

November 7, 2003

To: Wild Oyster Permit Holder

Enclosed is your Wild Oyster Harvest Permit, Wild Oyster Harvest Log/Royalty Return form and a map for the Malaspina Strait – Myrtle Rock area.

Please be reminded of the following:

- **A list of all helpers (if applicable) and their FRC numbers must be received in our office prior to the harvest date** (address/fax number shown below).
- Permittees are required to complete a log of daily harvesting activities. Anyone exceeding their quota or otherwise contravening the *Fisheries Act Regulations* may be liable for prosecution and, if convicted, may be ineligible for future Permits.
- Each permit will be accompanied by a "Wild Oyster Harvest Log/Royalty Return" form. **These forms must be completed in ink after each daily harvest, prior to the harvester leaving the harvest area.** It is strongly recommended that a weatherproof pen (such as a "Rite-in-the-Rain pen) is used. The harvest log and royalty amount owing (\$25 per tonne –or portion of tonne- of shellstock taken) must be submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries at the address provided, **within 10 days** of the expiration date of the permit. Cheques should be made payable to the Minister of Finance. **The form must be submitted even if no harvesting takes place.** Failure to do so constitutes a violation of Section 9(3) and (4) of the *Fisheries Act Regulations (RSBC)*. Violators risk fines of between \$25 and \$1000. **In addition, persons who do not submit the form and royalty payment may be ineligible for further permits.**

If you have any questions, please call Scott Pilcher at 250-897-7549. To eliminate long distance charges, you may contact Enquiry BC at 250-387-6121 (Victoria), 604-660-2421 (Vancouver) or 1-800-663-7867 (for all other areas) and ask to be transferred to our office

Sincerely,

Susanne Armstrong
Commercial Fisheries Licensing Clerk

cc: Yves Antaya, Chief Inspector

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