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**2012 DISTRICT MEETINGS & TRANSPORT CANADA CERTIFICATION SESSIONS**

<b>Tuesday, Feb. 7, 2012</b> Meeting for Mutual Members at 11:30 AM No Transport Canada Session	<b>NANAIMO</b>	Coast Bastion Inn – 11 Bastion Street
<b>Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012</b> Meeting for Mutual Members beginning at 9:00 AM  Transport Canada Certification Session open to all commercial fishermen beginning at 10:30 AM	<b>SOINTULA</b>	F. O. Hall
<b>Thursday, Feb. 9, 2012</b> Meeting for Mutual Members beginning at 9:00 AM  Transport Canada Certification Session open to all commercial fishermen beginning at 10:30 AM	<b>COMOX</b>	Comox Harbour Boardroom – Fishermen's Wharf
<b>Friday, Feb. 10, 2012</b> Meeting for Mutual Members beginning at 9:00 AM  Transport Canada Certification Session open to all commercial fishermen beginning at 10:30 AM	<b>DUNCAN</b>	Best Western Cowichan Valley – 6474 Trans Can. Hwy.
<b>Friday, Feb. 10, 2012</b> Meeting for Mutual Members beginning at 2:00 AM No Transport Canada Session	<b>VICTORIA</b>	Howard Johnson Hotel & Suites – 4670 Elk Lake Drive
<b>Tuesday Feb. 14, 2012</b> Meeting for Mutual Members beginning at 1:00 PM  Transport Canada Certification Session open to all commercial fishermen beginning at 2:30 PM	<b>PRINCE RUPERT</b>	Crest Hotel – 222 1 <sup>st</sup> Ave.

**TRANSPORT CANADA CERTIFICATION FOR FISHERMEN:**

The Mutual is assisting fishermen in obtaining their required certification: Senior Marine Examiner Zenon Szlachetka of the Vancouver Transport Canada Marine Safety Offices will be providing assistance to fishermen immediately following our 2012 District meetings in Sointula, Comox, Duncan and Prince Rupert. Mr. Szlachetka will be present to help validate seetime, issue CDN documents, and for those who qualify, issue Certificates of Service or Declarations of 7 Seasons as Fishing Master. By facilitating these sessions in your community, we hope to provide a convenient means for fishermen to meet their certification obligations. The sessions will focus on new requirements for masters of vessels between 0 and 60 gross tonnage and crew members of fishing vessels less than 24 meters in length overall. While taking advantage of this opportunity is entirely optional, we encourage all those who require certification to participate. We enclose a pamphlet from Transport Canada explaining the new requirements. **These Transport Canada sessions are open to all commercial fishermen – insured with Mutual or not - so please spread the word.** Those attending the certification sessions should be sure to bring:

- one piece of Government issue photo ID. (eg. Driver's Licence)
- proof of Canadian citizenship, permanent residency or status in Canada (egs: Canadian Birth Certificate, Passport, Status Card, Permanent Resident Card, Citizenship Card)
- vessel and/or fishing logs and seetime testimonials (any documents you have that establish and/or support your seetime as master or deckhand on commercial fishing vessels)
- any evidence of completed Transport Canada accredited courses or certificates (eg. Radio Operator's Card, MED, First Aid, or other marine training certificates)