October 23, 2026

Johnny Mike
MLA Pangnirtung

Re: Nunavut Fisheries Sector

Dear Mr. Mike,

I am writing to follow up on our exchanges in the Legislative Assembly regarding the future of Nunavut's fisheries sector. You raised important questions about increasing Nunavut's share of fisheries quota allocations, securing additional support for fisheries research, and advancing Nunavut's fisheries strategy. I want to assure you that these issues remain priorities.

My position is clear: Nunavut must continue to seek greater access to fisheries resources in waters adjacent to our territory and ensure Nunavummiut receive greater economic benefits from these resources.

The Government of Nunavut continues to advocate for increased quota allocations for Nunavut, additional federal support for fisheries research, and progress on the priorities identified through our fisheries strategy. I remain committed to raise these priorities with the federal department of Fisheries and Oceans, who has the decision-making authority for quotas, as part of my continued efforts to advance Nunavut's fisheries interests with jurisdictional colleagues at every appropriate opportunity.

Building a stronger fisheries sector will require sustained effort and strong partnerships. We remain committed to that work and to advancing a fisheries sector that creates greater economic opportunities, supports our communities, and ensures Nunavut receives a fair share of the benefits from fisheries resources adjacent to our territory. Thank you for your continued advocacy on this important issue.

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