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**To: ALL CLIENTS OF LICENSED B.C. SEAFOOD PROCESSORS**

**Re: 2016 Annual Fisheries Production Schedule – due May 18, 2017**

*British Columbia offered 487 seafood commodities in 2015 with a wholesale value of \$1.43 billion and 52% of the value generated from sale of wild and farmed salmon products.*

We were able to generate the above statement by conducting a census of B.C. seafood sellers, including licenced fish processors, buyers, brokers and vendors, and unlicensed custom processing clients. Your company has been identified as having utilized the services of a licensed B.C. fish processing and/or cold storage facility during 2016 for the purposes of processing (which may include freezing) and/or storing seafood. From available information, it appears that your production is not included in any of the annual reports submitted by the licensed companies.

An AFPS spreadsheet (Excel) and guide (Word) with detailed instructions for completing the schedule are attached to this email. You may also access these documents here:

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

If you do not have Excel on your computer, please open and fill out the spreadsheet by using Google Sheets: <https://www.google.ca/sheets/about/>. If you do not have Word, please open the guide using Google Docs: <https://www.google.ca/docs/about/>.

Then send your completed spreadsheet to [Fishstats@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Fishstats@gov.bc.ca).

**Completing the AFPS:**

- Custom processing clients reporting B.C. seafood sales, please:
  - report all seafood sold in 2016 as a product of B.C. to the public, retail or exported;
  - include all seafood in inventory in its final form and value at prevailing prices; and
- Custom processing clients reporting no B.C. seafood sales, please:
  - complete only pages 1 & 2 of the AFPS.

Please be assured that seafood production data is only published in aggregate form (combined data from three or more companies).

Thank you in advance for your participation. We appreciate your timely cooperation with the reporting schedule and will be happy to assist you should you have any questions or concerns.

Yours truly,

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Seafood publications: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/statistics/industry-and-sector-profiles>