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Why don't you let the users of the waterway pay a fee for usage in the form of an annual or bi-annual "license validation sticker" and skip this dock fee initiative. In most cases the Resorts and Marina's have a tough enough time trying to make financial ends meet and this could be a final blow to an already devastated industry.

There has always been a problem with boat owners selling their boats privately, not changing the ownerships over to the new owner thus avoiding provincial sales taxes. This type of system would eliminate this tax evasion.

You should recommend to the Feds that they adopt a License validation system similar to that of Ohio or Florida. No need to reinvent the wheel, just follow what has been done for years at most US States. We as dealers could collect fees on the Feds behalf remit with our GST remittances, in fact most dealers now collect a licensing fee to cover the cost of the vinyl numbers that are stuck to the side of the Boat.

Why the Feds are still doing this for free is beyond me as they are always looking for ways to stick their hand in your pocket. If you implement the new licensing fee along with the new computerized Federal vessel registration system (still in the experimental stages) you pay not only for the infrastructure and employees, but will also will go a long way to contributing to our waterway.

You will get a little bitching but that will pass just as it has for a vehicle registration license fees, small game license, fishing license, deer license, moose license, etc.—etc.

Best Regards

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