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To The Honorable Loyola Hearn,  
Minister Of Fisheries and Oceans  
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Dear Mr. Hearn,

Thank you for your response to my letter. I would like to make a few further points in response to your comments.

I would like to point out that there is no stock assessment of inshore rockfish, for which you claim there is a real concern. As a matter of fact, my calculations show that of the conservative total allowable catch (TAC) available to the hook and line sector there is 2,069,092 lb of rockfish still in the water as of February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007. In addition to this there is also 1,048,045 lbs of Lingcod and 15, 395,261 lbs of dogfish. This is a total lose to the industry of approximately \$10,000,000 dollars.

The arrangement instituted by the DFO with respect to allocation between hook and line and trawl was 92% for trawl and 8% for hook and line. This year that division will be closer to 1% for hook and line than 8%. The trawl fleet does not have the restrictive measures that the hook and line fleet has, and can dump rockfish as unmarketable.

Though the cost per harvested pound of fish, under integration might be less significant, one has to realize that though individuals can now sell their by-catch as you say, this by-catch is minimal and it is at the expense of a lucrative fishery.

Though you continue to refer to the Integrated Fishing Plan as a pilot, you must realize that those that have had the inside information on the CIC process, have purchased licenses at considerable expense and it is not a simple matter of stopping the program.

The reason I write directly to you is, the advisors are well aware of the consequences to some in the industry. Both DFO and the advisory process ignore me and others like myself, and as you are aware, are telling you that all is well.

The institution of a new Fisheries Act Bill C-45 will result in similar chaos, as it has not received the attention required to assimilate the results of such a bill. This, like the Integrated Plan, requires some longer-term assessment. Instituting and rushing acceptance of these serious initiatives, are a serious error in government policy. We expected better from the Conservative government.

With respect to the Seamounts, it is inconceivable that you could simply state that, "it has been decided rockfish should be protected around these Seamounts". I ask by whom, and for what reason, and why no compensation for those that invested in developing these fisheries. I was refused access to Seamounts outside the 200 mile EEZ where anyone in the world can fish and in fact do.

I have been on the Bowie Seamount advisory board since its inception. I have been involved in research on this Seamount since 1994, as well as specific research charters. My vessel has landed over 700,000 pounds of fish a year from this Seamount. I also offered to pay for scientific assessment. I have also been denied access, without compensation.

No one in this government seems to be prepared to pay compensation, for expropriation of opportunity. This has not been the case in countries like Australia with Marine Protected Area redefinition, and in fact the forest industry in British Columbia compensated Industry for the removal of timber access.

As you said, "I encourage you to continue working within the advisory process to insure the plan evolved in the best possible way".

The best possible way and perhaps the only way would be for you to compensate me for the loss of my fishery, both on the inshore and Seamounts. You could also purchase my business, which includes three licenses, a vessel with a replacement value of 2.5 million, all gear and equipment, at the bargain price of \$800,000. No one in the industry seems interested.

Sincerely

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C.C. Prime Minister Harper