

# **Fish Safe Advisory Committee Meeting Summary**

**Meeting:** Fish Safe Advisory Committee

**Date:** September 18, 2019 (9:30am – 12:00pm)

**Location:** Fish Safe Office

In Attendance (25):

Barbara Mueller – DFO Ralph Roberts – Fisherman / Fish Safe Advisor

Bruce Logan – WorkSafeBC Renee Mann – Mariner Seafoods

Cody King – WorkSafeBC Richard Nyren – Canadian Coast Guard

Don Allan – CCCFA Ron Doumont - Fisherman

George Roddan – Transport Canada Ryan Ford – Fish Safe

John Horton – Canadian Lifeboat Institution Sarah Buston – Select Seafoods

John Krgovich – Fish Safe Shawn Peterson – Gwabalis Fisheries

John Roach - Fisherman Simon Morris – Fitzwright Survival

John Wilson – Transport Canada Stephanie Nguyen – Fish Safe

Ken Miller – Pacific Seafood Steve Allison – Canadian Coast Guard Michelle Braun – Mariner Seafoods Tom Amirault – Nesika Insurance

Mike Atkins – Pacific Prawn Fishermen's Association Zillur Rahman – Transportation Safety Board

Paul Bevandick – Fisherman / Fish Safe Advisor

#### **Introductions**

Chair: Ryan Ford, Program Manager at Fish Safe.

Introductions around the room were made. The agenda was reviewed and accepted.

#### Fish Safe Update — Ryan Ford, Program Manager and John Krgovich, Program Coordinator

Ryan Ford provided an update at Fish Safe.

- The 2018/2019 Annual Report is now released. Copies have been circulated around the room. For additional copies, please contact the office or alternatively, visit the website to view the electronic version.
- In June members of the BC seafood harvesting dive industry met with Fish Safe in Nanaimo to begin developing a Best Practices document. There was good representation of fishing associations, fisherman, and even the educational side with DiveSafe and BC College of Diving in attendance. The final draft with be completed in the next couple of weeks and will be ready for distribution. As a result of this workshop, Fish Safe was invited to Powell River to facilitate the SVOP, MED-A3, ROC-M courses for the dive fishery group.



- Fish Safe has created a new form called New Crew and New Season Orientation for skippers/masters to use at the beginning of every season. Copies were circulated around the room and can also be downloaded via the Fish Safe website under Downloadable Tools with an easy to follow How To Guide.
- In addition to the New Crew and New Season Orientation form, Fish Safe has also created a
  Bullying and Harassment form and How To Guide. Copies were circulated but can also be
  downloaded via the Fish Safe website under Downloadable Tools.
- CMAC dates have been confirmed for November 5-7 and the Transportation Safety Board will be hosting a Watchlist Round Table. Fish Safe will be attending and has encouraged any fishermen to speak with Fish Safe prior to raise any concerns.

John Krgovich provided a summary of the pilot Knots and Lines Workshop that was recently developed at Fish Safe.

- Fish Safe has been looking to add relevant workshops for the fishing industry and after much discussion with fishermen, found that many people commented that some of the basic skills for crewmembers have been lost.
- As a result, a pilot Knots and Lines Workshop was developed and implemented with a group of young people from the Tsawwassen First Nations at the end of July. This group were all young people with limited to no marine experience. (As an incentive for participating, the Tsawwassen First Nations provided all participants with a free inflatable PFD.)
- The workshop provides an introduction into the different types of fishing in the industry, discussion on line safety and line handling, hands-on learning and demonstrations on basic knots, the basics of cold water survival, and discussion on PFD wear and maintenance. The afternoon took a field trip to the dock to discuss safety on the dock and hands on learning on how to correctly tie up a vessel.
- The next steps will be to fine tune the workshop and made some changes and additions to
  enhance the next workshop. This is the beginning of Fish Safe's Work Plan to provide new
  workshops surrounding the topics of skills and safety.
- Fish Safe has committed to two more workshops for the PICFI groups in October.
- A suggestion was made from the Advisory Committee group to incorporate a section on how to safely use a knife and to provide it to the participants.

### WorkSafeBC Update – Bruce Logan, Occupational Safety Officer

Bruce Logan provided an update and clarification regarding the PFD amendment on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. The link to the primer can be found here: <a href="https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/law-policy/act-amendments/part-24-pfd-">https://www.worksafebc.com/en/resources/law-policy/act-amendments/part-24-pfd-</a>

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Under the new amendments, crewmembers must wear a PFD or lifejacket when on board a
fishing vessel that has no deck or deck structure, or when on the deck of a fishing vessel that has
a deck or deck structure. Crewmembers are not required to wear lifejackets of PFDs below deck
or when inside a deck structure where there is risk of entrapment.



• Bruce Logan advises to use a common sense approach.

## Fish Safe Crew Training and New Smartphone App — Ryan Ford, Program Manager

Ryan Ford introduced a new App that will assist with documenting new crew training called iAuditor. A demonstration on its functionality was provided to the group.

- Transport Canada and WorkSafeBC have clear regulations requiring regular and thorough training of existing, new and young crew before they begin their work duties. Both organizations require documentation that demonstrates who was trained, when they were trained as well as the subject matter they were trained on.
- Training must identify hazards to worker safety as well as the safe work practices that are designed to manage the risks and to keep workers safe.
- Fish Safe is working to make it easier for skippers to train their crew in a more consistent and thorough manner by means of smartphone technology and the iAuditor safety app.
- iAuditor is a free app that can be downloaded onto any IOS or Android smartphone. It is an
  intuitive app that allows users to embed photos, create notes, input signatures, date, time, and
  GPS stamp in the New Crew and New Season Orientation Form (and other forms) that has been
  created by Fish Safe.
- iAuditor can be used offline and has the ability to print reports once completed.
- What role does this play at Fish Safe?
  - o iAuditor will be incorporated in the Safest Catch Program. Fish Safe Safety Advisors will gather information about vessel and operational hazards as well as safe work procedures during their vessel visits. Fish Safe administration will take the gathered information and help create a Crew Training template in iAuditor that is specific to the vessel and will become available in a free iAuditor account for the skipper/owner.
  - Additionally, Fish Safe will be offering new Amazon Fire Tablets to skippers when they
    do the Safest Catch that will have the iAuditor app and its templates pre-loaded on the
    tablet.
  - A suggestion was made from the group to provide a detailed document on "How To Use the iAuditor App" which Fish Safe has agreed to do. Fish Safe will also provide technical support to those who need it.
  - o Fish Safe continues the internal development of the iAuditor functionality and will be providing information about the launch of the iAuditor initiative in the near future.

# FitzWright Survival Safety Equipment Presentation — Simon Morris, Business Development Manager

Simon Morris provided a presentation on safety equipment available at FitzWright. Safety equipment such as EPIRBs, PBL, SART, handheld VHFs, etc. were shown to the group. For a more comprehensive list, including the specifications and prices, please contact Simon at smorris@fitzwrightsurvival.com

## **Next Fish Safe Advisory Committee Meeting**

Ryan Ford will coordinate the next Advisory Committee Meeting likely in February 2020.