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Fishery Notice

Category(s):

AQUACULTURE - Shellfish

Licensing Information

Subject:

FN0347-AQUACULTURE - New 2021 Pacific Shellfish Aquaculture Conditions of Licence - Effective April 1, 2021

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has the authority to change conditions of licence prior to expiry for reasons of conservation and protection of wild fish.

The DFO 2016 Pacific Shellfish Aquaculture Licences and associated conditions will expire March 31, 2021. New amended 2021 Pacific Shellfish Aquaculture licence(s) and cover letters are currently being emailed to valid shellfish licence holders. Old 2016 Shellfish Aquaculture Licence documents and conditions will no longer be valid therefore ensure you replace all copies with the new 2021 Shellfish Aquaculture Licence(s).

If you have not received an email with your new 2021 Shellfish Aquaculture Licence(s) and cover letter prior to April 1, 2021, please contact AquacultureLicensing.XPAC@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Please familiarize yourself with the Shellfish Aquaculture Conditions of Licence as they have changed for the 2021-2025 licence term. It is the responsibility of the licence holder to be informed of, and adhere to, all applicable conditions of licence.

Many changes have been made to both the general licence conditions and appendices. These changes include but are not limited to:

- ~~3/4~~-new and updated definitions.
- ~~3/4~~-updates to facility installation and inspection requirements.
- ~~3/4~~-clarified language and new requirement for the transfer of fish, especially movement of harvested bivalves.
- ~~3/4~~-new netting and predator exclusion requirements.
- ~~3/4~~-new marine mammal interactions requirements, specifically the use of exclusion devices.
- ~~3/4~~-new requirements for the protection of fish and fish habitat such as:
 - ~~3/4~~ -shall not install floatation made from foam unless approved as outlined.
 - ~~3/4~~ -avoidance of sensitive and important habitat.
 - ~~3/4~~ -no storage of equipment on rafts or work floats.
 - ~~3/4~~ -must conduct annual sea floor inspections and clean up.
- ~~3/4~~-new requirement for gear and equipment identification
- ~~3/4~~-flagging tape no longer accepted as a means of tagging harvested product
- ~~3/4~~-clarified language regarding the spread of aquatic invasive species
- ~~3/4~~-new record keeping requirements for product movements and requirement for submission in an electronic and sortable format, when requested
- ~~3/4~~-elimination of the ability to sell product to third party buyers, unless the buyer is a representative of a facility licensed by the Canadian Food Inspection Agency with the appropriate shellfish processing permission (processing facility).

Please note that all 2021 Shellfish Aquaculture licences will expire on April 30,

2025. Annual Access to Resource Fees must be paid in full each year prior to the invoice due date for the facility to be considered for future licensing.

If you have further questions about your Shellfish Aquaculture Conditions of Licence, or to request an example copy of the product movement spreadsheet, please contact Shellfish.Aquaculture@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

It is a requirement of the Fisheries (General) Regulations, Section 17(1), that DFO must be notified of any changes to the licence holder contact. Ensure your current contact information is up to date with the DFO Aquaculture Licensing Unit and within your National Online Licensing System (NOLS) account. Should your mailing address not match the face of your DFO Shellfish Aquaculture licence, you may no longer be in compliance.

For licensing enquiries feel free to contact the Pacific Aquaculture Licence Unit by email at aquaculture.licensing@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

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