



Putjotik Fisheries Ltd.

P.O. Box 385

Nain, Nunatsiavut, Labrador A0P 1E0

(709) 922-1013

May 26, 2016

Re: Allocation of quota to an independent Inuit fish harvester in the waters adjacent to northern Labrador (shrimp areas 4, and 5)

My name is Joey Angnatok, an Independent Core Fisher from Nain, the most northern community in Newfoundland and Labrador. I am a Labrador Inuit boat owner and my company, Putjotik Fisheries Ltd. has been in operation since 2002. Independent fish harvesters on the north coast of Labrador are not represented by the NL based fisherman's union, the FFAW, or by my own Nunatsiavut Government. As such when fishing licenses and or quotas become available, the independent fish harvesters on the north coast of Labrador are forgotten by your department. While I do live within a land claim area, and our Nunatsiavut Government has managed to acquire some limited communal allocations, your department still has a responsibility to allocate fish resources to independent adjacent fishers in this area, the same as they do in the rest of Atlantic Canada. While we northern fish harvesters are sometimes permitted to harvest a portion of our government's communal allocations, I have been unable to directly access quotas that would build my enterprise.

Putjotik Fisheries Ltd. is a recognized 100% Inuit owned and operated company that fishes the 65 ft. fishing vessel, What's Happening. We employ solely Labrador Inuit beneficiaries. Since my company's inception, we have fished Nunatsiavut Government's communal allocations for crab, shrimp, turbot and seals.

I am currently the only independent core fisher on the north coast of Labrador with a fishing vessel greater than 40 feet. This is mainly due to the fact that the fish harvesters on the north coast of Labrador have neither the fishing licenses nor allocations that will allow these harvesters to invest in the fishery. Without independently owned licences

and quotas, financial institutions do not consider our enterprises safe investments. I have managed to survive up until now by accessing some science and research charters with my vessel to supplement the limited fishing opportunities here on the north coast of Labrador. In 2014, I was awarded the first ever Inuit Recognition Award for involvement in Arctic research at the ArcticNet Conference in Ottawa.

At present, the fish harvesters on the north coast of Labrador are the only fish harvesters in all of Newfoundland and Labrador without access to northern shrimp off our doorstep by virtue of a shrimp license or allocation to harvest. There are independent fish harvesters from NAFO division 3L, 4R and 4S who are not adjacent to the shrimp resources off Labrador, yet they hold shrimp licenses and shrimp allocations to fish in the waters adjacent to my home.

I understand that the result of this year's shrimp stock assessment may allow for some increased quotas in the waters adjacent to Labrador in shrimp areas 4 and 5. I ask you to consider providing an allocation to the independent fish harvesters of northern Labrador and specifically in my case provide some mechanism that I can obtain my own shrimp license so that I may be able to make my enterprise viable and continue to provide much needed employment to my 100% aboriginal crew from the north coast of Labrador. I appreciate your assistance in this matter. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Joey Angnatok

