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**Subject:** Re: FW: Fish Health Program - BC

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Sharon,

I will ask Daphne to set up the mid-May meeting (Tony and Trevor) along with agenda items (anything specific you would like to raise? Stephen?).

As for the BC issue will you be setting that up for early May?

Please advise.

Thanks,

Annie

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Subject: RE: FW: Fish Health Program - BC

Annie - I have no problem with meeting in 2 parts - looking at this BC issue first. It would be good if Daphne could set up the Tony/Trevor meeting - will you also propose the agenda? Sharon

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From: Annie R Champagne [<mailto:Annie.R.Champagne@inspection.gc.ca>]  
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To: Mills, Chris D; Ford, Sharon; Stephen, Stephen  
Cc: Thomson, Andrew; McLaren, Michelle; Kim Klotins; Nathalie (Aquatic) Bruneau  
Subject: Re: FW: Fish Health Program - BC

Sharon and Steven,

I agree that we need to meet.

However, I believe we should have a separate meeting on this specific topic prior to discussing DFO and CFIA regulatory frameworks

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and way forward with Tony and Trevor.

I would like your thoughts on this as both meetings would need to be set up (Sharon\_ I do not believe a date has been scheduled for the mid-may meeting between DFO and CFIA (Tony and Trevor to also attend); I can ask Daphne Millar; Tony Ritchie's AA to schedule this meeting).

Please let me know,

Annie

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Stephen and Annie -

Please see the note below from Paul Kitching of the Province of BC regarding fish health audit and surveillance. We need to collectively determine:

- 1) whether there is an issue or not to NAAHP in having a gap in this information collected, and
- 2) aquaculture regulatory fish health requirements in Pacific Region going forward under Pacific Aquaculture Regulations and linkage/importance to NAAHP going forward.

For background material, I am attaching a rough notes of a discussion that was held between DFO Aquaculture and the MAL Fish Health group; this provides a short summary of the provincial fish health program.

I think we should be able to combine this with the meeting we discussed re coordinating DFO-CFIA activities with respect to the Fish Pathogen and Pest Treatment regs going forward. Do you agree?

As of yet we do not have an "Aquaculture fish health specialist" for the upcoming Pacific Aquaculture Region. In the interim, I will ask Chris Mills to coordinate this meeting from our end along with Michelle - I think we should try for mostly face-to-face, recognizing that some will be in by phone. Andy will fill in for Pacific Region.

Sharon

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From: Thomson, Andrew  
Sent: April 29, 2010 10:00 AM  
To: Swerdfager, Trevor; Ford, Sharon  
Subject: Re: Fish Health Program - BC

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I've had a few conversations with Mark Sheppard about this.

We don't have much of a lever with industry on this, other than writing to them to say that its a poor decision. It is a very short sighted approach however at least Marine Harvest has seen that and contacted the Centre for Aquatic Health Services about continuing the auditing. I met with Sonja S about this Monday and agreed that industry if they don't want to use the BC auditing "service" because of privacy concerns but want to continue being audited would have to pay for the service. She's going to make that pitch to the other companies. I did also say that DFO would support a reporting of the audit results at the year end.

Andrew Thomson  
Director - Aquaculture Management

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From: Swerdfager, Trevor  
To: Thomson, Andrew; Ford, Sharon  
Sent: Thu Apr 29 09:14:03 2010  
Subject: FW: Fish Health Program - BC

di the discussion he is referring to end up taking place? What is our approach to this issue?

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Subject: Fish Health Program - BC

I wanted to let you know officially, that following a letter from the BC Salmon Farming Association indicating that they no longer require BC Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (MAL) involvement in their fish health audit program, staff from the Animal Health Branch will suspend the collection of farmed fish for diagnostic, surveillance and audit purposes carried out under the provincial Fish Health Program.

Any ongoing monitoring of farm husbandry, record-keeping, and Fish Health Management Plans (FHMP) may still be performed by Fisheries Inspectors and/or Animal Health Branch staff in accordance with the BC Fisheries Act and Aquaculture Regulations.

The marine salmon farmers must continue to maintain and follow their FHMPs, and the reporting requirements therein, as a Term and Condition of a salmon aquaculture license.

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I would be interested to discuss with CFIA and DFO the consequences of this interruption in the collection of this data, how it might impact on Canada's ability to report to OIE, and whether we can together with the salmon industry, develop an alternative program.

Background:

On the March 1st, 2010 a Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOI) decision adjudicated by the provincial Privacy Commissioner, Mr. Michael McEvoy, ordered the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (MAL) to release electronic farm-by-farm database information to the applicant, T. Buck Suzuki Environmental Foundation. The 2004 FOI request included: 1) sea lice data from the Broughton salmon farms to August 2004; and 2) all health data collected from marine salmon farms in BC that MAL acquired during its Fish Health and Lice Audit and Surveillance Programs over the same period.

MAL's Fish Health Program began in 2001 and, on three occasions (2006, 2007 and 2009), it has been reviewed by epidemiologists with the goal to identify areas of improvement and expansion. "The data collected as part of the BC FHASP exceed international standards to demonstrate freedom of disease and the level of fish health monitoring in BC is more comprehensive than in other parts of Canada and other salmon producing regions of the world." (CCH report 2006).

Programs of this nature are recognised nationally and internationally as important and vital to trade, biosecurity and seafood sustainability. The Fish Health Program provides regulators and the public with a comprehensive understanding and confidence in the health status of salmon stocks raised on marine salmon farms in BC.

Regards

Paul Kitching - Provincial CVO