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Hi All

I am writing on behalf of the Cowichan Bay Fisherman's Wharf Board. We are inviting other Cowichan Bay/Valley community groups and Cowichan Tribes to a meeting . The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the ongoing and fast worsening problem of abandoned vessels in the estuary of the Cowichan and Koksilah rivers. There are now 5 vessels up in the sensitive estuary zone. The Coast Guard and the Department of Transport are the responsible agencies and are aware of the vessels but no action is planned to deal with them at this time. It seems apparent that the wrecked and abandoned vessels up in the estuary are falling between the cracks, they are no one's responsibility and so no one is dealing with them in a timely manner. The ecosystem ends up paying the price. The Wharf board wants to bring together a meeting of all interested parties in the bay to start the process of getting the vessels removed before they do any more damage. We feel that it will take pressure from the broader Cowichan Bay/ Valley community and Cowichan Tribes to get some movement from the various levels of government. We are asking each group to send a representative or an interested individual.

date: **Thursday, April 10th**

time: **7 pm**

location: **Cowichan bay Maritime centre**

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