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Fishery Notice - Fisheries and Oceans Canada

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Fisheries and Ocean Canada is soliciting comments on the DRAFT 2023/2024 Food & Bait and Special Use Pacific Herring Commercial Fishery Plans. Following the comment period, these plans will be included as appendices in the full 2023/2024 Pacific Herring Integrated Fisheries Management Plan (IFMP), which will also be available for review and comment.

The plans can be downloaded directly at:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/jpkh7e3eslz0r2q1f7wga/h?rlkey=58h1x0vjggplwo2uwyiszy2ig&dl=0>

Alternatively, the plans can be obtained by contacting the lead fishery managers; listed below.

The 2023/2024 Food and Bait and Special Use Pacific Herring fisheries are anticipated to open on November 24, 2023. Food and Bait and Special Use Herring fishery opportunities are expected in the Strait of Georgia only.

The Special Use fishery will have a proposed overall quota of 902 short tons. The proposed initial quota for the Food and Bait fishery is 2100 short tons, which includes a designated ZM licence for charities at the request of licence holders. The Special Use and Food and Bait fishery quota will be part of the overall allocation for the Strait of Georgia. Changes to the distribution of quota amongst fisheries may occur in-season but will be accounted for in the overall Strait of Georgia quota decisions provided in the consolidated 2023/24 Pacific Herring Integrated Fisheries Management Plan.

As provided in the Draft Food and Bait Commercial Plan, each eligible seine applicant will have an equal share of the quota in the Strait of Georgia area. Any in season quota adjustments will be provided by way of Fishery Notice and will be in effect at the times, areas, and levels specific in the fishery notice.

Details regarding the Food and Bait and Special Use herring licensing process will be provided in a separate fishery notice.

The development of the consolidated 2023/2024 Pacific Herring IFMP and associated appendices will be undertaken with a target date for release of the consolidated draft IFMP in

late October. Amendments to the Food and Bait or Special Use Commercial Plans, including final catch targets will be reflected in the consolidated draft IFMP.

Please provide any comments on the draft plans to the lead fishery managers below, by end of day on Monday November 13, 2023:

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