



PACIFIC PRAWN FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

BOARD REPORT

A BRIEF SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETINGS

The Board met by teleconference FEBRUARY 8, 2018 at 7:00 and discussed / resolved the following issues.

1. An Administration report was presented by the Executive Director reporting on the following topics:

2017 Budget and Year End Update	Support for the BCSA Fisheries Legal Access Fund	Member Communications
Pilot Project – Monitoring and Compliance Panel	Mapping Effort – a Data Collection initiative	Marine Protected Areas update
Monitoring Program for 2018	Fees for 2018	Budget 2018

2. A resolution was passed to support the BCSA Legal Access Fund in the amount of \$31k.
3. The Board directed administration to reduce the total contribution to the 2018 JPA by \$60k while ensuring that there were no reductions to SI sampling efforts.
4. The Board discussed the situation with MPAs and associated closures. It was agreed to strike and ad hoc committee to develop an 'end game' strategy about how best to respond to this issue. Committee members include Bob Alford, Pat Cullen, Neil Main and Mike Roh.
5. Discussions with JO Thomas and the 2018 monitoring program will begin in the near future.
6. There is now a 'Steering Committee' comprised of DFO, Prawn Industry Caucus and the PPFA. It met on February 7 in Nanaimo and discussed issues raised by the PIC.
7. The Board agreed to keep 2018 fees the same as the last 2 years at \$3,990.00.
8. The 2018 budget will be developed on that fee structure and the costs of the monitoring program.
9. The Board agreed to support the 2018 Spot Prawn Festival in the amount of \$7,000 in this, the final year of the agreement.
10. A pilot project in Campbell River in March 2018 in support of the development of a Risk Assessment tool for the Monitoring & Compliance Panel will be supported. The Board is looking for 3 or 4 active, licensed fishermen to attend this 2 day workshop.



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11. The second stage of mapping historical effort is underway. Results are expected mid February.
12. A draft Code of Ethics has been developed and distributed for comment.
13. The Board discussed the potential for financial support for 'evaluating management processes' in Howe Sound. Some years ago, the Board had supported an SFU student's work in this field. There is a need to update this work. DFO is looking for funding support. The board considered this to be important work which essentially asks the question: "is the SI model working?".

The Board adjourned at approximately 8:30 AM.

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