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The Honourable Diane Lebouthillier
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

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Re. Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative Funding

Dear Minister,

I am writing to call for an extension of funding for the Columbia River Salmon Reintroduction Initiative past the current agreement end date of March 31st, 2025.

This program has been successful in returning sock-eyed salmon to the Canadian side of the river and to end it now would reverse many of the gains made. Canada must follow the lead of the United States, which recently approved \$1.2 billion USD in funding over 20 years for this initiative on the American side of the river.

Please ensure sustainable funding for this crucial initiative past March 31, 2025. Thank you for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth May, O.C.
Member of Parliament
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