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### **Update on the National Aquatic Animal Health Program, NAAHP**

#### **Our vision:**

To excel as a science-based regulator, trusted and respected by Canadians and the international community.

#### **Our mission:**

Dedicated to safeguarding food, animals and plants, which enhances the health and well-being of Canada's people, environment and economy.

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## Purpose/Objective

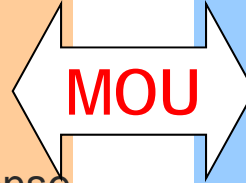
- The purpose of this presentation is to inform you on the National Aquatic Animal Health Program, NAAHP, and provide you with an update on activities
- The NAAHP is responsible for preventing serious aquatic animal diseases in finfish, molluscs, and crustaceans from being introduced to, and from spreading in, Canada.

# Background: Governance

## CFIA

### *Program lead*

- Legislation
  - International trade
  - Movement Controls
  - Emergency disease response
  - Risk Analysis
  - Surveillance



## DFO

### *Diagnostic & Research Support*

- National Aquatic Animal Health Laboratory System (NAAHLS)
  - Provision of diagnostic services
  - Research
  - Wild fish collection

(MOU - Memorandum of Understanding)



# Background: Regulations

## ***Amended Health of Animals Regulations & Reportable Disease Regulations***

- Amendments completed December 2010-January 2011
- Canada's regulations for control of animal diseases now include aquatic animals
- Regulatory framework is now consistent with international standards

World Organization for Animal Health, OIE



# NAAHP Program Components

- Export Certification
- Import Controls
- Mandatory Disease Notification & Disease Response and Zonation
- Surveillance
- Risk Assessment



# Export Certification

- Export certification is mandatory for certain commodities exported from Canada.
- *It is not mandatory for aquatic animals.*
  - Aquatic animal health certification performed **only** if a requirement of the importing country.
  - More countries are requiring aquatic animal health certification.
- Operational staff in the 4 Areas certify the products and issue the certificates

# Import Controls

- Came into effect in December 2011.
- Transition period of one year (Dec 2011 – Dec 2012) called “Stream of Commerce Policy”.
- As per the Amendments to *Health of Animals Regulations*:
  - Schedule III lists approximately 405 species susceptible to the reportable and notifiable diseases – to provide some limit to the scope of the import permit requirement.
  - Control measures based on risk-assessment related to end use.
- Canada evaluates countries and risks of various end uses and commodities.
- Country assessment must meet a “negligible” status to be approved as “free” from listed diseases.
- Permitting will be dealt with on a risk basis and as a single window with existing program permit requirements.



## Stream of Commerce Policy - Imports

- On December 10, 2011, the import controls for aquatic animals under the *Health of Animals Regulations* came into force
- There is a transition period of one year prior to full enforcement of the Regulations
- This Policy will manage the transition of Canada's foreign trade partners and importers to meet the forthcoming regulatory requirements of the Import Program and aim for full program enforcement by December 2012
- The Stream of Commerce Policy has been published on CFIA's website





## Mandatory Disease Notification & Disease Response and Zonation

- Emergency disease response
- Currently 20 reportable diseases of finfish, molluscs & crustaceans on the disease list.
  - Requirement for all Canadians to report these diseases to the CFIA.
- Mandatory reporting by laboratories of 23 immediately and 6 annually notifiable diseases (all exotic).
- Framework for disease zonation will be established with other regulatory changes in the future:
  - Zonation and/or Compartments
  - Domestic Movement Permit



# Surveillance & Risk Assessment

- This program provides the necessary support for the implementation and delivery of the programs under the NAAHP.
- Surveillance:
  - Status of aquatic animal diseases in Canada will:
    - support export certification activities
    - support movement control activities into and within Canada
    - provide data for risk assessments
    - Support import country assessment and compartmentalization
- Risk Assessment supports:
  - Import activities (permitting & country evaluations)
  - Disease control activities (emergency disease response & domestic movement permitting)

## Current Status: ISAV Suspect Findings

- The CFIA received three notifications of ISAV in wild salmon in B.C. this fall
- The DFO NAAHLS Moncton laboratory conducted tests on some of the different samples of fish
- The final test results were publicly released on December 2nd: there are no confirmed cases of the disease in wild or farmed salmon in B.C.
- As a follow-up, the CFIA has been developing a surveillance plan targeting cultured and wild salmonid species in B.C.
  - The plan has been developed with input from DFO
  - Currently gathering feedback on the strategy
  - The implementation is planned for spring 2012



## Next Steps

- Implementation of the Import Program
- Development of framework on zonation and domestic movement permitting
- Continued work on surveillance and export certification
- Continued work on harmonization of federal regulatory responsibilities to support the management of fish diseases
- Various consultation processes

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