

# TRINATIONAL SARDINE FORUM FORO TRINACIONAL DE LA SARDINA



## ***7th ANNUAL MEETING*** *Listel Vancouver, Vancouver, BC, Canada* *November 1st, 2nd and 3rd, 2006*

We invite you to join us at the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Trinational Sardine Forum! We are very happy to host this year's meeting and have scheduled several activities for a productive and enjoyable event.

All three days of the meeting will be held at the Listel Vancouver Hotel located in downtown Vancouver at the quieter end of the prestigious and internationally renowned Robson Street.

Preliminary activities include an informal gathering the night of October 31st in the hotel's adjoining lounge to greet you and answer any questions. We have arranged a welcome reception the night of November 1st at the Listel Vancouver Hotel and a complimentary dinner featuring seafood (including sardines) from British Columbia at the Savory Coast Cucina Mediterranea on the night of November 2nd.

The meeting will begin at 8:00am on Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and end by 12:00 noon on Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Following is important information regarding forum registration. We will provide more information as details are confirmed. If you have any questions at all, please let us know. We look forward to seeing you all in Vancouver!

### **Program Chairs:**

Jake Schweigert, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Nanaimo, BC

Dr. Bob Emmett, Northwest Fisheries Science Centre, Hammond, Oregon

Dr. Nancy Lo, Southwest Fisheries Science Centre, La Jolla, California

### **Logistic Committee:**

Don Pepper, Canadian Pacific Sardine Association, Vancouver, BC

Christa Hrabok, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Nanaimo, BC

Jake Schweigert, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Nanaimo, BC

Dennis Chalmers, Province of BC Government, Nanaimo, BC  
Sandra Merk, Insight Productions, Vancouver, BC

**OFFICIAL DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR VISITING CANADA:**

Mexican citizens need to carry a passport to enter Canada. Any other foreign citizens need to carry a passport and possibly a visa. US citizens do not need to carry a passport, but do need to carry proof of citizenship (birth certificate, etc.) and photo ID. Permanent residents of the US need to carry their Permanent Resident Card. Please check the following website for more information on visiting Canada:

<http://www.cbsa-asfc.gc.ca/travel/visitors-e.html>

**HOTEL INFORMATION:**

Listel Vancouver  
1300 Robson St.  
Vancouver, BC  
V6E 1C5

[www.listel-vancouver.com](http://www.listel-vancouver.com)

Map of location:

<http://maps.google.ca/maps?f=q&hl=en&q=1300+Robson+St,+Vancouver&ie=UTF8&om=1&ll=49.288747,-123.128672&spn=0.025416,0.085144>

**RATE:**

- \$ 115 (single or double occupancy in a Standard or Museum Floor room)
- Rate is quoted in Canadian funds.
- Rate is net and subject to Provincial room tax of 10% and Federal Goods and Services Tax (GST); (6% as of July 1<sup>st</sup>)
- Non-residents of Canada are eligible for a GST rebate.

**RESERVATIONS:**

- Delegates can make reservations by calling or e-mailing the hotel and must explain that they are a participant of the Trinational Sardine Forum to take advantage of the special rate and acquire one of the reserved rooms
  - Phone (from anywhere in North America): 1.800.663.5491
  - Phone: 604.684.8461
  - Fax: 604.684.7092
  - E-mail: [reservations@thelistelhotel.com](mailto:reservations@thelistelhotel.com)
- Deadline for reservations (after which reserved rooms for Trinational Sardine Forum delegates will be released): October 1, 2006

**CANCELLATIONS:**

- If a guestroom is cancelled on or after October 1, 2006, one night room and tax will apply
- If a guestroom is cancelled on or after October 18, 2006, 100% of the total committed room and tax will apply.

**HOTEL's GUEST PARKING:**

- \$ 22 per day including valet service

**GENERAL:**

Vancouver is a beautiful city situated amongst the coastal mountains along the west coast of BC at the mouth of one of BC's largest rivers. There are a number of local attractions including the internationally renowned Vancouver Aquarium, Gastown, Vancouver Art Gallery, UBC Anthropology Museum and Stanley Park. For more visitor information, please check out the Tourism Vancouver website at:

[http://www.tourismvancouver.com/visitors/about\\_vancouver/](http://www.tourismvancouver.com/visitors/about_vancouver/)

**GETTING HERE:**

Vancouver is a 3 hour drive north of Seattle. There are shuttles that run between the Seattle's SeaTac airport and Vancouver. More information can be found at:

<http://www.quickcoach.com/schedule.htm>

Vancouver has an international airport (YVR) which is ~ 30min drive from downtown. There are several options to go between YVR and downtown Vancouver, including scheduled buses, limousine, taxi, car rentals and transit. Taxi fare is about \$30 from the airport to downtown. Scheduled buses run regularly from the airport to downtown Vancouver. More information on these buses (shuttles) can be found at:

[http://www.yvr.ca/guide/toandfrom/bus\\_shuttle.asp?id=downtown](http://www.yvr.ca/guide/toandfrom/bus_shuttle.asp?id=downtown)

For more general information go to the following website:

[http://www.tourismvancouver.com/visitors/transportation/getting\\_here](http://www.tourismvancouver.com/visitors/transportation/getting_here)

**TAXES:**

As a non-resident coming to Canada, you will be subject to our General Sales Tax (GST) of 6% and/or Provincial Sales Tax (PST) of 7% on most purchases and a 10% tax on accommodation and liquor. Once you return to your country you are eligible for a GST rebate. Please refer to the following information provided by the Tourism Vancouver website:

[http://www.tourismvancouver.com/visitors/travel\\_tips/tax/](http://www.tourismvancouver.com/visitors/travel_tips/tax/)

**WEATHER:**

The end of October/beginning of November is an unpredictable time of year, ranging from warm and sunny to cold and snowy (unlikely). Bring warm sweaters and waterproof outerwear as rain is almost a guarantee. Daily average temperatures range from 14 Celcius (58 Fahrenheit) in October to 9 C (48F) in November.

## **FORUM INFORMATION**

### **REGISTRATION FEE**

There will be a \$50 registration fee which is due by October 1. This includes the seafood dinner on November 2.

### **WORKING GROUPS:**

The principal goal of the working groups is to promote coast-wide cooperation in research to better understand the biology and dynamics of the sardine population:

**WG1:** Regional biomass – Nancy Lo

**WG2:** Stock structure, age structure and adult sampling – Russ Vetter

**WG3:** Industry trends and issues – Don Pepper

### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

15 August, 2006	Draft Abstracts for verbal presentation and posters due
1 September, 2006	Second Announcement
1 October, 2006	Registration and hotel fees due Deadline for hotel reservations with Listel Vancouver.
1 November, 2006	0800 - 1700 Opening of the conference, regional fisheries reports and research plans and reports 1800 – 2000 Welcome reception and evening poster session
2 November, 2006	0800 - 1700 Research continued, focus issues and working groups
3 November, 2006	0800 - 1200 Summary of working groups and closing of the conference

### **OFFICIAL WEBSITE:**

This is located on the Canadian Pacific Sardine Association website. Follow the link to the Trinational Sardine Forum webpage. <http://www.bcsardines.ca/>

### **FOR MORE INFORMATION:**

If you have any other questions or concerns, contact:

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