



Fish Inspection Health Authority Communiqué

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Welcome to our *first edition* of the *Health Authority Communiqué*, a joint endeavour of the Environmental Health Services, BC Centre for Disease Control (BCCDC), and the Seafood Safety & Quality Unit, BC Ministry of Agriculture (MAGRI).

Plant Profile Form

The plant profile form circulated to Health Authorities in 2009 to describe fish processing businesses has been incorporated into the MAGRI [licence application form](#). This new information will describe the type of processing occurring at the facility that applied for the licence, e.g. smoking, pickling, or head and gut operations.

Requests to Review New Fish Processing Plant Applications

Per a suggestion from Interior and Fraser Health Authority fish contacts, when MAGRI sends a request for a new fish processing plant application to be reviewed, the licence application form will be scanned in and sent along at the same time. HA's may use this form to provide information about the type of processing the applicant is planning, for applicant contact information, and as a referral form from MAGRI.

Fisheries Inspectors' Update

To manage workloads more efficiently the Seafood Safety and Quality Unit has implemented changes to both the Fisheries Inspectors' areas of responsibility and the process of processing plant application and inspection. The Fisheries Inspectors will now be the primary point of contact between the HA's and the Agriculture Seafood Safety and Quality Unit. **All inquiries to this office from EHO's about fish plant inspections should be sent to the designated Fisheries Inspector (not Susanne Armstrong, Licensing Clerk).** The Fisheries Inspector responsible for each Area will provide the HA contact person with a copy of the processing plant application (PDF) with a request for inspection. The Fisheries Inspector will be responsible for communications with the EHO until a satisfactory inspection has been conducted, at which time the Fisheries Inspector will communicate the results of the inspection to our Licensing Clerk for action.

The following is a list of the **Fisheries Inspectors' contact information** and areas of responsibility:

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- Vancouver Island North — northward from Black Creek-Tofino — [Vancouver Island Health Authority](#)
- Northern mainland inlets — from Desolation Sound to Cape Caution — [Vancouver Island Health Authority](#)
- Central Coast — from Cape Caution to Douglas Channel — [Vancouver Coastal Health Authority](#)
- Surrey/Delta — Fraser Valley, including Hope — [Fraser Health Authority](#)
- Haida Gwaii — [Northern Health Authority](#)

Brian Barker — phone: 250.897.7550 — e-mail: brian.j.barker@gov.bc.ca

- Southern Vancouver Island — south of Black Creek-Tofino — [Vancouver Island Health Authority](#)
- Sunshine Coast — from Lund-Gibsons — [Vancouver Coastal Health Authority](#)
- Richmond — [Vancouver Coastal Health Authority](#)

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- Northern BC — incl Northwest from Douglas Channel to Alaska border, Northeast & Northern Interior — [Northern Health Authority](#)
- Southern BC Interior — incl Thompson, Cariboo, Shuswap, Okanagan and East & West Kootenay east of Hope — [Interior Health Authority](#)
- Vancouver — North Vancouver to Squamish — [Vancouver Coastal Health Authority](#)

