

## NOTICE TO HERRING FISHERY PARTICIPANTS

This notice applies to individuals or companies who are engaged in the packing or transporting of roe herring.

A Provincial Fish Buying Station Licence may be required for this activity therefore please note the following:

In cases where there is no exchange of ownership of the product, a Fish Buying Station Licence will not be required. Most typically this will occur within a defined pool where the vessels packing the fish (motherships) are owned or leased by the same company holding the seine or gill net roe herring licences that are being fished.

- **In order for the ministry to identify these company packers, you must submit a list of all vessels that are under control or contracted by your company to pack herring. This list must be submitted to the Ministry Agriculture & Lands (MAL), Licensing & Compliance Branch prior to the opening of the fishery. The list may be faxed to the attention of Susanne Armstrong, Commercial Fisheries Licensing Clerk at 250-334-1410 - be sure to include your pool id, the vessel name and CFV number. It is the company's responsibility to advise MAL of any last minute changes to vessel pool assignments.**
- Where a vessel is found on the grounds packing herring and it is not identified on the company's list submitted to MAL, it will require a valid provincial Fish Buying Station Licence (vessel).
- In all other cases where fish are delivered to a vessel, vehicle or a shore based facility, and a transfer of ownership occurs, the receiving vessel, vehicle or shore station will require a provincial Fish Buying Station Licence. **Note: Vehicles and shore stations must be inspected by a MAL Fisheries Inspector prior to licence issuance - it is the responsibility of the licensee to arrange for this inspection.**

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- Where there is no exchange of ownership and a vehicle is used for the custom transport of herring to a designated landing station, a Fish Buying Station Licence may be required. DFO should be consulted to determine requirements under Section 17(1) of the Pacific Fishery Regulations.

Provincial Fish Buying Station Licences are issued and regulated through the authority of the *Fisheries Act* and the *Fish Inspection Act* copies of which are available from Crown Publications Inc., 521 Fort Street, Victoria BC, V8W 1E7 (phone 250-386-4636 or visit their web site at [www.crownpub.bc.ca](http://www.crownpub.bc.ca)).

As a condition of licence, the holder of a Fish Buying Station Licence must complete the Annual Fisheries Production Schedule at the end of each year. This schedule is a report of the final weights and wholesale values of all the fish sold during the year. To familiarize yourself with this report and to easily organize your information, please visit the web site at [http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/fish\\_stats/statistics.htm](http://www.agf.gov.bc.ca/fish_stats/statistics.htm).

Please call our Courtenay office at 250-897-7542 if you have any questions. To eliminate long distance charges, you may call Enquiry BC at 250-387-6121 (Victoria), 604-660-2421 (Vancouver) or 1-800-663-7867 (for all other areas) and be transferred to our office.

Sincerely,

Kathy Evans  
Sr. Licensing Officer  
Licensing and Compliance Branch

cc: Jackie Hunter, Manager, Licensing & Compliance Branch  
Inspection Team, Licensing & Compliance Branch