

**AWMA**  
***Vancouver Island***  
***Chapter***



**Luncheon Details**

**\$10** – paid up AWMA members and local associates

**\$20** – non-members (see note)

**\$10** – students

Lunch and coffee will be served. Vegetarian lunches are available if arranged when you RSVP.

**Parking:** Free parking passes are available at the AWMA registration desk or street parking is also available.

**RSVP:** Donna Grant @ 360-3256 or E-mail [dgrant@crd.bc.ca](mailto:dgrant@crd.bc.ca) before **4:30 pm on January 21<sup>st</sup> 2005.**

**Cancellation Policy**

**Cancellations will be accepted at no charge up until noon on the Monday prior to the luncheon by contacting Donna Grant**

**Regrettably, cancellations made after this time will be subject to a \$25 service charge which will be invoiced and must be paid prior to attending future luncheons**

Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup>, 2005  
Harbour Towers, 345 Quebec Street  
11:30 - 1:30

***Offshore Oil and Gas***

***Patrick O'Rourke***  
***Assistant Deputy Minister***  
***British Columbia Offshore Oil and Gas Team***

Patrick O'Rourke was appointed Assistant Deputy Minister of the BC Offshore Oil and Gas Team when the Team was established in January 2003. He served as Acting Deputy Minister from February to August. Prior to the appointment to the Team, Patrick spent two years with the Ministry of Energy and Mines as Assistant Deputy Minister responsible for all ministry policy and legislation, as well as the offshore file. Patrick had earlier served as an Assistant Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs from 1997 to 2001, with responsibility for treaty policy and mandates. Patrick was a member of the provincial Nisga'a Treaty negotiating team from 1993 until his appointment in 1997. Patrick rejoined the team in the spring of 1998 as assistant chief negotiator during the final phase of negotiations.

Patrick obtained a law degree from the University of Victoria in 1988 and was called to the Bar of British Columbia in 1989. He articulated and practiced with the Ministry of Attorney General, primarily in constitutional and administrative law. In 1991, Patrick was appointed a Constitutional Advisor in the Intergovernmental Relations Branch, Office of the Premier.

Patrick will provide an update on the status of potential offshore oil and gas exploration and development, including implications of recent federal government reports and provincial plans for moving forward.