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Dear Fishermen,

We have had two fishermen led discussions with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans Small Crafts and Harbours on the Howdenvale dock. As you are aware, the current dock at Howdenvale was not built to withstand the heavy use by our commercial fishery. We understand the importance of this dock for the commercial fishery and so we are excited to report that a new dock, designed specifically for the commercial fishery, will be installed. Most of the recommendations from the fishermen will be incorporated into the design. The new design will be sheet pile with a concrete top, that will be much sturdier for forklift use and for the tugs to dock at. The current nub at the end will be removed and there will be some dredging to allow for more tugs to dock safely. In addition, funding permitting, the dock will be extended by 33 feet. The new dock will also be 3 feet wider than the existing dock. As requested there will be no pipe rail but instead a 6 inch lip on the sheet pile to allow for easier loading/offloading for the fishery.

Construction is expected to start December 1, 2019. This should avoid disrupting the fall fishery. We are asking the fishermen's co-operation in this exciting development, by moving all tugs, punts, totes and fishing equipment from the Howdenvale dock and parking lot in advance of construction. During this time we would also ask that any tugs in nearby Stokes Bay that are not being used, be moved to make more space.

If you have any concerns about any of the above please contact the Fisheries Assessment Biologist at 519-534-1689 by September 2, 2019. In addition, if you require assistance in moving any of the fishing equipment or vessels please discuss with your respective Councils.

Sincerely,

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