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The Honourable Bernadette Jordan
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard
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March 15, 2021

Dear Minister,

I am writing in support of the letter we both received on March 14, 2021, from James McIsaac. Mr. McIsaac is a constituent, but he is far more than one local voice. He has been engaged with the commercial fisheries for over 40 years, with 25 years as a fisherman. As well, he is the executive director of the T. Buck Suzuki Foundation, a highly respected fisheries organization. He chairs the BC Commercial Fishing Caucus and is on the executive for the Canadian Independent Fish Harvesters' Federation. In short, he knows whereof he speaks. And I cannot say the same for whoever recommended this absurd decision to you.

The sudden departure from the decades-long interpretation of regulation around our local BC spot prawn fishery is not only shocking for its lack of consultation, it is also illogical and unscientific.

It is not difficult to inspect a small box of prawns that is easily thawed.

I respectfully request that you intercede immediately and reverse this decision.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth May, O.C.
Member of Parliament
Saanich-Gulf Islands
Parliamentary Leader of the Green Party of Canada



Cc: Terry Beech, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the
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