

MCC Steering Committee: New Membership Application Policy

The Marine Conservation Caucus (MCC) is a group of environmental organizations that is recognized at official consultation tables with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). Groups interested in joining the MCC should first review the information on MCC's website (www.mccpacific.org) and the criteria below, and if they feel that they would be a good fit with the caucus they can contact the MCC Secretariat, Trish Hall, at hall@watershed-watch.org. After an initial review of new membership applications by the MCC, applications will then be brought forward to the caucus by a member group that will act as a sponsor for the applying group.

The following criteria will be considered with new membership applications:

1. The applying organization must be an Environmental Non-Government Organization (ENGO) active in BC and have a primary conservation mandate.
2. Any conflict of interest between the organization's mandate/activities and those of the MCC must be clearly stated upon applying.
3. The organization must be actively engaged in issues that relate to the MCC's areas of focus (e.g. Wild Salmon Policy, groundfish, improving harvest management, etc.).
4. The organization shall agree to and follow the MCC Operating Protocols (<http://www.mccpacific.org/MCC-OperatingProtocol-Mar2010.pdf>) and Conservation Principles (<http://www.mccpacific.org/MCC-ConservationPrinciples.pdf>).

If the caucus reaches consensus on accepting the application, an offer to become a member of the MCC will be extended to the applicant group.

The organization must agree to attend and actively participate in MCC activities and decision making processes.

It should be noted that there is no requirement to be an MCC member to participate in the MCC at the committee level (<http://www.mccpacific.org/pages/about/committeesandappointments.htm>). Committee members are selected based on areas of interest and their personal expertise on the issue. If you are interested in joining an MCC committee, please contact the MCC Secretariat, Trish Hall (hall@watershed-watch.org) for more information.