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Fisheries Sector Update

DECEMBER 4-6, 2018



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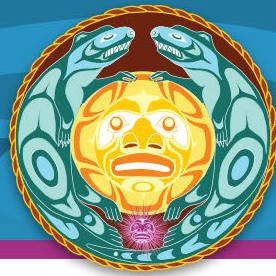
Assembly of First Nations (AFN) Fisheries Sector

Announced on April 30, 2018, at SCA in Gatineau, QC:

- Current staff includes a director and 3 senior policy analysts.
- Plans to hire an additional policy analyst and an administrative assistant.

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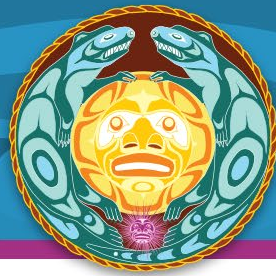
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National Fisheries Committee (NFC)

**First 2018 meeting, October 31 to November 1, 2018 in
Musqueam (Richmond, BC):**

- Updates on working groups.
- Update on legislative reviews.
- Updates on National Indigenous Fisheries Institute.
- Review of Resolutions.
- Correspondence between Fisheries Council of Canada and Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Minister.



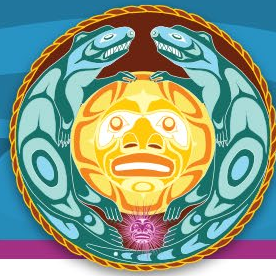
National Aquaculture Working Group (NAWG)

Meeting in Halifax – November 19 to 20, 2018:

- Review of federal programs, policies, and regulations – report.
- DFO proposed initiatives:
 - Area-based approach in the Pacific Region
 - Decision framework for precautionary approach
 - General aquaculture regulations
- Letter of Understanding between 3 BC First Nations:
 - Kwikwasut'inuxw Haxwa'mis First Nation
 - 'Namgis First Nation
 - Mamalilikulla First Nation
- Atlantic Aquaculture ventures.

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National Policy Analysis Group (NPAG)

Meeting in Winnipeg – November 26 to 27, 2018:

- Focus on Inland Commercial Fisheries Policy:
 - At-risk and invasive species
 - Marine emergency response
 - Great Lakes habitat protection
 - Great Lakes / International Joint Commission
- DFO update on Freshwater Fisheries Marketing Corp (FFMC).



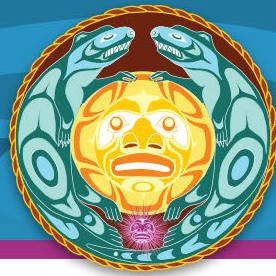
Oceans Working Group (OWG)

New working group – meeting tentatively scheduled for **January 2019:**

- Needs Terms of Reference and scope of work.
- Potential topics:
 - Bill C-55 Oceans Act
 - Marine protected areas
 - Marine spatial planning
 - Migratory fish species

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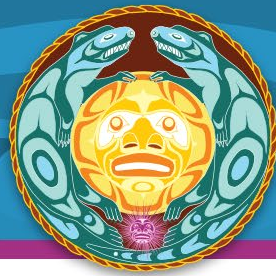
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Canadian Council of Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers (CCFAM)

Meeting in St. John's, NF – December 4 to 5, 2018:

- Chaired by DFO Minister Wilkinson.
- Includes Provincial/Territorial Fisheries and Aquaculture Ministers.
- The AFN is invited to present on December 4, 2018. Also invited are the Inuit Tapiriit Kanatami and the Métis National Council.

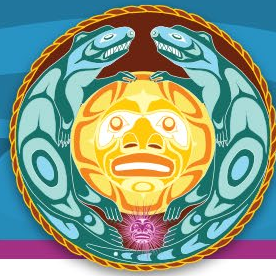


Legislative Review

- Bill C-68 - Fisheries Act
- Bill C-69 – Navigation Protection Act (Canadian Navigable Waters Act)
- Bill C-55 – Oceans Act and Canada Petroleum Resources Act
- Bill C-64 – Wrecks, abandoned or hazardous vessels and salvage operations

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National Indigenous Fisheries Institute

- Created in August 2017.
- Independent organization with First Nations Board members.
- Review of DFO Indigenous fisheries programming:
 - 2017-2018 review of the Aboriginal Aquatic Resource and Oceans Management Program and Communal Commercial Fisheries.
 - 2018-2019 review of Food Social Ceremonial fisheries and the Guardian program.
- Final recommendations to DFO Minister for implementation.
- For more information, visit their website at: indigenousfisheries.ca.

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