From: Holland, Vanessa
To: Bill Brown

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Hi Bill,

The role of the DFO's Fisheries Protection Program (FPP) is to protect and conserve fish and fish habitat in support of Canada's coastal and inland fisheries resources, and to make regulatory decisions under the fisheries protection provisions of the Fisheries Act. The FPP is specifically responsible for reviewing projects for which a s.35(2) Fisheries Act Authorization is required.

DFO does not have a regulatory role related to the Esquimalt's Official Community Plan because it does not directly propose works, undertakings or activities that may result in serious harm to fish.

DFO's Projects Near Water website (http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/pnw-ppe/index-eng.html) includes information for proponents on how to comply with the *Fisheries Act*, request a DFO review of a project, and request a *Fisheries Act* authorization.

If you have any further questions about DFO's regulatory process or need general information, contact DFO's Fisheries Protection Program toll free: 1-866-845-6776 or email: EnquiriesPacific@dfo-mpo.gc.ca.

Regards,

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