



Ministry of  
Environment

April 6, 2016

ATT: First Nations Chiefs and Technical Staff

SENT VIA EMAIL

**SAVE THE DATE**

**British Columbia's Spills Management Regime Engagement Workshops**

Dear Chiefs and Technical Staff,

The First Nations Fisheries Council of British Columbia, in partnership with the Ministry of Environment, is facilitating six regional workshops in early May 2016 to convene with First Nations to discuss the details of how to develop a world class land and marine spill response regime. We are inviting you save the date to attend one of the following regional workshops:

Monday, May 2, 2016 – Fort St. John, BC – Northern Grand Hotel – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Friday, May 4, 2016 – Prince Rupert, BC – Crest Hotel – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Wednesday, May 4, 2016 – Kamloops, BC – Coast Inn Hotel – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Monday, May 9, 2016. Prince George. Coast Inn of the North. 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Wednesday, May 11, 2016 – Nanaimo. Vancouver Island Conference Centre – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM
Friday, May 13, 2016 – Richmond, BC – River Rock Resort – 8:30 AM to 3:00 PM

At these regional workshops, First Nations are invited to share opinions, experiences and feedback on the new proposed legislation, and to discuss how best to design regulations that meet the needs of all those potentially impacted by a spill, including: First Nations, environmental organizations, oil and chemical producers and transporters, government agencies, and others. (Please note the regional sessions occur after the MOE initial engagement workshops, which are being held on April 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> in Vancouver. Please RSVP with Sara.Bacic@gov.bc.ca for the 2-day workshop).

**Please RSVP by April 12, 2015**, by registering online or by emailing [sanchezwood@shaw.ca](mailto:sanchezwood@shaw.ca). Online registration links for these workshops are available at <http://www.fnfisheriescouncil.ca/initiatives/spill-response-initiative>. Prior to the workshop, an agenda and background materials will be emailed to you. Travel reimbursement will be provided based on approved government rates for a **maximum of two participants per First Nation**. In the interest of the environment, we encourage carpooling.

For more information about the engagement process, the proposed legislative amendments to the *Environmental Management Act* and the Spill Response Regime Project please visit [www.gov.bc.ca/spillresponse](http://www.gov.bc.ca/spillresponse) or [engage.gov.bc.ca](http://engage.gov.bc.ca).

Sincerely,

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Executive Director  
First Nations Fisheries Council

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Anthony Danks  
Executive Director  
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