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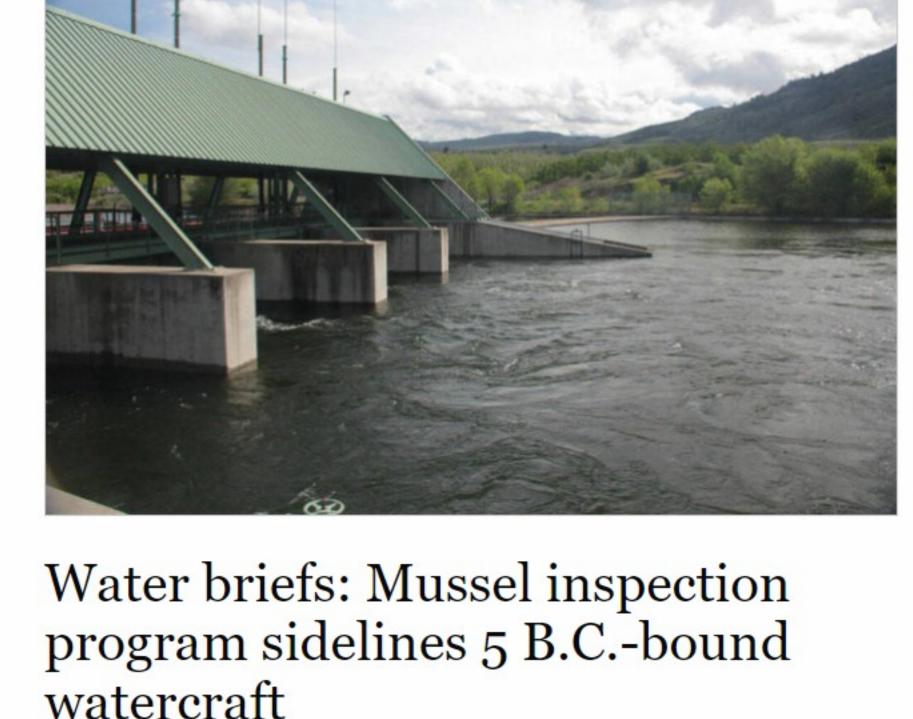
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Two of the boats were destined for Okanagan Lake

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told the Okanagan Basin Water Board.

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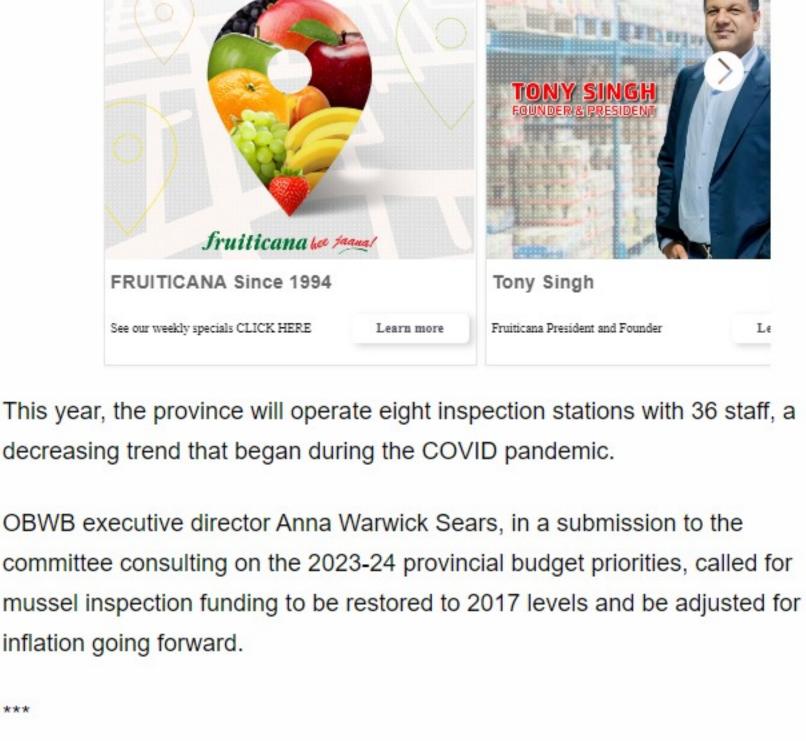
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The update was given to the water board at its July 5 meeting by Martina Beck, with the B.C. Ministry of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship, and Dave Webster, with the B.C. Conservation Officer Service.

As of July 3, the five watercraft fouled with the invasive mussels were coming

from Ontario, with two destined for Okanagan Lake, two for the Lower Mainland

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System for lake level management. The grant would cover all the costs for the studies on how climate change is affecting the lake regulation system and what infrastructure and operating plan

changes could be made to enhance community benefits and reduce

Sylix culture, values and ways of life from current lake level policies.

The OBWB has prepared an application to the Gas Tax Strategic Priorities Fund

Capacity Building Stream for \$600,000 in funding to undertake studies 9 and

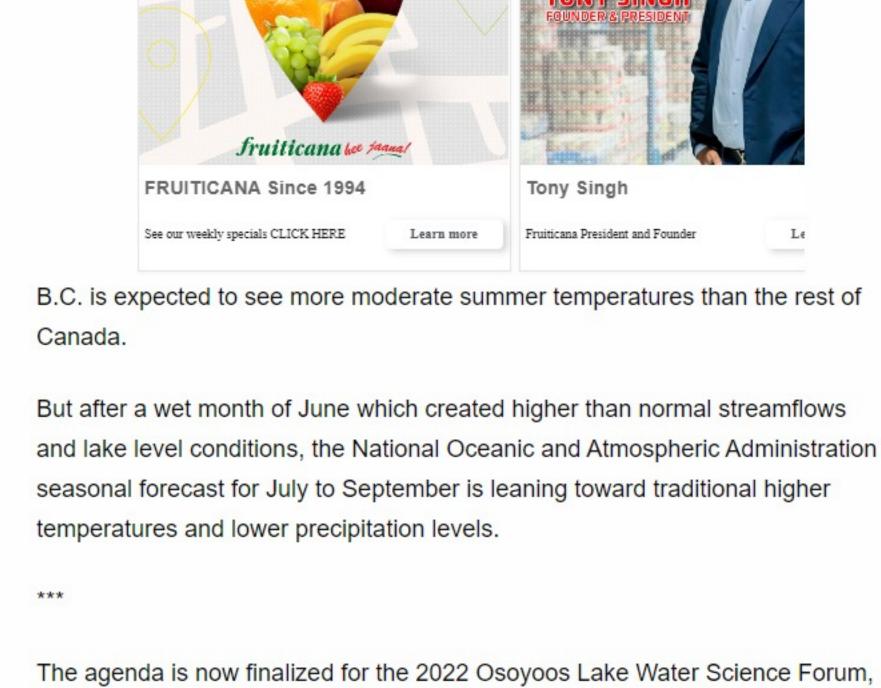
13 of a proposed 18-study plan for modernizing the Okanagan Lake Regulation

Executive director Anna Warwick Sears says Environment Canada is predicting a 'Goldilocks' weather pattern for the rest of this summer – not too hot, not too cold.

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The project would run parallel to an assessment of impacts on the Indigenous



water and watershed management. For more information or to register to attend, check out the website

The forum is co-hosted by the Osoyoos Indian Band and the Okanagan Nation

Alliance, with an emphasis on bridging Western and Indigenous approaches to

to be held Oct. 27-29 at the Sonora Centre in Osoyoos.

www.obwb.ca/olwsf/.

benefits and impacts of boating and associated infrastructure in the Okanagan and come up with collaborative policy solutions. Among the participants were staff from Okanagan local governments and

OBWB staff hosted a workshop June 22 at the Eldorado Hotel to discuss the

regional districts, provincial government, Fisheries and Oceans Canada, local consulting companies, Living Lakes Canada, local dock and marina construction companies and the Kelowna Yacht Club.

OBWB staff will meet over the summer to develop an action plan for the water board's consideration this fall.

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