

Naturally Yours

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The Honourable Bernadette Jordan
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard
Member of Parliament for South Shore-St. Margaret's
House of Commons
Ottawa, ON
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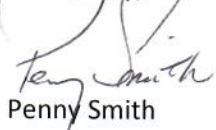
Dear Minister Jordan,

On behalf of the Council of the Municipality of the District of Shelburne, I am writing regarding the extremely volatile and dangerous situation that continues to unfold in St. Mary's Bay, Nova Scotia. Quite frankly, if the Federal Government does not take immediate action, I fear what the potential outcome may be.

The Municipality supports the right of all fishers to be able to fish, but while in season. As you are well aware, the lobster industry has and continues to provide a significant livelihood for many in Southwest Nova Scotia and other parts of the Province. It is the backbone of our economy and has direct and indirect social, financial, and cultural impacts on our community. We are asking the Federal Government to meet with those involved to come to a resolution, one that must be enforced by government that protects everyone's rights, both today and into the future, and will lead to the conservation of the stock, sustainability of the industry and viability of rural Nova Scotia.

Without your intervention, this industry will face certain decimation. We ask that you take immediate steps to protect this vital industry today and for generations to come. Time is of the essence for the safety of our fishers, residents, community, and the lobster industry.

Yours truly,



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