

MEETING SUMMARY

Harbour Authority Advisory Committee (HAAC) - Maritimes/Gulf

Date: October 23rd, 2018

Location: Truro, NS – Best Western Glengarry

Present (HAAC): Osborn Burke (Eastern Nova Scotia), Vesta Adams (South West Nova Scotia), Jamie Craig (Nova Scotia Gulf), Marco Lanteigne (New Brunswick Gulf), Roy Coffin (PEI), Tim Wentzell (South West Nova Scotia).

Present (SCH): Stephanie Hopper (Regional Director Small Craft Harbours, Yves Melanson (Operations Advisor), Pauline Richard (Special Projects and Training Coordinator).

DISCUSSION TOPICS
<p>Review and approval of the minute from previous meeting Osborne motions for approval, and seconded by Jamie.</p>
<p>Lease Review Discussions on the importance of the lease, including the authority it brings for HAs and the risks associated with not signing; even if temporary.</p> <p>Stephanie reiterates that while the lease will never be perfect, we want to make it a better tool. It will be up to the Harbour Authorities as to whether they want to sign the temporary lease or not. Temporary lease will provide protection for HAs.</p>
<p>Regional update</p> <p>Enforcement It comes down on how to deal with different situations. Other regions don't seem to be recognizing our difficulties.</p> <p>While Osborne mentions that our region consists of half of the national seafood revenue, Stephanie clarifies that we receive 44% of the national budget. Because of our representation within the industry, this allows for many issues to be addressed.</p> <p>Indigenous Stephanie mentioned that consultations with aboriginal groups need to take place when considering certain activities. A working group was put in place for these purposes.</p> <p>Discussions surrounding aquaculture, and the money being invested for conduct repairs on the wharves. Stephanie explains the peer review process used for consideration of asset deterioration, and funding-wise, it is also a question of where we are going to be in 10 years. Expectation that there will be zonal planning.</p> <p>There was mention that aquaculture is part of the fishing industry, and that some of the infrastructure may not be fully adapted. However it can bring contamination to the harbours. There is no separate funds given specifically for indigenous infrastructure.</p> <p>Zonal Planning Zonal planning is currently not particularly active. Some Harbour Authorities can take a lot of time to consider it.</p> <p>Osborne suggests that fee structures need to be looked at whether HAs are in line with revenues they are generating.</p>

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Jamie mentions that they were shown a progression model there could be for fee structures.

HA conference summary

Members of the HAAC provided feedback with regards to the HA conference, which took place in October 2018:

- Excellent conference. Very good feedback received.
- Networking has improved. However, there was no opportunity for participants to speak to the large group. Presentations were unidirectional. One of the presentations was solely in English.
- Participants should have had the choice of more than 1 elected session. Would have made First Nations session optional.
- Interpretation was a bit difficult for some elected sessions. Would like them to be a bit longer.
- Would like to see the opportunity for HAAC to make a presentation.

Stephanie reinforces that the language component was one of the biggest issues, and there needs to be more balanced. Some presentations were heavy.

HA communications

Promotional mail-out was discussed to harbour authorities and/or their board members.

There was a discussion on the communication and contact aspect of the site. Users that want to contact HAAC members, simply need to use the function within the site, which should go directly to their regional representatives.

The site will include minutes from the HAAC meetings. This means that minutes will need to be finalized well before the next HAAC meeting.

National Harbour Authority Advisory Committee (NHAAC)

Agenda items and the regional presentation for the NHAAC were reviewed with the group.

Presentation items include:

- Background on region
- Zonal planning
- Buying and processing
- Did you know section
- Assets
- Challenges
- Growing aquaculture
- Utilized and un-utilized harbours
- Successes
- HA communications
- HA conference

HAAC members want the presentation to draw on the numbers and/or make-up of the region. Emphasizing on communities that depend on the fishing industry to survive.

There was also discussion on other elements of the NHAAC, which were examples of reconciliation, as well as various fee structures found within the region.

Round table topics

- Difficulty in keeping a consistent meeting schedule throughout the year. Should try to get a more consistent schedule with a minimum of 3 meetings a year face to face.

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- The issue of overcrowding as the vessels are increasingly becoming bigger.
- Dredging.
- Roy would like to have a list of HAs that he represents.

Next meeting

The next tentative meeting would be at the beginning of February. Dates to be identified