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FCC welcomes two BC companies as new members

OTTAWA, ON: The Fisheries Council of Canada (FCC) is pleased to welcome Independent Seafood Canada Corporation and Grand Hale Marine Products as new members. This broadens FCC membership along the coast of British Columbia and will provide even more value to Western members.

Independent Seafood Canada owns the factory trawlers F/V “Raw Spirit”, and the newly-purchased F/V “Sunderoey”. The company harvests, processes, and sells its own premium quality Pacific Hake, Arrowtooth Flounder and Pacific Rockfish.

Grand Hale Marine Products is a Richmond based family-owned seafood supplier and processor. Grand Hale offers customers in Canada, the US, Asia and Europe premium quality Wild Pacific Salmon and Caviar, BC Sea Urchin Roe, Herring Roe, BC Spot Prawns, BC Dungeness Crab, and Wild Pacific Halibut.

“There are important and difficult issues facing the fishing industry,” said Theresa Williams, Director, Independent Seafood Canada. “We want to be able to seize future opportunities and be proactive about addressing challenges, and that means the entire sector needs to work together. That is why we have joined FCC.”

“FCC is a strong voice for the industry with a focus on promoting our superior sustainability performance, defending our access to the resource, and working constructively with government,” said John Nishidate, General Manager, Grand Hale Marine Products. “We look forward to being part of that voice.”

“I am pleased to welcome ISCC and Grand Hale. There is strength in numbers. BC is an important part of the sector and it deserves recognition. That will only come about with stronger representation and increased dialogue with government,” says Paul Lansbergen, President of FCC. “I look forward to emphasizing this with our government friends.”

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The Fisheries Council of Canada (FCC) is the voice of Canada’s fish and seafood industry, promoting a healthy resource and prosperous industry playing a vital role in the Canadian economy. Our members include small, medium and larger-sized companies along with Indigenous enterprises that harvest and process fish from Canada’s three oceans.

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