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TO: ALL B.C. LICENSED SEAFOOD BUYERS (FISH RECEIVERS) AND FISHER VENDORS *

RE: 2016 Annual Fisheries Production Schedule (AFPS) – due February 17, 2017

British Columbia offered 487 seafood commodities in 2015 with a wholesale value of \$1.43 billion, with 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. 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 Section 46 of the Act.

An AFPS and guide with detailed instructions for completing the schedule, along with a self-addressed postage-paid envelope, are enclosed for your usage. You may also access these documents here: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/agriculture-seafood/statistics/reporting-requirements>. If you prefer to submit your report electronically, send it to Fishstats@gov.bc.ca.

Completing the AFPS:

- Buyers and vendors 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
- Buyers and vendors reporting no sales, please:
 - complete only pages 1 & 2 of the AFPS.

Remember that the report must be returned - even if it is "NIL" - to satisfy your reporting requirements. Please complete and submit one AFPS for each licence wherever possible. If you are submitting a report that includes data for more than one licence, please ensure you list each licence number on the front page of the report.

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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* Under the new *Fish and Seafood Act*, a fish buyer is renamed "fish receiver" and a vendor is renamed "fisher vendor".