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# Pacific Integrated Commercial Fisheries Initiative (PICFI)

– Update for 2008 Fall Dialogue Sessions–

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## PICFI Background

- PICFI was announced July 16, 2007
- Builds on fisheries reform work begun in response to the 2004 reports of the [First Nations Panel Report on Fisheries](#) and the [Joint Task Group on Post-treaty Fisheries](#), and a range of other discussions that confirmed the need for PICFI.
- Aims to support environmentally sustainable and economically viable commercial fisheries, where conservation is the first priority and First Nations' aspirations to be more involved are supported.



## Purpose

- Provide an update on PICFI implementation including:
  - Status of the 4 main elements:
    1. Acquisition of Commercial Fisheries Access
    2. First Nation Capacity Building and application process
    3. Enhanced Accountability.
    4. Enhanced Co-Management.
  - Key challenges, and Next Steps.



## PICFI Objectives

1. Greater participation of First Nations in integrated commercial fisheries.
2. Enhanced fisheries monitoring and catch reporting, compliance, and traceability.
3. Greater opportunities for resource users to input on commercial fisheries management decisions.
4. Reforms to Pacific salmon fisheries (defined shares), which
  - enable commercial harvesters to self-adjust to environmental and global market pressures (e.g., Marine Stewardship Council certification).
  - support improved conservation measures (e.g., Wild Salmon Policy).



## First Nations Eligibility for PICFI Access:

1. Located where DFO manages the fishery in BC;
2. Group is large enough to be viable and is supported by communities;
3. Can be participating in treaty process or not;
4. Demonstrated commitment of communities to core principles of conservation and sustainable development;
5. Agree to establish a Commercial Fisheries Enterprise (CFE) that operates at arms length from political organizations.



# Obtaining Access through PICFI

<b>Steps</b>	<b>Process/Tools</b>
<b><u>Step 1</u></b> Expression of Interest (EOI)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Complete EOI template</li></ul>
<b><u>Step 2</u></b> Business and Training Plan Development	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Contribution Agreement</li><li>• Develop Business Plan/Training Plan using templates/ checklists</li></ul>
<b><u>Step 3</u></b> Creation of Legal Entity (e.g. corporation)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application for funding to support creation of legal entity</li><li>• Contribution Agreement (amendment?)</li></ul>
<b><u>Step 4</u></b> CFE Operational Support and Transfer of Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Application for funding to support operations of CFE and training</li><li>• Contribution Agreement</li></ul>
<b><u>Step 5</u></b> On-going reporting and monitoring	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Tools will be provided to support reporting requirements.</li></ul>



## Opportunities and key dates

- Expressions of Interest are being accepted from:  
June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 until August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2009  
- several are under review.
- Business & Training Plans are being accepted from:  
September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008 until January 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010  
- anticipate supporting about 15 CFEs.
- Application package has been distributed, and is available by phoning 604-666-8278 or on-line at: [http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/ops/fm/PICFI/default\\_e.htm](http://www.pac.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/ops/fm/PICFI/default_e.htm)



## Access Acquisition Update

- PICFI has \$115 M to support the transfer of licences, quota, vessels and gear to First Nations:
  - Voluntary relinquishment.
  - Approach is designed to minimize inflationary pressure.
  - Decisions informed by First Nations' EOIs, requests through ATP, and ultimately, approved PICFI Business Plans.
  - First PICFI round completed March 31, 2008.
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> round closes on October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008.



## Enhanced Fisheries Accountability Measures

- Increasing fisheries monitoring and catch reporting:
  - Developing sustainable catch monitoring and reporting standards for commercial, recreational and FSC fisheries.
  - Supporting strengthened catch monitoring and reporting for commercial, recreational and FSC fisheries (e.g. e-logs, etc).
  - Implemented specific activities in support of demonstration fisheries.
- Improving fisheries monitoring and catch reporting information management. – timeliness, accuracy, accessibility of data.
- Strategic compliance monitoring to support strengthened confidence and credibility of catch data.
- Advancing with a Traceability Framework.



## Next Steps

1. Coordinate delivery of PICFI with other DFO Aboriginal programs.
2. Complete next relinquishment round.
3. Continue working with First Nation Fisheries Council to advance PICFI delivery
4. Work with First Nations in developing EOIs and business plans.
5. Further develop Co-Management element.
6. Enhanced Accountability element will continue to strengthen confidence and credibility; coordinate delivery to support improvements to commercial, recreational and First Nations catch monitoring & reporting.