
**PUBLIC CONSULTATION – INVITATION TO COMMENT ON ESABC STEWARDSHIP PLAN
FEBRUARY 15, 2009 AMENDMENTS**

On December 8, 2008, the Provincial Government issued an Order in Council (OIC 900) which contained an extensive list of products to be added to the recycling program in two separate stages in 2010 and 2012. ESABC is inviting public comment on the amendments to their Stewardship Plan which expands the range of products which will be included in its recycling program.

A series of four open houses in Prince George, New Westminster, Kamloops and Nanaimo have been scheduled to provide the public with an opportunity to meet with representatives of ESABC and find out more about the planned expansion of the ESABC program. These regional consultation sessions will take place on the following dates and times.

Prince George: *Coast Inn of the North*: April 7th: 9 am to 1 pm

New Westminster: *Inn at the Quay*: April 9th: 9am to 1pm

Kamloops: *Coast Canadian Inn*, April 15th: 1pm to 4pm

Nanaimo: *Coast Bastion Inn*: April 20th: 9am to 1 pm

BACKGROUND:

Since program commencement ESABC has been working proactively with a view to expanding the list of Electronic products accepted for recycling on a harmonized and phased basis consistent with the Canadian Council of Ministers of the Environment (CCME) Canada Wide principles. To further this goal, ESABC issued, on July 27, 2008, a consultation paper asking for key industry stakeholder input on a proposed list of products to be added to the program. As a result of this consultation ESABC concluded that the harmonized list of proposed products was suitable for inclusion in the ESABC program.

This list includes computer scanners, audio and video recording and playback systems, vehicle audio and video systems, as well as all types of telephones. This list is a significant expansion to the original program in both the number and type of products, which will require the recruitment of approximately significantly more producers and retailers and will result in a large increase in the volume and tonnage of materials to be handled by collection points, transporters and processors.