

Southern Interior Local Government Association Annual Meeting 2017 Resolution

Enforcement of Provincial and Federal Dock and Buoy Regulations

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WHEREAS local governments in the Province of BC have limited enforcement options, staff resources and cost effective legal tools to deal with the significant number of unlawfully placed docks and buoys on lakes and rivers;

AND WHEREAS the Province of BC is responsible for the management of Crown lands, including lakes and rivers, for the benefit of the public, and is responsible for the enforcement of provincial regulations pertaining to the placement of structures such as docks on lakes;

AND WHEREAS the Government of Canada, through the Department of Transport Canada and the federal Navigable Waters Protection Act and Canada Shipping Act, is responsible for the regulation and enforcement of mooring buoys on lakes;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Province of BC be requested to work with the Union of BC Municipalities (UBCM) to better address this multijurisdictional dock and buoy issue, by consulting with local governments to align areas of overlapping regulation (e.g. zoning and provincial dock permissions), and to increase provincial enforcement resources to deal with illegal docks on lakes;

AND FURTHER that the Province of BC and UBCM lobby the Government of Canada with regard to increasing Transport Canada's resources to more effectively regulate and remove buoys on lakes and rivers in BC that have been illegally placed, are unsafe, or are undocumented or of unknown ownership.
