



### Convening Notice: 2017 Symposium

Greetings,

We are proud to announce that the Standing Committee on Quebec Fishing Vessel Safety (CPSBPQ) is returning for its 12<sup>th</sup> annual meeting with a symposium. You are therefore invited to attend this major event which will take place from **February 8<sup>th</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> at the Hotel Rimouski** under the theme *“All in the same boat for a safe fishing”*.

In order to offer you the most interesting exhibition conference, the CPSBPQ has brought together thirty various fishing related companies and organizations. On February 8<sup>th</sup>, a “networking happy hour” will be held in the Exhibit Hall, courtesy of *Groupe Ocean*, during which a festive buffet will be served. In addition, Jonny Arsenault will entertain you with his music in the evening, courtesy of *Pêcheries Nicol Desbois*.

On February 9<sup>th</sup>, the CPSBPQ and its many partners will introduce you to various subjects related to the health and safety of fishers in an original way. You will also have the chance to participate in two training workshops that you will have previously selected. Please note that several of these workshops that are listed in the attached document introduce the new Transport Canada regulatory requirements that will come into effect in July 2017. The annual CPSBPQ award will be given at the lunch provided by *Nicomer Assurances*. Finally, to top off the day, *Méridien Maritime Réparation* is inviting you to a banquet that will be followed by a dance.

As one of the CPSBPQ’s objectives is to consult the industry, you will have the opportunity to express your point of view throughout the conference, but it is especially during the plenary of February 10<sup>th</sup> that you will have the opportunity to present your health and safety questions and concerns.

Please note that this conference is open to everyone and we would like to see a lot of participation from fishers and assistant fishers as well as their spouses since we are all in the same boat after all.

As the number of places is limited, don’t forget to make your reservation as soon as possible by returning the attached and duly completed registration form (one form per person).

Be informed that the meeting will be held in French. Simultaneous translation will be available during the plenary but won’t be available during the workshops.

Looking forward to meeting you,

**Board of Directors**  
**CPSBPQ**

PS The *Huitième table provinciale sur la formation des pêcheurs professionnels* will be held during the symposium on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> 2017 AM. This meeting will only be held in French. If you are interested to attend, please contact the *Comité sectoriel de la main-d’oeuvre des pêches maritimes* at 1 888 833-3774 or by email at [comite@pechesmaritimes.org](mailto:comite@pechesmaritimes.org)