



---

PACIFIC PRAWN FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

---

## BOARD REPORT

*A BRIEF SUMMARY OF BOARD MEETINGS*

The Board met at the Dorchester Hotel in Nanaimo October 19, 2017 from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM and discussed / resolved the following issues.

1. An Administration report was presented by the Executive Director reporting on the following topics:

2016 Catch Data	2017 Fisheries Management Review	Financial Update
Request from BCSA for Support	Website Communications portal	2017 post season sampling update
Overview on a pilot project proposal by the Monitoring & Compliance Panel	Review report from Landmark Fisheries on the Mapping initiative	Tom Orr Commemorative Donation
Overview of MPA situation	Review of Prawn Advisory Board meeting of October 5, 2017	Port of Vancouver fishing area closures

2. The Board reviewed charts and other data relating to catch and value from the 2016 season in historical perspective.
3. The Board reviewed presentations from DFO and JO Thomas on the 2017 season.
4. An overview of the new communications strategy using the website was reviewed. All members are encouraged to visit [www.ppfa.ca](http://www.ppfa.ca) and click on the members button and complete the form. This information will be kept confidential and will allow direct communications with the fleet.
5. Information was provided reviewing the 2017 Post Season sampling work.
6. Information was provided relating to a pilot project in the development of a risk assessment tool undertaken by the Monitoring & Compliance Panel. ([www.pfmcp.ca](http://www.pfmcp.ca)) Our support was requested for the project expected to be in January 2018.
7. The Board supported a 5 year, \$1,000 / year agreement with Vancouver Island University in the memory and name of Tom Orr.
8. The board discussed 2018 monitoring in some detail, especially with respect to specific methodology and procedures. A meeting will be arranged with representatives of JO Thomas to communicate concerns.



---

## PACIFIC PRAWN FISHERMEN'S ASSOCIATION

---

9. The Board reviewed information from DFO announcing the presumed closure of 13 more sponge reef closures in Howe Sound. A letter will be sent in response outlining our disagreement.
10. The Board discussed items for the PAB scheduled for November 23, 2017. These included the proposed date for opening, as well as our support for additional data on catch from both the Rec and FN fisheries.
11. The Annual General Meeting was discussed. It was decided to have both the 2016 and 2017 AGM in April, 2018 at the same time.
12. Resolutions adopted by the Board included:
  - a. provide \$20,000 to the BCSA in support of its work on MPAs.
  - b. withdraw 2018 support for the enforcement component of the Joint Project Agreement with DFO. The resolution included a notice of intent as well to withdraw support for the Post Season Sampling work in 2018 provided for in a second Joint Project Agreement with DFO. An approximate value of \$105,000.
  - c. Meet with JO Thomas to discuss issues relating to the 2017 monitoring program
  - d. Approve an expenditure of up to \$20,000 with Landmark Fisheries on additional mapping work.

For further information, please contact the Executive Director at [ppfa@shaw.ca](mailto:ppfa@shaw.ca) or 604.506.1721