

*Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation*

**Board Members**

Vince Crate, Manitoba representative

The Board of Directors of Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation is composed of a Chairperson, a President, one Director for each participating province and four other Directors. The Government of Manitoba's role is to nominate a Board Director to represent Manitoba, on the recommendation of the lieutenant governor-in-council

**Mandate**

This is a federal Crown Corporation; Manitoba appoints one member to its Board of Directors.

The Board meets five to six times per year for the purpose of ensuring that the Corporation carries out its mandate of marketing and trading in fish for interprovincial and export trade.

Freshwater provides the core activities of its legislated mandate: Purchase all fish offered for sale; create an orderly market; promote international markets; increase trade in fish; and increase returns to fishers. Freshwater supports the orderly management of the freshwater fishery through planned harvesting, processing and marketing strategies to maximize returns to commercial fishers.

**Responsibilities**

The Board sets initial prices, determines final payments, and generally formulates long-term and ongoing operations for the Corporation. Board members exercise their liaison role with all levels of government and fisher association stakeholders by attending numerous private and public meetings, conferences and information sessions in the provinces and communities they represent. Quarterly reports and an Annual Report are issued to stakeholders highlighting key financial results and commenting on the progress of fisheries across the FFMC region. The Board also considers applications under the Export Dealers Licence policy and is responsible for approving or not approving same.

**Membership**

During the past fiscal year, six of the Board Directors were fishers and five were aboriginal. The Board believes this composition reflects the geographical scope, interests and well-being of its multicultural stakeholders. It is the Board's strongly-held view that a majority of its members should always be active fishers representative of the various regions.

**Length of Terms**

Directors on the FFMC Board are usually appointed for three-year terms of service, which are renewable. A Director may not serve on the Board past his/her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday.

### **Time Commitment**

The Board meets five to six times per year [two-three day sessions] for the purpose of ensuring that the Corporation carries out its mandate of marketing and trading in fish for interprovincial and export trade.

### **Meetings**

Meetings are held at the Corporation's office at 1199 Plessis Road, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Governance training sessions and strategic planning workshops are generally held off-site at a local hotel.

### **Remuneration**

The Chairperson is paid a retainer of \$5,000.00 *per annum* and a *per diem* of \$300.00 for meetings. Directors on FFMC's Board are paid a *per diem* of \$275.00 for meetings, with travel expenses covered by the Corporation.