

Minister of
Fisheries and Oceans



Ministre des
Pêches et des Océans

Ottawa, Canada K1A 0E6

Dan Ruimy
Member of Parliament
Pitt Meadows Maple Ridge

Dear Dan,

Thank you for your letter and submission for the review of the Fisheries Act.

Since I launched the review of environmental regulations in June 2016 with Ministers McKenna, Garneau and Carr, we have heard from thousands of Canadians from coast to coast to coast. Fisheries and Oceans Canada is now starting to review the report from the Standing Committee of Fisheries and Oceans, the online submissions from www.letstalkfishhabitat.ca as well as individual submissions from groups such as yours.

I applaud your efforts in facilitating community conversations about the protection of fish and fish habitat and bringing this feedback directly to me. Understanding the experiences and perspective of watershed communities such as Pitt Meadows – Maple Ridge will help direct policy changes to the Fisheries Act. The leadership you've shown in working closely with local organizations and community members makes you a strong, well-informed advocate for the people of Pitt Meadows – Maple Ridge in Ottawa. In addition, the relationship you have built with the Katzie First nation is an example of how we can work together, nation-to-nation, towards a sustainable and prosperous future for all of us.

We will continue to communicate our progress on this environmental review to Canadians through www.letstalkfishhabitat.ca. I look forward to working with you as we progress through legislative process.

Yours Sincerely,

Thanks for your help.

Dominic

Dominic LeBlanc, P.C., Q.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

Canada