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MESSAGE FROM THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS CANADA



I am pleased to introduce this special edition of the *Harbour Authority Forum*, in which we recognize the outstanding contributions of the Harbour Authorities and individuals honoured with Fisheries and

Oceans Canada's Harbour Authority National Prix d'Excellence awards.

Last year, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' Small Craft Harbours (SCH) Directorate initiated the Harbour Authority Recognition Program to acknowledge the accomplishments of our partners both at the regional and national levels. During the year, award ceremonies took place in all SCH Regions and culminated with a national awards ceremony in Ottawa on November 26. It was an honour for me to attend the ceremony, meet the recipients, and present the first ever national Prix d'Excellence awards.

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all recipients of regional Distinction Awards and national Prix d'Excellence Awards. I would also like to express my thanks once again to all the volunteers and Harbour Authorities for their hard work and efforts on behalf of the SCH Program and our thousands of clients across Canada. Without you, the Small Craft Harbours Program would not be the success it is today!

The Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans ♦

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REGIONAL HARBOUR AUTHORITY DISTINCTION AWARDS

SCH regional offices were busy planning Distinction Awards ceremonies throughout 2008. Most regions took advantage of their annual Harbour Authority conferences to present these awards. This provided a great opportunity to recognize recipients in the presence of their colleagues!

Awards were presented by the Regional Directors, Small Craft Harbours, to recipients in all three award categories. All recipients were presented with an award certificate by the regional SCH office. The award ceremonies were a great success during 2008, and award recipients were both pleased and surprised to have their efforts formally recognized.

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Congratulations to all the regional Distinction Award recipients! Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the SCH Program and clients of harbours.

We are pleased to provide you with photos of the regional award recipients.

PACIFIC REGION – Annual conference of the Harbour Authority Association of British Columbia, January 2008 in Squamish, BC



FRONT ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT - TOM FORGE, CAMPBELL RIVER HA; MIKE LOY, FALSE CREEK HA; JIM PARSONS, THE CORPORATION OF THE DISTRICT OF POWELL RIVER; JAMES BOLAND, FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR, STRATEGIC INITIATIVES; CAROL DOYLE, GIBSONS LANDING HA (ACCEPTING THE FRIEND OF THE HARBOUR AUTHORITY AWARD ON BEHALF OF COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION OF THE SUNSHINE COAST); DAN KENNEDY, CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF ALERT BAY; ALEC FINNSSON, MISSION HA.

BACK ROW, LEFT TO RIGHT - LIZ MCLEOD, COMOX VALLEY HA; BOB BAZIUK, STEVESTON HA; RANDY KAMP, MP FOR PITT MEADOWS-MAPLE RIDGE-MISSION AND PARLIAMENTARY SECRETARY TO THE MINISTER OF FISHERIES AND OCEANS; ART CHILDS, FALSE CREEK HA; CAL HEGGE, ADM CORPORATE SERVICES; LUTZ BUDDE, OONA RIVER COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION; DAVE BARRATT, MISSION HA. ABSENT FROM PHOTO: LINDA YOUNG, SOOKE HA.

CENTRAL AND ARCTIC REGION – Freshwater Harbour Advisory Council Annual Conference April, 2008 in Winnipeg, MB



FRONT ROW (L-R) – WALLY GARRICK, FAUST HA; CLAUDIO ADRAGNA, WHEATLEY HA; SHAWN BUCKLEY, GREAT SLAVE LAKE, HA; BRUCE BENSON, FHAAC PRESIDENT, DRUNKEN RIVER HA.

BACK ROW (L-R) – MICHELINE LEDUC, DIRECTOR GENERAL, SCH; KEN SNIDER, WHEATLEY HA; AL MATTHEWS, WHEATLEY HA; DAVID KIRKNESS, MCBETH POINT HA; LIONEL RUNDLE, GREAT SLAVE HA; ALAN KATHAN, REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SCH.

QUEBEC REGION – Annual Conference 2008



LEFT TO RIGHT - GERVAIS BOUCHARD, FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SCH; JEAN-PAUL HUET, HA OF CLORIDORME; BRUNO LONGUÉPÉE, HA L'ÉTANG-DU-NORD; GUY DESCÔTEAUX, SCH QUEBEC REGION; AND ODETTE LETEMPLIER, ACCEPTING ON BEHALF OF HER LATE HUSBAND, NORMAN LETEMPLIER, HA OF BLANC-SABLON.

MARITIMES AND GULF REGION –
20th Anniversary Celebration at
Le Comité du Port de Caraquet



LEFT TO RIGHT - ALDRICE COMEAU, CHAIR OF THE COMITÉ DU PORT DE CARAQUET; MAURICE GIROUARD, FORMER REGIONAL DIRECTOR, SCH (MONCTON); MICHELINE LEDUC, DIRECTOR GENERAL, SCH; AND LYNE ALBERT, VICE-CHAIR OF THE COMITÉ DU PORT DE CARAQUET.

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

HARBOUR AUTHORITY RECOGNITION PROGRAM

On January 1, 2008, Small Craft Harbours (SCH) introduced the Harbour Authority Recognition Program to formally celebrate the contribution of Harbour Authorities and their volunteers to the objectives of the SCH Program and in serving harbour clients. The recognition award categories are: Harbour Authority Achievement; Harbour Authority Environmental Stewardship; and Individual Commitment.

Recipients are recognized through two awards:

- **Distinction Awards:** presented throughout the year by SCH regional offices to recognize regional achievements in each of the three categories; and
- **Prix d'Excellence Awards:** presented annually to recognize, at the national level, the most meritorious regional Distinction Award recipients in each of the three categories.

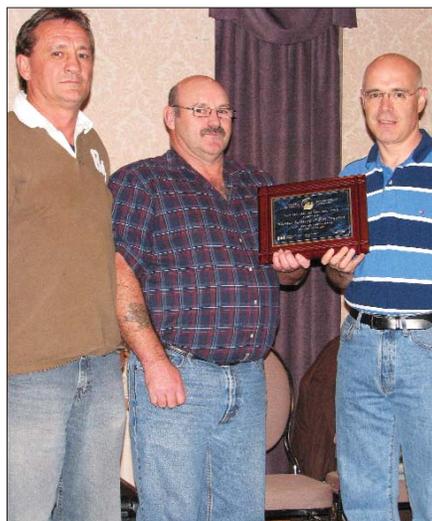
The Prix d'Excellence ceremony, which usually coincides with the November National Harbour Authority Advisory Committee meeting held in Ottawa, provides an opportunity for peers, departmental representatives and SCH staff to acknowledge and honour the year's recipients and their invited guests.

SCH is extremely pleased with the success of the inauguration of the Recognition Program. We have decided to publish a special a "Special Recognition Edition" of the Forum each spring. It will cover both regional Distinction Award and national Prix d'Excellence Award winners and their accomplishments over the preceding year, and briefly report on the recognition ceremonies. This will allow Harbour Authorities and volunteers across the country to honour the accomplishments of their peers.

I hope you enjoy this overview of the 2008 regional and national awards ceremonies.

Jennifer Baldwin,
Senior Policy and Program Analyst, Small Craft Harbours ♦

NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR REGION – Harbour Authority Conference, October 2008 – Gander, Newfoundland



LEFT TO RIGHT - GORDON NOSEWORTHY, HA OF TWILLINGATE WITH BILL GOULDING, RD, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR REGION; TONY RYAN, MAURICE RYAN, HA OF PORT SAUNDERS, WITH BILL GOULDING; GERALD DRAKE, EPHRIAM PARDY, MORRIS FUDGE, MARGUERITE DRAKE, HA OF BURIN, WITH AND BILL GOULDING.

NATIONAL HARBOUR AUTHORITY PRIX D'EXCELLENCE

The Prix d'Excellence is our most prestigious Harbour Authority recognition award. It honours teams and individuals who have made exemplary contributions to the success of the Harbour Authority Program. Recipients are chosen from those who have received regional Distinction Awards during the year.

The first ever Harbour Authority Prix d'Excellence award ceremony took place on November 26, 2008, at the Courtyard Restaurant in Ottawa, Ontario. Among those gathered to pay tribute to Award recipients were: the Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, Randy Kamp, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister, and now former Deputy Minister Michelle d'Auray. Minister Shea and DFO's Deputy Minister presented the awards. Also present were Cal Hegge, Assistant Deputy Minister, Corporate Services, SCH Regional Directors and SCH staff. Micheline Leduc, SCH Director General, was the Master of Ceremonies for the evening. The timing of this event coincided with the National Harbour Authority Advisory Committee (NHAAC) meeting in Ottawa, so NHAAC members were also able to participate in the evening's event. The following awards were presented:

NATIONAL HARBOUR AUTHORITY ACHIEVEMENT

The National Harbour Authority Achievement Prix d'Excellence recognizes the achievement of a Harbour Authority and its demonstrated commitment to the ongoing success of its harbour and to the Program through the development of projects, initiatives or services that exceed normal practices and seek to provide benefits not just to harbour users but to the community at large.

LE COMITÉ DU PORT DE CARAQUET, MARITIMES AND GULF REGION

The Comité du Port de Caraquet was the recipient of the 2008 National Harbour Authority Achievement Prix d'Excellence. This extremely proactive and innovative Harbour Authority in New Brunswick demonstrated especially keen leadership in developing a vibrant Harbour Authority that effectively supports industry needs, maintains solid partnerships with its stakeholder groups and builds on community interests. This Harbour Authority was the first to join the Harbour Authority Program in early 1988.

The Comité du Port de Caraquet was one of the first Harbour Authorities to contribute financially to the cost of a major reconstruction project at its harbour. To do so, it introduced a special tax on harbour users which remains in place today.

The Harbour Authority was also involved with the creation of a recreational and tourism centre and a multifunction venue Carrefour de la Mer that attracts major events such as concerts given by local, national and sometimes international artists, conferences and trade shows. The Comité du Port de Caraquet was successful in negotiating to have this centre built within the harbour boundaries, creating a source of annual revenue for the HA while generating substantial economic spin-offs for the community.

Its innovative ideas, unwavering efforts and demonstrated commitment have fostered a thriving harbour and community. The Harbour Authority is recognized as

one of the leading HAS in Eastern Canada.

This award was presented to Mr. Aldrice Comeau, President, and Mr. Rufin Doiron, Harbour Manager, of the Comité du Port de Caraquet.



FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER MICHELLE D'AURAY, ALDRICE COMEAU, THE HONOURABLE GAIL SHEA AND RUFIN DOIRON.

NATIONAL HARBOUR AUTHORITY ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP

The National Harbour Authority Environmental Stewardship Prix d'Excellence recognizes environmental stewardship by a Harbour Authority and through an initiative that has produced measurable, positive change and has succeeded in addressing or mitigating an environmental issue at its harbour.

Because of the outstanding work of two Harbour Authorities, two awards were presented in this category in 2008.

FALSE CREEK HARBOUR AUTHORITY, PACIFIC REGION

The False Creek Harbour Authority (FCHA) provides an excellent example of environmental stewardship at its fishing harbour situated on the waterfront in urban Vancouver, British Columbia. Established in 1997, the FCHA has taken a proactive approach to environmental issues and has adhered to a strict environmental ethic at the harbour. Through its leadership in recycling and in enhancing environmental protection and awareness, it has promoted environmentally sustainable actions and operations throughout the harbour.

As well as recycling paper, plastic, cardboard and waste oils, FCHA has implemented a program to collect unwanted or broken electronics for reuse and recycling, as well as programs for fluorescent light bulb, battery and propane tank recycling.

The FCHA has established a reputation along the Pacific Coast as an environmental leader and its "green culture" is a model for other harbours.

The award was presented to Mr. Art Childs, Manager, Mr. Michael V. Loy, Assistant Harbour Manager and Mr. Christopher Lougheed, Harbour Wharfinger of the False Creek Harbour Authority.



FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER MICHELLE D'AURAY, ART CHILDS, MICHAEL V. LOY, CHRISTOPHER LOUGHEED AND THE HONOURABLE GAIL SHEA.

THE ADMINISTRATION DU HAVRE DE PÊCHE DE L'ÉTANG-DU-NORD, QUEBEC REGION

The Administration du havre de pêche de l'Étang-du-Nord has managed the Étang-du-Nord facilities in the Magdalen Islands, Quebec, since 1993.

In 2008, this Harbour Authority implemented an impressive new waste management system at the harbour. Under the system, approximately 75% of waste generated by current harbour activities can be recycled. In the past, all waste had been sent for incineration. Not only did the new waste management system enable the Harbour Authority to considerably improve its environmental management of the harbour site, it also allowed the HA to realize cost savings as the Municipality collects waste destined for recycling free of charge. Consequently, the Harbour Authority only pays for the disposal of 25% of the waste formerly produced.

This highly successful and innovative endeavour set a clear course for other Harbour Authorities in the Quebec region, which are now following in its footsteps. We applaud the Administration du havre de pêche de l'Étang-du-Nord for becoming an environmental pioneer in the Quebec region.

This award was presented to Mr. Bruno Longuépée, President, and Mr. Bernard Bourque, Treasurer, of the Administration du havre de pêche de l'Étang-du-Nord.



FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER MICHELLE D'AURAY, BRUNO LONGUÉPÉE, THE HONOURABLE GAIL SHEA AND BERNARD BOURQUE.

NATIONAL INDIVIDUAL COMMITMENT

The National Individual Commitment Prix d'Excellence recognizes individual commitment by honoring those who have shown an extraordinary dedication to the ongoing success of their harbour and a significant contribution to the Harbour Authority Program.

Five individuals were selected to receive Individual Commitment Prix d'Excellence awards in recognition of their exceptional commitment.

MR. BEN MABBERLEY, WHALER BAY HARBOUR AUTHORITY, PACIFIC REGION



FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER MICHELLE D'AURAY, BEN MABBERLEY AND THE HONOURABLE GAIL SHEA.

Ben Maberley is President of the Whaler Bay Harbour Authority (WBHA), which was formed in 1996 and manages two harbours on Galiano Island, British Columbia: North Galiano Harbour and Whaler Bay Harbour. A forward thinker and passionate advocate for commercial fishing harbours in the Pacific region, Ben's volunteer efforts extend beyond his local community. For many years he has been a tireless contributor to the

objectives of both the Harbour Authority and SCH Program.

Ben was also instrumental in forming a corporation in 2006, independent from SCH, to serve as agent to supply Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Directors' and Officers' insurance coverage to Harbour Authorities across Canada. As President of the Harbour Authority Corporation, Ben continues to invest many hours in this cause. An ever increasing number of Harbour Authorities now enjoy the benefit of reduced liability due, in part, to his efforts.

An active participant in the Harbour Authority Program locally, regionally and nationally, Ben Maberley embodies the spirit of the Individual Commitment Prix d'Excellence.

MR. BRUCE BENSON, DRUNKEN RIVER HARBOUR AUTHORITY, CENTRAL AND ARCTIC REGION



FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER MICHELLE D'AURAY, BRUCE BENSON AND THE HONOURABLE GAIL SHEA.

Past president and current board member of the Drunken River Harbour Authority, Bruce Benson was a driving force behind the establishment of the Harbour Authority and has been committed to the success of the SCH Program for approximately 11 years. In 1999, Bruce was selected by his peers to sit on a steering committee to develop a proposal for the formation of a group to represent the Central and Arctic Harbour Authorities. The work of this steering committee resulted in the formation of the Freshwater Harbour Authority Advisory Council (FHAAC). Bruce went on to be elected the first Chairperson of the FHAAC.

Bruce was instrumental in developing and implementing two significant initiatives in support of the Harbour Authority Program: the formation of the Harbour Authority Corporation to administer the Accidental Death and Dismemberment and Directors' and Officers' insurances for Harbour Authorities nationally, and the annual allocation of funding to each region to assist in projects to alleviate Harbour Authority fatigue.

Bruce is an active participant at meetings and conferences and works tirelessly not only on behalf of the Drunken River Harbour Authority but also on behalf of all commercial fish harvesters through his involvement on the FHAAC and the National Harbour Authority Advisory Committee. He is a vocal advocate of the SCH Harbour Authority Program and is extremely dedicated to commercial fish harvesters across the country.

MR. GORDON NOSEWORTHY, HARBOUR AUTHORITY OF TWILLINGATE, NEWFOUNDLAND AND LABRADOR REGION

Gordon Noseworthy has been Harbour Supervisor with the Harbour Authority of Twillingate since it was formed in February 1998. For the past four years, Gordon has served as Treasurer on the seven-member Board of Directors. He is the designated spokesperson for the Harbour Authority in its dealings within the community and with various stakeholders, including a number of federal and provincial government departments and agencies.

Gordon is a strong and tireless advocate for his community and harbour. He was instrumental in, and the catalyst behind, several projects including the construction of a wharf extension, floating docks, gear storage shed, Harbour Authority office, paving of the road and parking area, installation of lighting and electrical power, and fresh water services.

In addition to performing administrative and financial work for the Harbour Authority, Gordon is on the wharf seven days a week during the busy season. Gordon is occupied trucking away garbage, washing off the wharves after fishing boats have offloaded and making sure there is space for incoming boats to be accommodated.

The reason our Small Craft Harbours Program is so successful is because of dedicated volunteers like Gordon.



FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER MICHELLE D'AURAY, GORDON NOSEWORTHY, AND THE HONOURABLE GAIL SHEA.

MR. OSBORNE BURKE, THE NORTH VICTORIA SIX PORTS HARBOUR AUTHORITY, MARITIMES AND GULF REGION



FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER MICHELLE D'AURAY, OSBORNE BURKE AND THE HONOURABLE GAIL SHEA.

Osborne Burke has been a community volunteer for more than 20 years. He became involved in the Harbour Authority Program in 1996 and has since served on the Board of Directors of two Harbour Authorities. In 1997, Osborne was elected as the Eastern Nova Scotia area representative to the Maritimes/Gulf Harbour Authority Advisory Committee and has been an active participant since that time, serving as Chair in recent years.

As a promoter of Harbour Authority sustainability, Osborne was involved in negotiating with five Nova Scotia Harbour Authorities managing six harbours to amalgamate into one. The North Victoria Six Ports Harbour Authority was incorporated in 2008, and Osborne was elected as its first President. As a result of this initiative, the original Harbour Authorities, which were relatively small and generated limited amounts of revenue, are now working together allowing economies of scale, such as sharing the services of a harbour manager.

Osborne is well known for his generosity in giving his time and sharing his knowledge with Harbour Authorities and other groups to assist them in establishing procedures and working through problems. His knowledge of the Harbour Authority Program is extensive and he prides himself on keeping up-to-date on SCH Program policies and activities. He has a wealth of knowledge regarding the issues facing Harbour Authorities and fishing communities in general. This combination of experience and understanding has resulted in his reputation as a valuable resource to local Harbour Authorities.

MR. NORMAN LETEMPLIER, HARBOUR AUTHORITY OF BLANC-SABLON, QUEBEC REGION



FORMER DEPUTY MINISTER MICHELLE D'AURAY, KURT LETEMPLIER, ODETTE LETEMPLIER AND THE HONOURABLE GAIL SHEA.

Norman Letemplier was a founding member of the first Board of Directors for the Harbour Authority of Blanc-Sablon in 1991. In the spring of 2002, Norman was hired as Coordinator of five Harbour Authorities: Blanc-Sablon, Bradore Bay, Middle Bay, St-Paul's River and Old-Fort Bay. He acted in that capacity until he passed away in July 2006.

Norman cared for each harbour as if it belonged to him. Every day he visited the Blanc-Sablon harbour, making sure that it was clean and that everything was in perfect working order. Every week, he would drive 80 km to Old-Fort Bay and stop at each harbour in between to take pictures and notes about any work that needed to be done. He loved people and he especially loved taking care of them and their needs.

Knowing that Blanc-Sablon harbour was in dire need of upgrading and improvements, Norman worked diligently with the local Fishermen's Association, the Municipality of Blanc-Sablon and local fish harvesters to develop a new design for the harbour that would benefit fish harvesters from Blanc-Sablon

and the surrounding communities. It saddened him to know that he would not live to see the project completed.

On March 10, 2006, Norman was diagnosed with cancer. His dedication to his harbours was always a priority for him. Norman worked until his death on July 20, 2006.

Norman went above and beyond the call of duty to care for what he felt were "his" harbours and "his" clients. His dedication to the Harbour Authority Program, his peers and his community were exemplary and his legacy serves as a role model to all.

His wife Mrs. Odette Letemplier and his son Mr. Kurt Letemplier, accepted the award on Norman's behalf.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2008 HARBOUR AUTHORITY PRIX D'EXCELLENCE!



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