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President’s Message

Greetings Fishermen’s Wharf Users and Members!

It’s Spring again on the West Coast and things are busy on the waterfront. We’ve made it through a winter that was quite gentle on us, until it wasn’t! Thanks to the maintenance work of the Harbour Staff, our wharf came through a snowy and record cold month of February no worse for wear.

With the nice weather, our sailing and sport fleet has been taking to the water. The commercial season is also well underway for many fisheries. Herring fishing is long past and we’re seeing the usual flurry of activity that precedes the highly anticipated opening of Prawn season. May is always one of my favorite months at the Wharf as it’s the busiest time of the year on our fish sales dock. It’s always great to see so many members of the public coming down to the waterfront and buying Prawns directly from the fishermen. It offers all of us a great opportunity to remind Vancouverites that there is a vibrant fishing community based in False Creek, and of our importance to the city.

In keeping with commitment to community connection and outreach, we will again be hosting several important events at the wharf. Read the Harbour Manger’s report for details about the Annual Spot Prawn Festival. This is the 13th year of what is always our busiest day of the year. We can all look forward to good food and entertainment at this year’s Harbour Appreciation Day / Blessing of the Fleet. Thanks to returning Harbour director and longtime volunteer Don Sananin for again taking the lead on organizing this growing event. Later in Summer we will again host the Wild Salmon Celebration. We are also open to new ideas for activities, events and projects that further our mandate to promote prosperous commercial fisheries.

As we head toward peak season on the water our large boat fishing fleet will head out, making room for the ever larger transient yachts that help pay the bills. As the rest of us take to the seas, I wish you all smooth sailing and prosperous fishing!

Shaun

Harbour Manager's Report

Hello Harbour Members and Users of the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf!

Welcome back for another season full of fishing, sailing, cruising or just enjoying being down at the harbour on your boat. We have a number of events planned over the next few months and we hope that you're able to join in on the fun! Our first major event is the 13th Annual Spot Prawn Festival which will take place on Sunday May, 19th, followed by our 7th Annual Blessing of the Fleet/Harbour Appreciation Day which will take place on Saturday June 1st and finally, the 3rd Annual Wild Salmon Celebration which usually takes place on the 3rd Saturday in August. All of these events are a great way for our members and users to interact with the fishermen, local chefs and the general public in celebrating everything the Fishermen's Wharf has to offer.

At our recent AGM we had a change within the Board of Directors with 3 Director position's changing. Long-time Board Member Mike Emes completed his 6th consecutive year and 15th year overall on the Board as well as Blake Kohn and Brian Vogrig no longer continuing on the Board. We would like to thank each of them for their time and effort to ensure that the Fishermen's Wharf continues to move forward. To that, we would like to welcome back previous Board Members Don Sananin and Jim Hurford and welcome first time Board Member Fraser MacDonald. We greatly appreciate the volunteered time and effort that all of our Directors give to the Fishermen's Wharf, which ultimately helps make this a better facility for everyone!

As the harbour gets busier with boating activity, the staff will be in the swing of things with minor projects to prepare the site for our annual users and transient guests. We'll be able to undertake the much needed pressure washing throughout the site, general dock repairs and catch up on some painting to freshen up the harbour. We appreciate everyone's contributions that assist us in keeping the site clean and well maintained. We're always excited for this time of year and we look forward to showcasing our one of a kind facility that we're all proud of.

As we progress through to the warmer and sunnier days, the harbour will be undertaking some capital projects that will provide an enhancement to some of the services that we already provide. The first project that is currently underway is to install an electrical kiosk in the parking lot between C and D docks that will be to the benefit of the fishermen who have commercial refrigeration and freezer trucks. The new kiosk will provide the necessary service required to assist our commercial fishermen, while minimizing their impact to the rest of the facility users. Another capital project that we are looking to undertake is the replacement of our dock water system. The current system has been in place for at least 20 years and has received numerous patches along the way. The ageing system is constructed of galvanized steel and has slowly been deteriorating over the years in the harsh, saltwater environment. The new dock water lines that we're investigating is a high-density polyethylene (HDPE) material that will be more durable, impervious to corrosion, provide a greater chance of the line not freezing during the cold winter temperatures due to its flexibility and will provide an overall cleaner potable water source. We'll also be looking to complete the last mural to finish the project. The painting along the facade of the lockers bays along with the first two murals has really changed the look of the facility and we've received numerous compliments on the transformation from the concrete block look to something that is more welcoming, bright and family friendly.

As most of you who have spoken with me know, I am open to all suggestions or comments, whether in the form of positive feedback or constructive criticism. The input from our Harbour Users plays a significant role in helping us plan for the future, and hopefully we can build on this spirit of collaboration, and continue to make the Fishermen's Wharf a destination for all mariners.

In closing, the False Creek Harbour Authority - Fishermen's Wharf is committed to preserving the Fish Boat Facilities as a valuable asset for the citizens of Greater Vancouver by providing long-term, affordable, safe and secure moorage and services to the Commercial Fishing Fleet in an environmentally responsible manner.

Once again, thank you to everyone for making this place as great as it is!

2019 Spot Prawn Festival @ Fishermen's Wharf

PrawnFest is a fun, family event with numerous activities for all ages. Once again, Prawn Fishermen will be selling their live catch directly to the public on the fish sales dock while the event takes place. The Chef's Table Society of BC is always looking to bring creative ideas to the festival, so check out what's new this year and reserve your ticket before they sell out! This year, the Spot Prawn Festival will be held on **Sunday, May 19th** from 11 am to 3:30 pm and tickets are currently available for purchase.

For more info and to purchase tickets, visit <https://spotprawnfestival.com/tickets/>



7th Annual Blessing of the Fleet & Harbour Appreciation Day

The 7th annual Blessing of the Fleet will take place on **Saturday, June 1st, 2019**. We host Harbour Appreciation Day on the same day to encourage our membership to attend and support the Commercial Fleet as they prepare for the coming fishing season. The blessing is a long standing tradition for mariners as they prepare to face the harsh conditions of the unforgiving sea, wishing them safety and prosperity as they risk their lives to bring quality seafood to our tables.

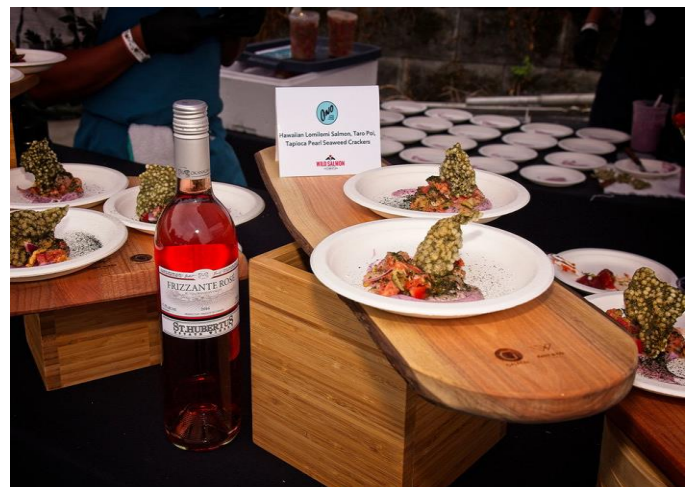
We hope you can join us for a fun community event and enjoy some wild Salmon & Tuna for lunch! The event is still being finalized, but usually starts around 11 am for the blessing, with lunch and entertainment starting around noon. Keep an eye out for event posters as the date approaches for more details.



3rd Annual Wild Salmon Celebration

The Wild Salmon Celebration is another Chef's Table Society event that takes place here at Fishermen's Wharf. This event is geared toward adults, taking place in the evening, with samples of alcoholic beverages to go along with multiple crafty creations from some renowned local chefs. Salmon is the main ingredient the chefs will use, but their only limitations outside that are their imaginations.

The event will be taking place in late summer around **August 24th**, so keep your eyes peeled for event notices to secure a ticket, or check out the Chef's Table Society website for more details: <https://chefstablesociety.com>



Tidal Grid Update

Harbour Staff have recently finished the upgrades to the Tidal Grids, with the final stage to replace the lower walkways with new material now complete. We would like to take this time to inform our Users of what work is permitted to be performed while your vessel is on the grid. Due to environmental restrictions, the work permitted on the grids is fairly limited, but we still feel they serve a great purpose for a cost effective way to assess your vessel without hauling it at a local facility. Here is a brief chart showing the work that is allowed and what is not permitted to take place while on the grid

Do's	Don'ts
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Check through hull fittings and prop • Pressure Wash prop or Aluminum hull vessel w/o painted bottom only • Minor Scraping of Aluminum Hull vessels w/o bottom paint permitted if pre-approved by staff • Check/replace zincs • Respect the environment and take reasonable steps to avoid contaminants entering the water table. • Complete Tidal Grid Agreement Form located in the Harbour Office prior to using the grid 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scrape/clean painted bottom of vessel • Paint/touch-up bottom of vessel with any type of anti-fouling paint • Pressure wash any vessel with a painted bottom • Allow the unauthorized use of the grid by a minor or person under the influence of any substance that may impair their judgement/mobility • Allow pollutants to enter the water table • Use the grid without pre-approval from Harbour Management

Vessel Repairs & Maintenance @ the Dock

We want to take a moment to remind all our users of the type of work we deem acceptable to take place here at the docks. We allow minor maintenance on-site as we are a working harbour and understand what it takes to keep your vessels functioning at optimal performance. We discourage major repairs from taking place in the slips due to the risk to the environment and the impact on other users. The definition of minor and major is going to vary from person to person, but here are some things to consider when determining what category your project fits into.

Minor Repairs	Major Repairs
Low impact	High impact
Short time frame	Longer time frame
Easily contained	Hard to contain
Larger project done in stages	Multiple contractors involved
Low level of hazard	Med to High level of hazard

This is a generalization of what may constitute a major or minor repair, but it can be useful to consider where your project falls and if we will allow it to continue on-site or whether a ship yard is the appropriate place to see to your repair.

Please dispose of all waste responsibly!



Keeping the Docks Clear

The Harbour would like to remind our users to keep the main docks and their finger floats free and clear of debris. We understand when you are working on a project or cleaning and organizing your vessel that some gear will end up on the floats. We ask that you keep your impact to other users to a minimum and not to store any items on the floats for an extended period of time.

If you like to use a mat or rug before boarding your vessel, we ask that you keep the item on the deck of your vessel and not to leave or attach them to the dock. Rugs, carpet and mats promote rot by trapping moisture underneath, reducing the life expectancy of our timber floats.

Parking Lot Etiquette

Be aware that the number of people using this site daily grows exponentially with the warmer weather. Keep your speed down when driving in the parking lot and into the locker bays. We know you're in a rush, but kids, pets, and forklifts are everywhere when the sun is shining, so please be mindful of your surroundings and slow down. Thanks!



Spring Cleaning

Spring is here, finally! It's time to shake off the winter slumber and prepare for another boating season. As you start to plan your attack against the winter grime to bring the best out of your vessel, please remember to consider the environmental impact of the cleaners and products you purchase. Industrial cleaners are easily accessible, but can be very harmful to marine life and the surrounding environment. There are many alternatives to using bleach and detergents that do not negatively impact your surroundings and the harbour encourages you to seek out methods that work well for you, and the environment.

For easy cleaning, a pressure washer does a lot of good work with minimal elbow grease. If you don't have access to a pressure washer of your own, the harbour has one for rent at just \$55/4hrs on a first come, first serve basis. If you'd like to use this item, let the office know a date and time and we will do our best to ensure it is ready for you when needed. For tougher areas, the guide to green boating, available at the office, has a list of useful methods to clean your vessel with ordinary ingredients you can find around the kitchen. For on the go information about clean boating practices, download the [OceanSmart](#) app for quick access to guides and resources on how to reduce your impact and help preserve the majesty of the Pacific North West

Boating Safety

When heading out to enjoy some time on the water, please remember these important items to ensure everyone makes it home safe and sound.

- **Marine First Aid Kit** – Better to be safe than sorry in the event of an unforeseen emergency.
- **Flares and Emergency Beacon** – Don't forget to check the expiry dates and ensure your emergency equipment will work if needed.
- **Float Plan** – Make sure someone knows where you are going and when you should be home.
- **Emergency Supplies/Rations** – A necessity for any boater to have on board. Check supplies at least once per season for condition. Replace back-up batteries regularly and ensure the pack stays free from moisture.
- **PFDs/Life Jackets** – The best way to prevent accidental drowning. Stay safe on the water!

Please remember to wear your PFDs!

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Payments and Charges

This is a reminder to all vessel owners that if your account is **in arrears** when monthly charges are processed, the higher **Daily Rate will apply**. We will do our best to remind and give advance notice to all Harbour

Users when their moorage is due, however **it is ultimately up to the vessel owners to be responsible for their own accounts**. The Harbour is also set up to receive payments over the phone to help simplify the payment process as we understand that some Harbour Users live out of town or work during regular business hours. For any account inquiries please contact Nicole at the Harbour Office or email: office@falsecreek.com



Pump Out

With the City of Vancouver stepping up enforcement of illegal dumping into False Creek, we want to remind our Users that we are a ZERO DISCHARGE zone. This means we expect our boaters to do the right thing and we even provide all the necessary services to achieve this! We have placed new signage at the top of each dock to remind our boaters and encourage you all to use our oil recycling facilities and pump out service to maintain a healthy harbour, or you'll risk a potential fine from the COV.

The pump-out station is located at the end of the sales dock and is free to use for all annual Users. Guest boaters are welcome to use our service for a minor charge of \$6.00 per cycle (approx. 35 gallons)

The pump-out station is staff operated and it is open 7 days a week from 8:30am - 3:30pm.

Parking

The new 2019 annual parking passes are available at the Harbour Office for all homeport vessels. We appreciate everyone's cooperation with the Harbour's parking restrictions, and hope that all Harbour Users understand the **Harbour has approx. 100 parking spaces with 250 annual vessels**, which limits parking availability. During the busy cruising season we will be restricting annual vessel owners to have only ONE vehicle on-site whether it's an annual pass or a temporary pass. The Harbour will post the peak season parking restrictions as we approach the summer. Please ensure that when you or your guests are onsite with their vehicles that a valid parking pass is displayed.

All vehicles parked on Harbour property must carry valid Road Insurance, we do not authorize uninsured vehicles or those with storage insurance to be left on site at any time.

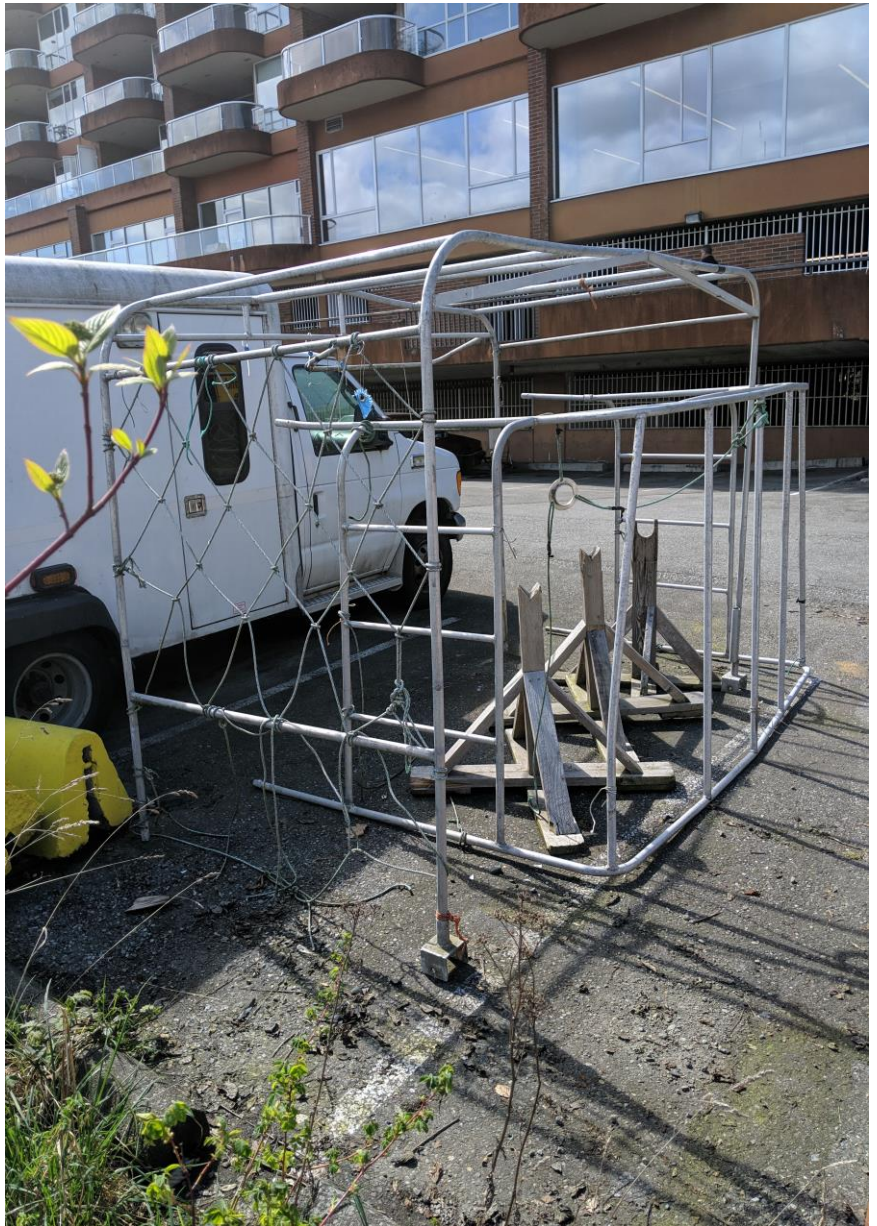


Calling all Fishermen... Is This Yours?

FCHA Staff are trying to get the site clean and organized for the fast approaching boating season, but we need a little help to get the job done. There are a few items that have been placed at the far end of the parking lot near A float and we need to identify them so we can return them to the appropriate owners or dispose of them as necessary.

Please take a look at the picture here and let us know if any of these items are yours or if you know who they belong to. We provide storage lockers to secure your commercial gear and other equipment. We don't mind this area being used as short term storage while gear is switched over or being readied for the coming season, but we do expect your belongings will not be left in this area indefinitely.

FCHA Fishermen's Wharf will be looking to have this area of the site cleared by May 15th, 2019. If you have any items or gear stored at the end of the parking lot as pictured, we need to be contacted regarding the item and your plan for storage. Any item that remains unidentified will be removed and sold or recycled accordingly.



Organizing the Locker Aisles

The FCHA would like to once again remind our Locker Users that the aisle ways are shared space and should be kept in an orderly fashion. We understand that preparing gear for the coming season is a messy affair, but we ask that you keep the mess contained as best as possible and clean up after the work is completed. Items stored in the aisle are subject to removal without warning and any item left unattended for an extended period of time or negatively impacting other users may be disposed of without notice. Items you would like to keep should be stored securely inside your storage locker.



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Go Fish - Seafood Shack

Go Fish Seafood Emporium continues to draw visitors to the False Creek Fishermen's Wharf, serving up Vancouver's finest Fish 'n' Chips. They also offer a wide variety of grilled seafood creations and inviting house-made soups. Are you in a rush? No need to stand in line, phone in your order @ **604-730-5040**.



Public Fish Sales Float & Courtesy Customs Dock

The Fishermen's Wharf - Fish Sales Float is provided for the benefit of the community and the fishers who sell their catch. Today, the Sales Float is carefully regulated to ensure that the general public receive top quality product. Commercial Fishing Vessels using the facility may only sell species which they are licensed to catch. In addition, they must hold a Provincial Fish Vendor License obtained through the Ministry of Agriculture. We would like to encourage any and all Commercial Fishing boats who are thinking about selling at the Fish Sales dock to do so. The

Harbour also provides a pamphlet which covers regulations, guidelines and standards for freshness. Members of the public are encouraged to visit the Public Fish Sales Float. Nowhere else in the city can you obtain truly "fresh" seafood, meet the Fishermen, see the boat that caught the product, find out where the product was caught and handle the gear responsible for harvesting such a fine assortment of seafood products.



For any information about Canada Customs please call them directly at 1-888-226-7277 or visit their website @ www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

Safety at Sea for Working Fishermen

We want to remind our CFV members of the changes to safety regulations that come into effect this year. WorkSafe BC has made it clear they expect anyone working on the water to have a PFD or life jacket on at all times while on-deck. Whether the vessel is under way, or at the dock whenever work is being performed, a PFD must be worn while on-deck or the worker risks a fine. This goes into effect on June 3rd 2019, so be safe out there and avoid getting caught without a PFD! A fine is one thing, but your life is worth a lot more.



Other changes have come into effect regarding vessel stability. Any vessel modifications that might affect the stability of the vessel are now subject to new regulations under the Fishing Vessel Safety Regulations. Any modifications must be documented with a before and after assessment including pictures and must be kept on file. Major modifications might be subject to a stability assessment by a competent individual (expert) to ensure safe operation. For further information, follow the link to make sure you are in compliance with the new regulations

https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/regulations/C.R.C.,_c._1486/page-7.html#h-26

Garbage & Recycling @ the Harbour

The False Creek Harbour Authority – Fishermen’s Wharf is proud of the work we have accomplished towards reducing our impact on the environment. There is always more work to do, but we strive to put our best foot forward when it comes to utilizing the resources the City of Vancouver provides to reduce our burden on the planet by recycling or diverting resources that can be repurposed from entering the waste stream. There is a wealth of recycling and repurposing programs in the Metro Vancouver area, and we are happy to provide direct access to many of these services for our Users right here at Fishermen’s Wharf. We encourage you to access these programs and do your part by separating your wastes appropriately and putting them in the proper locations.

We have noticed an increase of garbage in the blue recycling bins over the past few months and we hope this does not continue. Our waste management company, Waste Control Services, will not collect a contaminated bin, which puts the whole harbour in a back log of recyclables. If you are having trouble accessing the garbage compactor with the new latch, or you are unsure where your recyclables belong, harbour employees/commissionaires are happy to help. Please seek assistance or leave your compactor waste/recyclables with the office and we will ensure it is properly disposed of.

Here is a list of all the items we collect for recycling:

Oil, Gas, Diesel, Anti-Freeze, Oil & Fuel filters, Oily Plastics, Batteries (Wet & Dry), Light Bulbs, Electronics, Tires, Ink/Toner Cartridges, Plastic Containers, Paper, Cardboard, Food Waste, Propane Tanks, Metal, Paint, Rope, and Netting.



Chartering @ FCHA

We would like to remind all Users that chartering activity is not permitted on-site here at Fishermen’s Wharf. We do have a few vessels and captains that do charter work but they are restricted from picking up and dropping off guests at our facility.

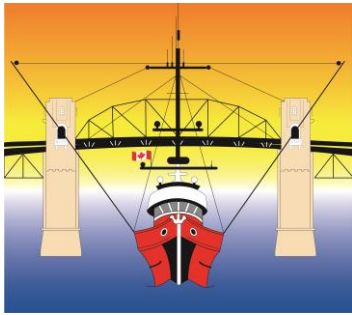
Anyone thinking of chartering their vessel must be aware they need to make alternative arrangements for loading/unloading guests or risk the forfeiture of their moorage contract.



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A lovely shot of Steveston Harbour Authority at night.



How Do Our Gardens Grow?



Please remember to take a moment and thank Karyn for the hard work she puts in to keep our green spaces healthy and beautiful. With help from Steve on the Long Trick, these two put in a fantastic effort with limited funds and deserve our thanks. We get numerous compliments throughout the year and are always excited to see what comes up next.

Thank you both!

PCC Individual Commitment Award

The False Creek Harbour Authority is pleased to announce that this year's recipient of the annual award for individual commitment to the marine field from the Pacific Coast Congress of Harbormasters & Port Managers (PCC) is our very own Harbour Manager, Mike Loy. The PCC is a professional organization that consists of Ports, Harbours and Marinas along the Pacific Coast, from California to Alaska, to collaborate and share methods and ideas that have helped each facility prosper and improve. Mike has served as a director, Vice President, and now President for the past two terms as he prepares to pass on the mantle to another candidate.

In his two terms as President, Mike Loy has helped bring the organization forward into a more financially secure and organized future. Much of the day to day operations of the PCC were taking place using outdated methods and procedures, which Mike has helped reform and update to help the organization run more smoothly, all while fulfilling his duties as HM of Fishermen's Wharf and continuing to improve and update our own services, facilities and procedures. His dedication to the organization earned him a second term as President so he could preside over the coming changes through to completion, having earned the respect of his colleagues that over-see a vast array of services and operations.

Congratulations HM Mike Loy on this outstanding achievement!

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