

Advisory Board Notice

Beginning January 31, 2022, a short online survey will be launched for licence holders and vessel owners to complete. The “Beneficial Ownership Survey” will help Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) gather information about who is benefitting from having access to commercial fishing across Canada.

The Beneficial Ownership Survey is mandatory for all:

- party-based licence holders in Pacific Region
- contact vessel owners for vessels that have been issued vessel-based licences in Pacific Region
- offshore, mid-shore, exempted fleet, and inshore Elver licence holders in Atlantic Canada, Quebec and Arctic Region

Additional information on who is exempted from completing the Survey may be found on our [website](#).

The Survey will be quite simple for most licence holders and contact vessel owners to complete, as they will only have a few questions to answer. Larger, multi-tiered corporations may need more time to collect the information required to complete the section designed for complex organizations.

More information about the Survey, including who is exempted from the Survey, as well as visual fact sheets to show individuals how to complete it, may be found on our website at [\[https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/commercial-commerciale/bos-spe-eng.html\]](https://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/fisheries-peches/commercial-commerciale/bos-spe-eng.html). The Survey itself will be published on the website at launch, on January 31, 2022.

While the Survey will be **available until March 31, 2022**, we encourage you to complete it as soon as possible. You should also be aware that failure to provide required information through the Survey would constitute a violation of the *Fisheries Act*.