



**Pacific Coast Fishing Vessel Owner's Guild**

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Christina Burridge  
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Dear Christina,

As you are aware, on February 17, 2012 Fisheries Minister Ashfield changed the long standing halibut allocation framework from commercial 88% and recreational 12% to 85% and 15%, respectively. This was done without the use of a market-based mechanism; no compensation was paid to commercial halibut fishermen. This re-allocation has taken 211,000 lbs. from the commercial allocation this year, about \$14 million of commercial IVQ, and given it predominantly to the lodge and charter boat industry.

The Minister's decision has serious implications not only for halibut, but the entire commercial fishing industry; it affects all commercial fisheries, ZN, crab, prawn, salmon. We know you and your members have expressed their concerns about the Minister's decision and what it means for the commercial fishing industry. We appreciate the support you, your organization and its members have provided on this issue to date.

Graeme Malcolm, a commercial halibut fisherman, has made an application for judicial review of the Minister's decision. Graeme has made the application on his own behalf and on behalf of all commercial halibut licence holders.

The Guild is committed to financially supporting Graeme on his decision and has set up a special account at the Coastal Community Credit Union in Courtenay to collect and hold the funds for this case. This account is totally separate from the Guild's finances. The monies collected will be used exclusively for the cost of this case and protecting Graeme from any legal expenses.

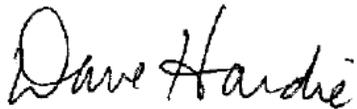
The Guild is asking commercial fishing industry participants to donate money to help fund this legal action. We would like to ask you to please forward this letter to your

member associations to see if they or their members would be willing to donate money to help fund this legal action.

All donation amounts are kept confidential and the names of donators will be made public only if they have given permission to do so. The account has been set up with a proper accounting system with a bookkeeper to keep track of donations and bills. Financial statements will be available to any donor. Any costs of this account (bookkeeping, stationary, stamps etc.) will be covered by the Guild and not taken out of the account. After the case is finished, any funds left over will be returned on a prorated basis. I have attached a donation form to this letter.

If you or your members have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Dave Hardie".

Dave Hardie  
Secretary/Treasurer  
PCFVOG