

BC Food Processors Association

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MEMBER NEWSLETTER

June 23, 2006

Welcome to the new newsletter for BC Food Processors Association members. Please send your feedback and story ideas to the BCFPA office.

New Members

- Cowichan Region Economic Development Commission
- J.S. McMillan Fisheries Ltd.

A full list of current members is available at: <http://www.bcfpa.ca/aboutus.html>.

Factory Clean-Up

The BCFPA, with the National Seafood Sector Council, presents this course for on efficient and effective factory clean-up practices for the food industry. Please note the date for this workshop has changed to July 11-12, 2006. **Register today at:** http://www.bcfpa.ca/events.html#Factory_Clean-up.

Annual General Meeting

The BCFPA's 2006 AGM is scheduled for September 7 from 10 am – 11 am. The meeting will be held by teleconference, and all members are invited to attend. Watch for details on the website.

Guelph Food Technology Centre Training Rescheduled

Remaining scheduled courses for British Columbia have been postponed. Courses are being planned for fall and winter. Watch for details at: http://www.bcfpa.ca/GFTC_training.html.

Health Eating Forum

Today, Agri-Food Partners in Healthy Eating presents the first of a series of province-wide Healthy Eating Forums in Whistler. The Forum aims to raise awareness of healthy eating and active living initiatives underway in the Squamish, Whistler and Pemberton areas, identify opportunities to increase healthy choices and to develop a plan to make these opportunities possible. For more information on Agri-Food Partners in Healthy Eating or the Forums, see the website: <http://www.bcac.bc.ca/afphe.htm>.

Request for Input: BC Agriculture Plan

The BCFPA has been invited to submit comments for developing a comprehensive and sustainable Provincial Agriculture Plan, and we are seeking your input. If you have any suggestions for how to enhance the diversity and competitiveness of BC's agriculture and agri-food industry, please send them to the BCFPA office today! For more information on the Plan, see: <http://www.harvesttohome.bc.ca/>.

Western Grocer Advertising

As part of the BCFPA's feature article for the July/August issue of Western Grocer, BCFPA members receive a 30% discount on advertising. To book your advertising space, contact Melanie Bayluk: melanie@mercury.mb.ca or 204-954-2085 ext.215.

Grocery Showcase West 2007

The BCFPA has reserved 2 booths for 2007 to showcase the BCFPA and products from food processing companies under the umbrella of the Association. If you would like to participate, contact the BCFPA office today at 250-356-1660 or Julie.labelle@bcfpa.ca.

UPCOMING

- **June 27, Farm Field Day**, Little Qualicum Cheeseworks Ltd., Parksville.
RSVP to Sue Gordon at Sue.Gordon@gov.bc.ca or 746-1210.
- **June 28, GMP Bootcamp for Natural Health Products**
Website: <http://www.bcf2.com/html/events.html>.

For more industry events, see: <http://www.bcfpa.ca/industryEvents.html>

NEWS

- A notation has been added to Section 6-12 Dietary Fibre in the 2003 Guide to Food Labelling and Advertising regarding the use of ground pea hulls. See: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/fssa/labeti/guide/ch6ae.shtml#tab6-12>.
- The Canadian Pavilion at IFE Americas in Florida provides an opportunity for Canadian companies to display products and services under one umbrella. Register at 613-825-9916 or cced@synmpatico.ca before June 30, 2006.
- CFIA industry consultation on use of mobile components in federally registered meat plants: <http://www.inspection.gc.ca/english/anima/meavia/consult/mobilee.shtml>.
- The Natural Sources Directory is being updated for 2007-2008. For opportunities to list and advertise your natural health products, see: <http://www.bcf2.com/>.