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SUBMIT YOUR ANNUAL FISHERIES PRODUCTION SCHEDULE NOW!

To:

Company X Street Address City, Province, Postal Code

All B.C. seafood producers are required to provide the Ministry of Agriculture & Food with a report on their seafood production under the *Fish & Seafood Act*.

Your company has been identified as a custom processing client of a provincially licensed or federally registered B.C. fish processing and/or cold storage company(s) in 2022. Your production data are not captured in the annual report(s) submitted by this company(s), and therefore must be submitted by you in a separate report.

Email your 2022 Annual Fisheries Production Schedule (AFPS) to fishstats@gov.bc.ca by 5 May 2023!

You must complete an AFPS (xlsx) for each of your locations.

- Report all B.C. seafood sold or remaining in inventory in its final form.
- Refer to this guide for instructions and tips.

If you do not have Excel software, you can use <u>Google Sheets</u> instead. Please do not send in paper forms, PDF files, or JPEG files.

Data from all processors, receivers, vendors, and seafood marketers are combined and used for:

- Economic analyses
- Program and policy development
- Sector funding decisions
- International fisheries treaty negotiations

The Ministry of Agriculture & Food will aggregate data across three or more companies for any public output.

If you have any questions, please email <u>fishstats@gov.bc.ca</u>. Thank you in advance for your participation!

The Ministry of Agriculture & Food is also reviewing the AFPS survey to ensure it is clear and easy for seafood producers to complete. As a seafood producer, you receive a request every year to complete the AFPS based on requirements under the Fish & Seafood Act.

SHARE YOUR OPINION!

The Ministry of Agriculture & Food aims to improve the current AFPS. We ask you to provide your input through a short questionnaire. Where possible, this survey should be completed by the same person(s) responsible for filling in the AFPS. Responses will be kept confidential and will only be used by the ministry for the purpose of improving user experience with the AFPS.

Please complete the survey form <u>here</u>.

The survey will be open until **5 May 2023**. You can choose to provide your feedback anonymously or you can indicate your company's name on the survey. No personal information should be included in your responses.

If you prefer to give us your feedback by email, please let us know by sending an email to Michaella at michaella.trites@gov.bc.ca.

The relevant seafood industry associations were informed in advance of this questionnaire.

Please note that this questionnaire is not related to the project that Gord Gislason Associates is working on for the ministry that is focused on seafood processing capacity.

Thank you in advance for your input.

Yours truly,

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See your data in action in our seafood publications and data tables.