

Dear fellow angler,

For those who may not know, on Tuesday November 9, 2021 there was a local Victoria and Area SFAB Committee meeting held online. This was the traditional post-season local meeting. It was chaired by Ryan Chamberland, our committee chair at the time, and DFO Erika Watkins. The full final minutes of that meeting and approved local motions on Chinook salmon and SRKW are attached to this email as a .pdf file. At the end of the meeting, there were elections held for Victoria's Chair and 2nd Voting Seat positions, along with two alternates. These positions are important as the Chair and the 2nd Voting Seat are entitled to participate in the SFAB South Coast Committee meetings and have official voting status. Before the election, Ryan advised he would not run again as chair. The election was run by Erika and the results are as follows:

Committee Chair – Christopher Bos
Victoria 2nd Seat - Thomas Cole
Alternate One - Jim Stephen
Alternate Two - Vacant

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Ryan Chamberland on behalf of the committee for being our chair during difficult fishery times and want to share that the South Coast SFAB members asked I pass on their appreciation to Ryan for his work as Victoria's chair too.

There is a vacant alternate position on our local committee that should be filled and it would be a great opportunity for a younger angler who is interested in our local fishery to take the position. Although that alternate could not vote at South Coast SFAB meetings, attending is an amazing learning experience. It is an opportunity to gain a broad perspective on BC's Public salt water fisheries. Plus, as committee chair, I would be happy to pass on knowledge as well

As your new chair of the committee, I would like to start my term by hosting a local meeting without DFO in attendance, so we can discuss a range of topics, to include:

- verify what the SFAB is and can actually do
- provide a more detailed update on the SFAB modernization process
- seek feedback from SFAB constituents about what they want from the SFAB process locally
- discuss important species specific issues and prioritize them
- develop a comprehensive Victoria Committee mailing list
- discuss the need for more DNA samples off Victoria and Sooke

The meeting will be an online Zoom meeting and although I see this as urgent, I do not see it being feasible to have this meeting until after the holiday season. At this point I am suggesting Tuesday January 11th 2022 in the evening. Confirmation and meeting details to follow.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns

Let me wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Kindest regards,

Chris

Christopher Bos

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