



Fish Safe Advisory Committee Meeting Summary

Meeting: Fish Safe Advisory Committee
Date: February 10, 2016
Location: Fish Safe Meeting Room

In Attendance (34):

Aloak Tewari – Transport Canada	Kim Olsen – UFAWU - UNIFOR
Andy Allan – Transport Canada	Lee Varseveld – Pacific Coast Fisherman’s Mutual Insurance Company
Bob Hall – Canadian Fishing Company	Lisa Houle – WorkSafeBC
Brian Cook – Canadian Lifeboat Institution	Pat Olsen – WorkSafeBC
Brent Melan – Fisherman	Paul Bevandick – Fisherman & Fish Safe Advisor
Bruce Logan – WorkSafeBC	Peter Nicol – Stability Solutions
Cheryl Lawson – Fisherman & Fish Safe Advisor	Ralph Roberts – Fisherman & Fish Safe Advisor
Connor Radil – Fish Safe	Ramanbir Mangat – Transportation Safety Board
Deacon Melnychuk – Fisherman	Renee Mann – Mariner Seafoods Ltd.
Geoffrey Denman – Canadian Coast Guard	Robin Scorda – Canadian Fishing Company
Glenn Budden – Transportation Safety Board	Ryan Ford – Fish Safe
Gord Cranton – Fisherman	Sarah Buston – Select Seafoods Canada Ltd.
Harold Wulff – Fisherman & Fish Safe Advisor	Simon Morris – Fitzwright Survival
Jessie Kunce – WorkSafeBC	Stephanie Nguyen – Fish Safe
John Secord – Pacific Coast Fisherman’s Mutual Insurance Company	Terry Henshaw – Pacific Halibut Management Association
John Roach – Fisherman	Trung Nguyen – Fisherman & Fish Safe Advisor
Ken Miller – Pacific Seafood Ltd.	
Kent Hillman – Canadian Fishing Company	

Introductions

Co-Chairs: Ryan Ford, Program Manager at Fish Safe and Kim Olsen, President at UFAWU-Unifor

The agenda was reviewed and accepted.

Fish Safe Update

Ryan Ford, Program Manager, provided an update at Fish Safe. Fish Safe was awarded Transport Canada funding in January. Fish Safe will receive up to \$900,000 over three years to support an education and awareness initiative that promotes safe boating practices on board small commercial fishing vessels across Canada. The intent is not to build a Fish Safe franchise but to help other provinces build their own self-funded models. Benefits include providing a national platform for the Safest Catch program, bringing cost down for training and other materials, and sharing best practices in the different fisheries.



Fish Safe Objectives:

- Including VHF radios, ACR Strobe Lights, and waterproof cell phone cases in the Emergency Ditch Kits (in addition to the current contents)
- Scheduling Herring Day Events, Show Me Your PFDs Events
- WorkSafeBC Commercial Fishing Orientation

Connor Radil, Project Manager, presented the new Fish Safe website and Facebook page to expand communications among fishermen. Options to translate the website into Chinese and Vietnamese has also been added to the website.

WorkSafeBC Update

Jessie Kunce, Marine Occupational Safety Officer, presented on DSC system requirements and stop work orders.

DSC:

- Anything over 8 meters must have a DSC and it must be hooked up
- Why? Increases probability that an alert will be sent; increases probability that the signal will be received; increases chance of locating survivors; improves communications and coordination
- WorkSafe requires that all equipment must work and be hooked up so that it doesn't give a false sense of security
- MMSI is the correct identity of VHF DSC radio and it's completely free to apply for one

Stop Work Orders:

- Stop work orders are given for repeat non-compliance
- Updates to Bill 9
 - Reasonable grounds of high risk of serious injury, illness, or death
 - An employer violates section of act of regulation within 12 months
 - Previously violated same section and failed to comply
 - Reasonable grounds to believe risk of serious injury
- WorkSafe Due Diligence Checklist can be found online:
http://www2.worksafebc.com/PDFs/common/du_e_dil_checklist.pdf

Bruce Logan, Safety Officer, presented on investigations into incidents.

- History of WorkSafe was provided and explanation that it is mandated provincially (MLAs make the decisions)
- Change to what must be reported: requirement to send investigation report to board within 30 days, even when it is a near miss (non-injury)
- Citations are not tickets
- If WorkSafe doesn't hear from you after citation, then you are fined. The way to avoid receiving a penalty is to get in touch with WorkSafe when you receive orders and have complied or you are working towards compliance

Transport Canada Update

Andy Allan, Senior Marine Safety Inspector, provided an update on STCW-F requirements, EPIRBs, and Phase 1 of the Small Fishing Vessel Inspection Regulations.

STCW MED Refresher Training Requirements:

- The STCW Convention (Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping for Seafarers) does not apply to fishing vessels
- Ship Safety Bulletin 09/2015 only applies to Refresher courses to maintain validity of an STCW Certificate of Competency <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/bulletins-2015-09-eng.htm>
- The STCW-F Convention does apply to fishing vessels which Canada is adopting under the Amended Marine Personnel Regulations due for publication in the near future
- Domestic Fishing Certificates ie FM4, FM3, FM2, FM1 are domestic Certificates and do not fall under the STCW Convention
- MED Refresher Training is required for seafarers who hold STCW Certificates of Competency who are engaged on vessels trading beyond the limits of Near Coastal 2 (apart from fishing vessels)
- TC's intent is to amend the MPR to make the **STCW basic safety** a requirement for every member of the complement of a **fishing vessel of 24 metres and more, who is required to be onboard in order to meet the safe manning requirements**, when making an **unlimited voyage** or an **international voyage**.
- The crew members assigned on the muster list to the preparation or launching of a survival craft (except a manually launched life raft or manually launched inflatable rescue platform) on a **fishing vessel of 24 metres and more** making an **unlimited voyage** or an **international voyage** will be required to have the **proficiency in survival craft training Certificate**. (MED B1)

EPIRBS

- Transport Canada's Regulatory requirements are the minimum requirements. Owners are not discouraged from fitting additional safety equipment on board, which may include an additional EPIRB. (Emergency Position Indicating Radio Beacons)
- If your vessel is carrying two EPIRBS they both must be registered with the Beacon Registry, there is no fee for registering your EPIRB
- Additional information on registering your EPIRB can be found at https://www.cbr-rcb.ca/cbr/presentation/other_autre/index.php
- There have been two recalls on EPIRBS in the last two years. Please check that if you have one of these EPIRBS, it has been checked against the recall: <http://www.tc.gc.ca/eng/marinesafety/bulletins-2014-04-eng.htm> or the Kannad SAFELINK 406 Mhz
- If your vessel carries two EPIRBS the expectation of Transport Canada is that both units have valid batteries and hydrostatic release units
- Owners are encouraged to test their EPIRBS, as outlined in the manufacturer's instructions



Phase 1 of the Regulatory Reform Project of the Regulations Amending the Small Fishing Vessel Inspection Regulations

- Phase 1 is complete. Phase 1 of the Regulatory Reform covers Procedures, Stability, Life Saving and Fire Fighting Equipment. It does not include Construction details which will be addressed in Phase 2 of the project, currently underway.
- On February 6, 2016, the proposed Regulatory provisions were pre-published in Canada Gazette Part 1. Interested persons may send comments concerning the proposed Regulations to the Minister of Transport within 60 days after the date of pre-publication. All comments must be received in writing and cite the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, as well as the publication date, and be addressed to Ian Campbell, Manager, Small and Fishing Vessels, Design and Equipment Standards and Boating Safety, Marine Safety and Security, Department of Transport, Place de Ville, Tower C, 11th Floor, 330 Sparks Street, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0N5 (tel.: 613-998-0652; fax: 613-991-4818; email: ian.w.campbell@tc.gc.ca)
- The document can be viewed here <http://www.canadagazette.gc.ca/rp-pr/p1/2016/2016-02-06/html/reg1-eng.php>
- Please address concerns or comments to Ian Campbell, as outlined above

Fitzwright Survival Presentation

Simon Morris, Business Development Manager, presented on immersion suits, life rafts, and other PPE. Simon stresses the importance of maintaining your safety equipment and recommends that immersion suits be rolled from the feet and backwards so that it gives the zipper the largest circumference. He also notes that Fitzwright is not just about sales and has reached out so that they can be used as a valuable resource to fishermen.

Canadian Coast Guard Presentation

Geoff Denman, Search and Rescue Program Officer, shared that the Canadian Coast Guard will be planning a coast wide Search and Rescue exercise and has invited fishermen to partake in drills. These drills will be organized approximately once a month up and down the coast. If interested, contact Geoff or Ryan (at Fish Safe). Geoff also stressed the importance of communicating early on with the Coast Guard and to not hesitate. It is better to alert and keep the Coast Guard updated than to wait too long and have the situation become unmanageable.



Action Items:

- Ryan Ford to email and provide a link to TC's 'Regulations Amending the Small FV Inspection Regulations'. All comments, feedback, and concerns, can be made directly with TC or through Ryan via Fish Safe.
- Brian Cook (with Canadian Lifeboat Institution) to provide resources for Herring drills to Fish Safe
- Geoff Denman to provide more information regarding the MCTS (Maritime Communication Traffic System) and to follow up with training for fishermen
- Fish Safe to email any questions that come up during The Safest Catch vessel visits and to gather responses and feedback

Next Fish Safe Advisory Committee Meeting Date

- Proposed in late May or early June
- Will be finalized in May