



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - CHANGES AT THE HELM

Hello Harbour Authority Association of British Columbia Members,

I am Robert Clarke, your new president of the HAABC, and Wharfinger for the Comox Valley Harbour Authority. I am excited to take over from the departed Joel Baziuk and I would like to thank Joel for his time on the HAABC Board and for his contributions to Steveston Harbour Authority. Also departed from the HAABC Board is Leah Robinson of Seaway Ventures, who alongside Angela Smith managed the District Of Port Hardy Harbour Authority. Both volunteer directors will be missed greatly. These director positions are vacant and by now all Harbour Authorities in the two affected zones should have received a letter asking for expressions of interest for the directorship. The Board of Directors will review the letters and will hopefully appoint two new directors in September.

As many of you know Leslie Taylor has stepped down from her position within the HAABC to take on a new role as Comox Harbour Manager. Filling the vacancy is Seija Laukkanen, Sooke Harbour Manager. The HAABC BOD is excited to work with Seija in creating the 2018-2020 SCH Contribution Agreement, as well as continuing the success of the Harbour Authority Mentoring Pilot Program and Pilot Harbour Authority Legal Support Initiative. We hope to have the first draft of the agreement finalized in September. Leslie will be helping Seija in the transition and offering assistance and guidance as necessary. The HAABC BOD thanks Leslie for her service to the membership.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact your zone representative or Seija Laukkanen.

The 2018 Seminar will be hosted by Sooke HA (busy Seija) in early February. We are looking forward to another informative, educational and fun seminar packed with captivating presentations and invigorating, thoughtful workshops. Please contact your zone representative if there is a particular seminar topic you wish to be explored.

Pacific Regional Harbour Authority Advisory Committee (PRHAAC):

The PRHAAC is chaired by the Regional Director, SCH Pacific and meets twice a year in the Spring and Fall. It is a forum for SCH Pacific to seek advice from a representative group of HAs from time to time on a range of specific HA operational, program and strategic policy development initiatives and other topics/issues of interest to the SCH Pacific program. The PRHAAC is comprised of up to three SCH Pacific staff and six to eight HA representatives. Members represent a cross-section of HAs, reflecting the range in size and geographic location of harbours involved in the SCH Pacific program. PRHAAC members also reflect the diversity of the HA membership in Pacific Region and include individuals with varied client (e.g. commercial fish harvester) and HA experience and expertise.

Since the last newsletter in March 2017, there have been some changes in the Pacific Regional Harbour Authority Advisory Committee (PRHAAC). Bob Baziuk, former General Manager of Steveston Harbour Authority and Liz McCleod, former Harbour Manager at Comox Valley Harbour Authority have retired and stepped down from the PRHAAC and SCH would like to thank them for their participation and contribution to the Pacific Regional and National Harbour Authority Advisory Committees.

SCH would also like to take this opportunity to welcome the newest members of the PRHAAC: Jaime Da Costa from Steveston HA, Bruce Evans from Fanny Bay HA, Mike Jacobs from Haisla HA and Bill Shepert from Port Edward HA.

The current PRHAAC members are:

Jordan Mah – A/ Regional Director, SCH Pacific (NHAAC member)
Robin Richardson – Regional Manager, Harbour Development, SCH Pacific
Ben Maberley – President, Whaler Bay HA (NHAAC Member)
Lutz Budde – Director, Oona River HA (NHAAC member)
Mike Griswold – Director, Quadra Island HA (NHAAC member)
Frank Mauro – Director, Pender Harbour HA
Jaime Da Costa – General Manager, Steveston HA
Bruce Evans – Director, Fanny Bay HA
Mike Jacobs – Harbour Manager, Haisla HA
Bill Shepert – Director, Port Edward HA

Record of discussions from the meetings, and more information on the PRHAAC is available at: <http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/consultation/sch-ppb/index-eng.html>. If you have any questions, please contact Robin.Richardson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

JUST A REMINDER.....The following two programs are still available, please make use of them.

HAABC Legal Initiative Pilot

Funds are available for HAs who require legal consultation. Take advantage of this while it is still available. Please call your zone director or Seija at 250-339-3970 for more information on how this may assist you in resolving any legal issues you have at your HA.

HAABC Mentoring Pilot

The HAABC has a membership with 20 years of experience in managing HAs. We want to share this knowledge. We have funds available to travel to your harbour and assist you. Alternately, we have funds available for you to travel to another HA to job shadow. We will, upon your request, identify someone who can travel to your facility, meet with staff and board members, and with you brainstorm solutions for strategies to make your harbour better. Please do not hesitate to take advantage of this great opportunity. The success of this pilot will ensure we continue to receive funding. Contact your zone director or Seija at 250-339-3970 to set up a visit.

TALK ON THE DOCK

The following articles relate to a couple of hot topics that many of us have probably heard flowing through our harbours' chatter.

Government of Canada introduces new measures to ensure Canada is better equipped, better regulated, and better prepared to protect its marine environment and coastal communities

VICTORIA, TORONTO and ST. JOHN'S, May 31, 2017 /CNW/ - Canada's coastlines are a source of inspiration and pride. Even for Canadians living inland, many of the jobs that support middle-class families, and the products used every day, depend on Canada's waterways.

In November 2016, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau launched the Oceans Protection Plan. This national strategy is creating a world-leading marine safety system that provides economic opportunities for Canadians today, while protecting our coastlines and clean water for generations to come. The \$1.5 billion strategy is delivering the largest investment ever made to protect Canada's coasts and waterways.

Today, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada, and the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, announced five initiatives as part of the Oceans Protection Plan.

In Victoria, Minister LeBlanc announced that the Canadian Coast Guard will establish seven new lifeboat stations -- an investment of \$108.1 million over five years with ongoing funding of \$12.2 million. The Canadian Coast Guard will also create 24/7 emergency management and response capacity within the three existing Regional Operations Centres across Canada to better plan and coordinate effective response during an incident. Minister LeBlanc also announced a five year, \$75 million national Coastal Restoration Fund. This program will support marine habitat restoration priorities and address threats to marine species located on Canada's coasts and waterways. Projects will be selected and announced in the coming weeks so restoration activities can begin as soon as this summer and early fall.

In Toronto, Minister McKenna launched a review of the *Pilotage Act* – the legislative and regulatory framework that ensures experienced marine pilots navigate ships safely through select waters in Canada. The Review will be chaired by Mr. Marc Grégoire, who is a former Commissioner of the Canadian Coast Guard and former Assistant Deputy Minister of Safety and Security at Transport Canada. Under Mr. Grégoire's leadership, the Review will focus on topics such as tariffs, service delivery, governance, and dispute resolution.

In St. John's, Minister Garneau announced the launch of a national, five-year \$6.85 million Abandoned Boats Program led by Transport Canada. This Program will facilitate the removal of existing smaller high-priority abandoned boats, educate boat owners about their responsibilities, and support research into improving recycling options for boats. Minister Garneau also announced a separate initiative that will soon support the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' mandate of operating a national network of safe and accessible small craft harbours for the commercial fishing industry. Over the next five years, \$1.3 million will be available to provide support to Harbour Authorities and other eligible recipients in removing abandoned and wrecked vessels from federally owned commercial fishing harbours and disposing of them.

These new measures will ensure Canada is better equipped, better regulated, and better prepared to protect its marine environment and coastal communities.

Quick Facts

- The Canadian Coast Guard will establish seven new lifeboat stations – four in British Columbia: in the areas of Victoria, Hartley Bay, Port Renfrew, and Nootka; and two new stations in Newfoundland and Labrador: in the area of Twillingate and Bay de Verde. In addition, the former Maritime Communications and Traffic Services station in St. Anthony, Newfoundland and Labrador, will be refurbished to become a search and rescue lifeboat station.
- The Canadian Coast Guard will create 24/7 emergency response capacity within existing Regional Operations Centres in Victoria, Montreal and St. John's. These centres, along with the new 24/7 capacity of the Coast Guard National Command Centre in Ottawa, will monitor, assess, and deliver tasking and reporting functions focused primarily on Coast Guard assets and emergency response management, including marine pollution incidents.
- The Coastal Restoration Fund will support planning for, and the rehabilitation of, important coastal habitats used by fish species including t risk marine mammals. Areas such as eelgrass beds, estuaries, and other coastal habitat locations along Canada's coastlines will be eligible.

- Marine pilotage is a service where marine pilots take control of a vessel and navigate it through our ports and waterways. In Canada, once a vessel enters a compulsory pilotage area, under law, the vessel is obligated to have a Canadian marine pilot to guide its transit through the area. Over 99% of marine pilotage trips in Canadian waters under the current Pilotage Act are executed without incident.
- It is estimated that there are more than 600 abandoned boats across Canada.

Quotes

"Today, the Government of Canada has taken steps to protect the health of our oceans and ensure the safety of those who enjoy and work on them. Through the Coastal Restoration Fund, we will support projects to rehabilitate some of our most important marine ecosystems. We will start announcing projects as soon as we can get this important work underway. We have also enhanced the Canadian Coast Guard's 24/7 emergency management and response capabilities and will significantly increase the number of Canadian Coast Guard lifeboat stations in key areas."

The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc

Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

"Marine pilotage in Canada has a success rate of over 99%, providing Canadians with the assurance that ships in their waters are travelling safely to and from their destinations. Under the Ocean's Protection Plan, this *Pilotage Act* Review is a commitment to ensuring Canada has the modern legislation and regulations needed to inspire this confidence."

The Honourable Catherine McKenna

Minister of Environment and Climate Change Canada

"Abandoned boats in Canada can pollute the marine environment, harm local businesses such as tourism and fisheries, damage infrastructure, interfere with navigation, and pose health and safety risks to Canadians. Through the Oceans Protection Plan, our new Abandoned Boats Program will not only remove the highest priority small boats, but also help owners better understand how they can better protect our coasts and waterways."

The Honourable Marc Garneau

Minister of Transport

News Release

From [Fisheries and Oceans Canada](#)

Ottawa, Ontario – Healthy fish and fish habitat are a key part of Canada's livelihood. From the food we eat to the coastal waters we enjoy, ensuring the right protections are in place will help safeguard the health of our fish and the habitat they live in for generations to come.

Today, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, announced the launch of the second phase of [Let's Talk Fish Habitat](#), an online public consultation to seek Canadians' views on recent changes to the *Fisheries Act*. In the first phase of this consultation, Canadians provided Fisheries and Oceans Canada with clear recommendations. They identified lost protections they want to see restored to the *Fisheries Act* and also shared their views on which modern approaches should be taken to better protect fish and fish habitat.

We are seeking Canadians' views once again on potential program and policy changes for a revised *Fisheries Act*. We are also seeking feedback on how to best proceed in order to achieve some of the goals identified in the first phase of consultation.

This online public consultation is part of the Government of Canada's [Review of Environmental and Regulatory Processes](#).

Quotes

"Our government is committed to the conservation and protection of fish and fish habitat, and to the sustainability of our fisheries. During the first phase of consultations, Canadians identified lost protections they want to see restored in a revised *Fisheries Act*, and shared their views on modern approaches to better protect fish and fish habitat. As we move forward with this second phase of consultations, I look forward to hearing from Canadians on how to best proceed to ensure that our aquatic resources are protected for future generations."

The Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

IF YOU HAVE ANY EVENTS COMING UP, PLEASE POST THEM TO THE FORUM SO THAT WE CAN ALL SEE WHAT IS GOING ON IN YOUR HARBOUR.



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Seija's Closing Notes: This is the first newsletter that I have had to put together in quite some time. I enjoyed the challenge and I do look forward to putting them together in the future. If you have any suggestions for content, please forward them to me. We are still in a transition stage between Leslie and myself, so if there is anything you need help with or have any questions please do not hesitate to call or email me. Echoing a message that I left on the forum, Thank You from the deepest depths to Leslie for all her years of dedication to the HAABC.