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**TO ALL B.C. LICENSED FISH PROCESSORS:**

**Re: 2008 List of Custom Fish Processing Clients (or Declaration) -- due January 5, 2009**

*"In 1983 British Columbia processors offered 272 different seafood products. By 2007, the number of species-product types reported by industry reached 472."*

*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. processors - like you - as well as licensed buyers and brokers. However, there is a large group of seafood marketers that do not hold the traditional licences, they have seafood custom processed or stored in B.C. plants.

**All B.C. fish processing plants are required to provide us with a list of commercial seafood clients (or a declaration)** so that we can contact the individuals or companies for their final products and wholesale value information for inclusion in the B.C. seafood value total. The list should not include clients for whom you custom process only sport caught or personal use fish.

Please fax, mail or email:

- a) **Your Client List** - If your company custom processed or held commercial B.C. seafood products for clients during the 2008 calendar year we require a list of those clients. For each client please **be sure to include**: company name and contact person, a complete mailing address, and a phone number. Remember – the list should not include sport caught or personal use only clients.

**OR**

- b) **Your Declaration** - If your company did not custom process or hold commercial B.C. seafood products for clients during 2008 (and has no client list to submit) please complete and return the declaration **on the back of this page.**

Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me by phone, fax, or email.

Yours truly,



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