

Viral Emergency Preparedness & Response (EP&R) Workshop – March 4, 2008 Campbell River

Objectives:

1. To reintroduce the possibility of viral occurrences and, once again, raise outbreak awareness.
2. To review, inform and cooperate / network activities for preparedness and response to an outbreak, and to reinforce general concepts of biosecurity and disease prevention amongst farm staff and non-farm support services.

8:00 am Coffee, meet and greet. Facilitator – Garth Traxler

Schedule	Themes and Speakers	
Part I	Past experience and current expectations.	Time
8:30	Sonja Saksida (CAHS) – History, epidemiology of IHN (general patterns, risk factors, successes and failures).	15 min
	Peter Mckenzie (TBA): Recap 2002-2004 Farm Experience Biosecurity, containment and transfer avoidance to other farm sites.	15 min
	Mark Sheppard (BCMAL): - IHN/viral clinical reminder: pathology, signs, BCMAL Fish Health Management Plans and website information; also Synopsis of Tissue Waste Contingency (2007)	15 min
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9:30	Groups: Address & discuss 5 assigned questions Present / discuss	30+15 minutes
10:15	Coffee	
Part II	Experience from other jurisdictions / other species	
10:30	Steve Backman - ISA v status and current management Bay of Fundy – “The good, the bad and the reality”	20 min
	Ron Lewis - Foreign animal diseases and response – Experiences with BSE / Avian influenza	20 min
	Bill Cox – “Emergency Management Operating System” (EMOS) Coordinated communication & Emergency response (Avian Influenza)	20 min
11:30	Groups: Considering ISA, FADES, AI, EMOS, etc. please create 5 suggestions to enhance our IHN v EP&R plans.	20 + 10 minutes
12:00	Lunch	
Part III	CRISIS management (outbreak scenario & mass disposal - several sites, several companies)	

12:45	Mark Sheppard – Introduce an outbreak scenario, an approach to priority considering definitions of zones when the 1 st farm discovers IHN	10 min
	Dario Stucchi (DFO) – Hydrology / Oceanographic overview	20 min
1:15	Groups: Outbreak Scenario - Several sites, several companies affected: What action is required in the first 24 hours, 48 hours, 72 hours? Heading sheet: Divers (call out list), tote supply, barges, trucks (call out list), signage, disposal site(s), media statement, biosecurity training (truckers, barges).	45 minutes
2:15	Coffee	
Part IV	Lab Services and Diagnostics – synergy?	
2:30	Panel members introduce / inform about protocols and the role of their lab for IHN diagnostics: sample storage, submissions, diagnostic method(s), turn-around estimates, reporting procedures, cost, duplicate comparisons. John Robinson and/or Gary Marty (BCMAL) Val Funk (CAHS) Tim Hewison - Microtek Kyle Garver – (DFO/CFIA) Mark Sheppard – (BCMAL) Sherry Mead (FWFS) - TBA	5 min (30 min total)
	Victoria Bowes (BCMAL): Emergency Lab Database System (ELDS) The AI experience 2006.	15 min
	Mark Sheppard (BCMAL) – Introduce BCMAL’s offer: intensified “IHN seasonal surveillance” period (May - Aug) – regular submissions to AHC for IHN screening.	10 min
3:30	Group: Tactical logistical session to devise / brainstorm workable collection and submission protocol for IHN screening. How collections from each company, each site, are made, stored and submit for diagnostics in coordinated yet timely fashion?	20 minutes
4:00 – 4:30	Wrap up summary & Group discussion	