

June 15, 2017

File: 68800-20/16/MP

**TO: ALL HOLDERS OF PROVINCIAL MARINE PLANT AQUACULTURE LICENCES**

**RE: 2016 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

Dear licence holder:

As a holder of a provincial marine plant aquaculture licence in 2016, please note that the new *Fish and Seafood Act* is now in force (as of January 1, 2017), and census information is now collected and reported annually under the authority of the Act using the Annual Aquaculture Statistical Report (AASR).

The 2016 AASR form is attached for your convenience. Please complete one form for each marine plant aquaculture operation for which you were licensed in 2016. All sections of the AASR form are to be completed in full for all species and returned **no later than July 15, 2017**, even if they are "NIL" (zero production).

Electronic versions of the form can be downloaded from:

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/statistics/reporting-requirements>.

Please forward all completed AASR(s) by:

- email to [Fishstats@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Fishstats@gov.bc.ca); or
- toll free fax to 1.888.356.0358 or local 250-953-3401; or
- regular mail (address below).

Please be assured that information given on the AASR is published only in aggregate form (combined data from three or more companies).

We appreciate your timely cooperation with the reporting schedule and will be pleased to respond to any questions or concerns you may have. Please retain a copy of the form you submit for your records.

Yours truly,

James E. Dalby, Jr.  
Ministry of Agriculture