

MEETING SUMMARY

Harbour Authority Advisory Committee (HAAC) - Maritimes/Gulf

Date: August 24, 2017

Location: Conference Call

Present (HAAC): Vesta Adams (South West Shore & Bay of Fundy Shore, Nova Scotia), Osborne Burke (Eastern Nova Scotia), Edwin McKie (Prince Edward Island), Jamie Craig (Gulf Nova Scotia), Bonnie Morse (Southern New Brunswick), Tim Wentzell (Halifax West & South Eastern Shore, Nova Scotia)

Present (SCH): Alain Hébert (Regional Director and Chair), Nicolas Maltais (Special Projects and Training Coordinator)

DISCUSSION TOPICS

Welcome and overview of Minister Dominic LeBlanc's announcement

- Chair welcomed everyone and provided an overview of Minister Dominic LeBlanc's announcement of Monday August 21st.
- Two Science Enterprise Centers are being developed in British Columbia and in Moncton, New Brunswick at the Gulf Fisheries Centre.
- New centre will be a hub between DFO and stakeholders.
- Initial investment of \$1.8M in infrastructure.
- Minister further announced that in April 2018, the Gulf Fisheries Centre will be the new head office for Small Craft Harbours (SCH).
- No job loss following this decision, staff who decide not to move to Moncton will be relocated to other departments.
- Director General is working with her staff in Ottawa to facilitate the relocation.
- This may result in creation of new positions in Moncton.
- General consensus of the committee that move to Moncton makes sense and should benefit region.

Update of meeting with Province of NS regarding Dredging

- Two members of the committee met with a number of officials with the Fisheries and Aquaculture Nova Scotia.
- Productive meeting with Harbour Authority Advisory Committee members being able to voice their concerns regarding new dredging regulations in Nova Scotia.
- No commitment but Fisheries and Aquaculture Nova Scotia are now aware of the situation.
- Chair advises that SCH has received a new letter from Environment Nova Scotia (ENS) requesting a new timeline of when SCH will be able to meet regulations.

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- A meeting is scheduled the following week between ENS and SCH to look at a solution matrix.
- Chair mentions that SCH has also asked Public Services and Procurement Canada (PSPC) to request a meeting with Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to see if they would be open to transfer certain properties of interest to SCH.

Next Meeting

- October 25 and 26 – Truro, NS