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Honourable Diane Lebouthillier
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard (DFO)
Minister's office, 200 Kent St, Station 15N100, Ottawa, ON, K1A 0E6
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Dear Honourable Diane Lebouthillier,

RE: Opposition to Commercial Herring Fishing in the Allied Tribes of Lax Kw'alaams Territories

The leaders, staff, fishers, and membership of Lax Kw'alaams are in unified and ardent opposition to commercial removals of Pacific Herring from our Tribal territories (page 2) during the 2024-2025 fiscal. This position will stand firm until several years of successful Section 35.1 herring roe-on-boughs harvests have been observed and celebrated. Nearly a decade has passed without a successful harvest for our people.

All Lax Kw'alaams fishermen are asked to sign an agreement that they will not activate a herring commercial licence in our waters during the 2024-2025 fishing season. Should any commercial fishermen be licenced in our territories, Lax Kw'alaams leadership will activate a protest on the water to physically block their commercial fishing activity.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Braden Dudoward", is written over a horizontal line.

Braden Dudoward



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