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Dear Marine Plant Harvester

Enclosed is your 2003 Licence to Harvest Marine Plants. Check it for completeness and ensure you understand the licence conditions and area(s) approved for harvesting. An Amendment Application is required for any changes to your Marine Plant Licence, including licensed quota.

You are to contact the local Fisheries and Oceans Canada office in the area for which you are licensed at least two (2) working days prior to harvesting, and advise them of the dates and times of harvest. Please ensure you have your licence with you while you are harvesting and that you are familiar with the regulations regarding this fishery.

Section 24(10) of the *Fisheries Act* states "In addition to the powers that may be exercised by the minister under section 18, the minister may suspend, revoke or refuse to issue a licence under this section if in the minister's opinion

- (a) the licensee has failed to comply with a condition of a licence, or
- (b) the harvesting of kelp or other aquatic plants under the licence would
 - (i) tend to impair or destroy a bed or part of a bed on which kelp or other aquatic plants grow,
 - (ii) tend to impair or destroy the supply of any food for fish, or
 - (iii) be detrimental to fish life."

Marine Plant Harvest Log

Each licence will be accompanied by a "Marine Plant Harvest Log". If you require additional forms please contact our office at the address shown above. The Licensee/Harvester must **complete the log daily, prior to leaving the harvest area.** It is strongly recommended that a weatherproof pen (such as a 'Rite-in-the-Rain' pen) be used. In keeping with the *Fisheries Act Regulations*, the harvest log must be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries at the address provided, **not later than the 10th day of the month following completion of harvest.** **You must submit the form even if you do not harvest.** Failure to do so constitutes a violation of Section 6(8) of the *Fisheries Act Regulations (RSBC)*. **Persons who do not submit the form by the 10th day of the month following completion of the harvest may be ineligible for further permits.**

Potential harvesters should note that it is a requirement under the *BC Fisheries Act* that all marine plants are to be processed in a licensed and approved establishment. Processing includes treating, curing, drying and packaging aquatic plants for market. An application for a marine plant processing licence is enclosed for your completion, if you intend to process your own product. This application should be returned to our office with the appropriate fees. Applicants should note that an inspection of the proposed marine plant processing facility is required, to ensure compliance with inspection standards, before a licence can be issued.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at (250)897-7541. To avoid long distance charges, you may contact Enquiry BC at 387-6121 (Victoria), 660-2421 (Vancouver) or 1-800-663-7867 (all other areas) and ask for me at the above number.

Yours truly

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kathy Evans".

Kathy Evans
Sr. Licensing Officer

Enclosures