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TO: ALL BRITISH COLUMBIA SEAFOOD PROCESSORS

Re: 2017 List of Custom Seafood Processing Clients or Declaration, due January 12, 2018

British Columbia offered 509 distinct seafood commodities in 2016, with a combined wholesale value of \$1.7 billion and 58% of the value generated from sale of wild and farmed salmon products.

We were able to generate the above statement by surveying all B.C. seafood sellers. Most of the seafood value is generated by B.C. fish processors like you, as well as fish receivers and fisher vendors. However, there are also seafood marketers that have B.C. seafood custom processed or stored in B.C. plants for later sale.

To ensure we have a complete picture of B.C.'s seafood industry, **all B.C. seafood processing plants are required to provide us with a report on custom processing activities.**

Please submit by email one of the following **no later than January 12, 2018**:

a) Spreadsheet of Custom Processing Clients

If your company custom processed, froze or held **commercial B.C. seafood** products for clients during the 2017 calendar year, we require a complete listing of those clients. We will contact the companies or individuals on the lists for information on their final products and wholesale values for inclusion in the B.C. seafood value total.

For each client, please be sure to include company name, contact person, email address, complete mailing address, and phone number. Provide your client list by filling out the **attached Excel spreadsheet** and sending it to Fishstats@gov.bc.ca. If you do not have Excel on your computer, you can open and fill out the spreadsheet by using Google Sheets <https://www.google.ca/sheets/about/>. Alternatively, you may request a paper copy of the spreadsheet by sending an email to Fishstats@gov.bc.ca.

When listing clients, please do **not include recreational harvest clients** for whom you custom processed, froze, or held fish or shellfish.

OR

b) Declaration Stating no Custom Processing Clients

If your company did not custom process, freeze or hold **commercial B.C. seafood** products for clients during 2017 - and therefore has no client list to submit – please send an email to Fishstats@gov.bc.ca with the following declaration and information:

I/we declare that the company and plant listed below did not custom process, store or freeze B.C. commercial seafood products for clients during the 2017 calendar year, and does not have a list of custom processing/storage clients to submit:

Name of Company or Individual:

Facility Address/Location:

Name of Contact Person:

Email Address(es):

Phone Number(s):

Thank you in advance for your participation. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me by phone, email or fax.

Yours truly,

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