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TO ALL CLIENTS OF LICENSED B.C. FISH PROCESSORS:

Re: 2008 Annual Reports for Clients of Licensed Fish Processors

- Annual Fisheries Production Schedule (AFPS) – **due February 16, 2009**

“In 2007 the wholesale value of British Columbia Seafood was \$1,296.6 million.”

Source: 2007 British Columbia Seafood Industry Year in Review

We were able to generate this information by surveying B.C. seafood sellers. Most of the seafood value is generated by B.C. fish processors as well as licensed buyers and brokers. However, there is a large group of seafood marketers – like you – that do not hold traditional licences but rather have seafood custom processed or stored in B.C. plants.

Your company has been identified as having utilized the services of a licensed British Columbia fish processing and/or cold storage facility during the 2008 calendar year for the purpose of processing (which may include freezing) and/or storing seafood. From available information, it appears that your production would not be included in any of the annual reports submitted by the licensed processors, buyers, or brokers in British Columbia.

This information you provide will supplement the data compiled from these other sources and will help to ensure that we are collecting accurate and complete data on seafood sales for the province.

- **The 2008 Annual Fisheries Production Schedule (AFPS) is due February 16, 2009.**

Quick List for Completing the AFPS:

- For operations reporting B.C. seafood sales remember to:
 - Report all seafood sold in 2008 as a product of B.C. - to retail or exported;
 - Include all seafood in inventory in its final form and value at prevailing prices; and
 - Sign and return the completed report.
- For operations with no sales to report remember to:
 - Complete pages 1 & 2 of the AFPS form; and
 - Sign and return the completed report.



Remember the report must be signed and returned - even if it is “NIL” - to satisfy your reporting requirements.

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Detailed instructions for completing the schedule and a self-addressed postage-paid envelope have been provided for your convenience. If you wish to complete and submit the form **electronically** please go to: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/omfd/fishstats/forms/afps.html>

Be assured that **data from individual forms and companies will be protected** within the provisions of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*. The information they contain is held in complete confidence and is only published in aggregate form (combined data from three or more companies).

The data we collect on the Annual Fisheries Production Schedules is used extensively to highlight the importance of the B.C. seafood sector and its products. The Year in Review series as well as statistical tables and information from 2007 (and earlier) can be found at: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/omfd/fishstats>

Thank you in advance for your participation. We appreciate your timely cooperation with our reporting schedule and are always available to assist should you have questions or concerns.

Yours truly,



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Enclosures

All statistical reporting forms, letters to industry and the AFPS guide may be accessed at: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/omfd/fishstats/forms>.

There are both excel and PDF versions of the forms available for viewing, printing &/or downloading.

Publications and reports may be viewed at: <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/omfd/reports>.