

Bulletin

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Salmon Harvester Survey Open Now!

Attention all commercial salmon harvesters!

Your opinions and concerns about the future of Pacific Salmon and the commercial salmon fishing industry are needed for a research study conducted by Elias del Valle, a Master's student at the University of Victoria.

This study aims to understand the impacts of current DFO policies and

measure trust levels between commercial salmon harvesters and DFO.

If you are an owner-operator, skipper, or crew member in gillnet, seine, or troll fisheries, you are eligible to participate in a short survey that will take only 5-10 minutes of your time.

By sharing your insights, you have a chance to win \$200 in a draw.

To access the survey link and contribute to this important study, go to UFAWU-Unifor.org. If you have any questions or would like to talk to Elias directly, you can contact him at eliasdelvalle@uvic.ca or 778-679-2595.

UFAWU Witnesses Address FOPO On Foreign Ownership

On May 11, 2023, UFAWU-Unifor Vice-President Kyle Louis and Business Agent Emily Orr participated as witnesses in a session conducted by the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans (FOPO).

The objective of the session was to investi-

gate the issue of foreign ownership and corporate concentration of fishing licenses and quota in Canada.

Kyle Louis and Emily

Orr appeared alongside Tasha Sutcliffe, Senior Policy Advisor at Ecotrust Canada; Jennifer Silver, Associate Professor at the University of Guelph; Paul Lansbergen, Pres-

ident of the Fisheries Council of Canada; and Andrew Olson, Chief Executive Officer of Nu-chah-nulth Seafood Limited Partnership. **Cont. on back...**



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During the session, Kyle Louis and Emily Orr delivered opening statements that addressed the critical concerns surrounding foreign ownership and corporate concentration.

They also fielded a wide range of questions related to the critical issue — covering areas such as license prices, the buy-

back program, domestic food security, and the owner-operator policy.

The Union-launched Foreign Ownership Parliamentary Petition was also highlighted during questioning.

Watch Kyle Louis and Emily Orr's opening statements at UFAWU-Unifor.org or visit parlvu.ca for the full session.

Important: Vessel Safety Compliance

There have been recent reports regarding increased enforcement by Transport Canada on safety violations.

To ensure you are compliant, Transport

Canada offers a Small Vessel Compliance Program booklet containing a compliance checklist.

Contact Fish Safe BC (fishsafebc.com) for a copy of the booklet.



Input On Fishermen's Meetings Needed

Commercial fish harvesters (both UFAWU-Unifor members and non-members) are invited to participate in an upcoming survey that will help the Union plan

and hold future All Fishermen's Meetings.

These meetings are an invaluable way for UFAWU-Unifor to engage with and learn from harvesters, empowering fishermen to collaborate and achieve more together.

The brief survey has been designed to collect har-

vester insights on various aspects of meetings — gathering feedback on meeting content and structure, logistics such as preferred locations and travel distances, as well as general interest.

UFAWU-Unifor is also looking for members to take on potential leadership roles in the planning and running

of meetings. By engaging UFAWU-Unifor members in the organization of meetings, the Union can host them more frequently and in a wider range of locations.

The survey will be available by Wednesday, June 7, 2023. To access the survey, go to UFAWU-Unifor.org/afm-survey.

PHOTO: UFAWU Meets With Min. Cullen

On May 9, 2023, UFAWU staff and leadership joined Min. Nathan Cullen and Parliamentary Sec. Kelly Greene for a productive meeting on issues facing harvesters including foreign ownership, OO, support for harvesters, and more.



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