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Dear Angling Guide:

The Fish and Wildlife Branch sent you a letter dated June 26, 2008, informing you of a proposed change to section 9(1) of the Wildlife Act Regulation 125/90, regarding public liability insurance. Please be advised that this regulation change was approved on December 8, 2008.

Beginning April 1, 2009, the minimum amount of public liability insurance required to qualify for an Angling Guide Licence will be two million dollars (\$2M). This change will apply to all angling guide licences issued for the April 1, 2009 - March 31, 2010 angling season as well as for all subsequent years.

The change to the liability insurance amount was required to meet industry standards and harmonize the liability insurance requirements affecting angling guides and guide outfitters. Since 2005, all guide outfitters have been required to carry public liability insurance in an amount of no less than \$2M. Angling guides and guide outfitters operating within any BC parks must also now hold this minimum.

The Angling Guide Licence Application has been changed to reflect the new public liability insurance minimum requirement. Please use this amended form when renewing your angling guide licence. The form is available online at www.env.gov.bc.ca/pasb/applications/#angling

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 250-356-2566 or by email at Katia.Gauvin@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

Katia Gauvin
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