

IMPORTANT REGISTRATION INFORMATION

MULTI-INTEREST, MULTI - TOPIC DIALOGUE SESSIONS: FALL 2005

Who can register?

Because of space limitations, the number of seats is limited, and registration will be taken on a first-come, first-served basis. However, DFO will ensure that there is a broad representation of interests invited to register. It is up to your organization to decide who would like to attend, but a representation of your organization's cross-section of interests is advised.

How do I register?

Registration can be done through an automated system on the internet. To register, go to the following webpage:

http://www-comm.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pages/consultations/wsp/redfish_e.htm

You will need to fill in **all of the fields** on the registration page, and then press send. You will receive a confirmation by e-mail. If you have any trouble with the registration page, you can contact Maureen Paterson at 604-666-0385 for assistance.

Is there funding available to assist with travel expenses?

Please read funding conditions carefully – no exceptions will be made:

If you live out-of-town, and are unable to return to your home in the evening after the first day's session, the Department will be able to assist with travel, lodging and meal expenses for the session closest to your place of residence, on an as needed basis. The following describes the terms for the provision of funding:

- DFO will book a block of rooms in a centrally-located hotel at the federal government rate. **It is important** that you indicate on the registration form whether or not you will require a hotel, and for how many days. The Department will arrange to pay for the cost of the room only. Any in-room services (i.e. telephone calls or services) will be the responsibility of the guest.
- Reasonable travel expenses will be covered for out-of-town participants (i.e. gas, mileage, ferries).
 - Reimbursement forms will be available at the forum. Please provide all receipts with your completed form and allow 30 days for processing and payment.**Please note that forms that do not have a S.I.N. number cannot be processed.**
- Continental breakfast, coffee/tea/snacks and lunch will be provided on both days of the forum, therefore, the cost of those meals will not be reimbursed. If you stay overnight, you will be reimbursed for dinner and incidentals.

If you require assistance, or have any questions, please contact:

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**FALL 2005 CONSULTATIONS
TOPIC SUMMARY, BACKGROUND INFORMATION
DATES AND LOCATIONS**

TOPIC	LOCATION	BACKGROUND INFO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fisheries Reform <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Overall Direction and Principles Co-Management Licensing Conditions/Tenure Management Approaches 	Prince Rupert Oct. 3-4 Vancouver Oct. 12-13 Port Hardy Oct. 18-19 Nanaimo Nov. 2-3 Kamloops Nov. 9 Whitehorse Nov. 15	Treaties and Transition: Towards a Sustainable Fishery on Canada's Pacific Coast. http://www-comm.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/publications/jtf/tint_e.htm Our Place at the Table: First Nations in the BC Fishery www.bcafc.org Minister's Announcement: http://www-comm.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pages/release/p-releas/2005/nr021_e.htm

TOPIC	LOCATION	BACKGROUND INFO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed changes to the <i>Fisheries Act</i> 	Prince Rupert Oct. 3-4 Vancouver Oct. 12-13 Port Hardy Oct. 18-19 Nanaimo Nov. 2-3 Kamloops Nov. 9 Whitehorse Nov. 15	Consultation Information: http://www-comm.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pages/consultations/consultation2005/main_e.htm Available September 12, 2005

TOPIC	LOCATION	BACKGROUND INFO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Groundfish Integrated Proposal 	Prince Rupert Oct. 3-4 Vancouver Oct. 12-13 Port Hardy Oct. 18-19 Nanaimo Nov. 2-3	CIC Integrated Proposal: http://www-ops2.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/xnet/content/consultations/groundfishin/default_e.htm

TOPIC	LOCATION	BACKGROUND INFO
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> New proposed Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs) for the Strait of Georgia 	Sechelt Sept. 20 Powell River Sept. 21 Vancouver Oct. 12-13 Port Hardy Oct. 18-19 Campbell River Oct. 24 Nanaimo Oct. 2-3	RCA Website: http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/recfish/Restricted Areas/Rockfish Maps 2004/default e.htm

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Species at Risk Act <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Newly Listed Species Freshwater Recovery Strategies 	Sechelt Sept.20 Nanaimo Nov. 2-3 Abbotsford TBA	Species at Risk Website: http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/sara/default e.htm

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Wild Salmon Policy 	Prince Rupert Oct. 3-4 Vancouver Oct. 12-13 Port Hardy Oct. 18-19 Nanaimo Nov. 2-3 Kamloops Nov. 9 Whitehorse Nov. 15	Wild Salmon Policy: http://www-comm.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/publications/wsp/default e.htm

To: First Nations, Stakeholders and Local Governments

**FISHERIES AND OCEANS CANADA (DFO) INVITES FIRST NATIONS AND
STAKEHOLDERS TO ATTEND DIALOGUE SESSIONS ON CURRENT
FISHERIES INITIATIVES**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) invites you or a delegate from your organization to register for one of a series of multi-topic, multi-interest dialogue sessions being held in six BC/Yukon communities from October 3 to November 15, 2005. The dialogue sessions will provide information, encourage discussion and seek feedback on several significant public policy issues, including:

- Fisheries Reform (all species) – follow-up to Minister's April 2005 Fisheries Reform Announcement
 - Co-Management (i.e. decision-making, organization, cost sharing, catch monitoring, licensing)
 - Management Regimes (i.e. quotas, time/area, licensing)
- Proposed changes to the *Fisheries Act*
- Integrated Groundfish Proposal (phase II consultations)
- New proposed Rockfish Conservation Areas (RCAs) for the Strait of Georgia
- Species at Risk Act (SARA) – three freshwater recovery strategies
- Wild Salmon Policy (WSP) implementation (follow-up - information only)

Each session will be tailored to meet the specific needs of each community, and will be structured in the following way:

1) Day-time: 1-2 days, depending on the interests of the community.

Multi-interest, multi-topic dialogue sessions to provide focused opportunities for First Nations and stakeholders to learn about the issues outlined above, and provide input through discussion groups with DFO staff.

PLEASE NOTE: *Registration is required and space is limited. Please read the attached registration information.*

2) Evening: public open house to provide opportunities for the public to view displays and material, talk to knowledgeable DFO staff, and provide input and feedback on proposals.

The multi-topic, multi-interest sessions are designed to compliment the Department's established advisory processes, provide a more efficient and streamlined process for participants, coordinate consultative activities on matters of broad public interest and better serve Canadians. The attached "Community Dialogue Schedule" and "How to Register"

information sheets provide more information on where and how you can participate, and how you can register delegates from your organization. Please note that the registration deadline is: September 20, 2005.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada will also be meeting with First Nations to provide information on all topics, with a focus on First Nations interests. The Department will also undertake bilateral discussions with First Nations.

In addition to the community open houses and stakeholder dialogue sessions, any interested individual or organization can provide feedback and comments through written submissions or by completing a workbook on the following website:

http://www-comm.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pages/consultations/consultation2005/main_e.htm

If you have any questions about the dialogue sessions or about registration, please contact:

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Yours sincerely,

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