

MORATORIUM ON HORNBY AND DENMAN FISHERY

The Comox Valley Regional District board, on occasion, elects to support regional and province-wide concerns and issues in the form of a board resolution. These resolutions are normally forwarded first to the Association of Vancouver Island Coastal Communities (AVICC) for consideration but may also be forwarded directly to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM). Based on the nature of the concern, the AVICC or UBCM will either endorse or not endorse the recommendation and if endorsed, will present the concern to the provincial or federal government on behalf of all BC municipalities and regional district.

Date of Board meeting: March 21, 2019

Board Resolution: WHEREAS coastal communities rely on the sustainable management of our oceans and the Salish Sea in particular, as well as the protection of species at risk;
AND WHEREAS 4/5 of the herring fisheries have already been closed due to poor returns, with the last remaining fishery being located around Hornby and Denman Islands;
AND WHEREAS over 70,000 signatures have been gathered against this particular fishery;
AND WHEREAS the K'ómoks First Nation, whose unceded territory this fishery occurs on, has expressed concerns about current harvest levels;
BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities request that the Department of Fisheries consider a moratorium of the Hornby and Denman Islands fishery, or a substantial reduction in the allowable catch volume effective in 2020.

This resolution was referred to AVICC on April 10, 2019

A response was received on June 28, 2019

Response from AVICC ON MOTION, was ENDORSED,
Referred to UBCM

Response received from UBCM on November 6, 2019

Response from UBCM Convention Decision: Not Admitted for Debate.