The Government must act to protect the herring population.

We, the undersigned residents of Canada, draw the attention of the Government of Canada to the following:

- **THAT** the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) announced that the Pacific herring population dropped by approximately 1/3 between 2016 and 2019, and will drop by more than 50% by 2020;
- **THAT** the unexpected drop in the herring population has led to overfishing of existing stock;
- **THAT** Pacific herring is the basis of the food web that supports salmon, killer and humpback whales, cod and halibut, seabirds and other independent species on the Pacific coast;
- **THAT** First Nations have constitutionally protected rights to herring which are an important food source and an integral part of First Nation cultures.

**THEREFORE**, we the undersigned, residents of Canada, call upon the government of Canada to suspend the 2020 Salish Sea herring fishery until a whole ecosystem plan is developed, to fairly compensate local fishers for economic losses, and to ensure that decisions are made with the full participation of First Nations and local communities.

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