities, with a focus on temperate regions and regions similar to Canada; and 3. present recommendations to address shellfish aquaculture related marine plastic waste and abandoned gear, based on relevant domestic and international best practices, within the multijurisdictional context of shellfish aquaculture management in Canada. The recommendations developed by the contractor may serve to support the Government of Canada's G7 commitments to reduce marine plastics debris and discarded fishing gear in its waters, as well as support Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) exploration of shellfish aquaculture standards related to debris management and strengthen conditions of licence.

The contractor has started stakeholder interviews this week, and a report and set of recommendations will be completed by March 31st. Members can email Director Arbour at reachme@danielarbour.ca with comments or questions he can communicate to DFO.

4. **Review of the Marine Liability Act**

Transport Canada has advised they will be launching a review of the *Marine Liability Act* which covers compensation for victims of ship-source oil pollution. An email from Marc-Yves Bertin, Director General of Marine Policy notes that:

“as part of the reconsideration of the Trans Mountain Pipeline expansion, the [Canada Energy Regulator \(formerly the National Energy Board\)](#) recommended that we review the ship-source oil spill compensation regime to consider a broader scope of eligible claims. As a result, we are preparing to talk to coastal communities and other interested stakeholders throughout Canada.”

Transport Canada has asked AVICC to let our members know they are available to meet to discuss the current ship-source oil pollution liability and compensation regime. Please contact Transport Canada at MarineLiability-ResponsabiliteMaritime@tc.gc.ca

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