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**To: Jati Sidhu, MP
Liberal MP for Mission—Matsqui—Fraser Canyon
House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada**

Decisions about the future of the Fisheries Act are being made right now. As your constituents we hope you'll act on our behalf and advocate for a Fisheries Act that will protect all native fish and their habitats for future generations.

It's time for a Fisheries Act that will protect fish from habitat destruction such as occurred in the Mount Polley disaster three years ago.

Canada deserves a Fisheries Act that:

- * Protects and restores fish habitat for all fish
- * Is based on sustainability principles and takes a science-based approach to decision making
- * Increases monitoring and enforcement
- * Is legally obligated to rebuild fish stocks
- * Addresses the cumulative impact of environmental stress on fish
- * Removes fish farms from the ocean and puts them on land
- * Advances community participation and co-governance with Indigenous peoples with respect to the hugely important role salmon play in the culture and lifestyle of First Nations and fishing communities.

Many studies and reports, such as the recent Cohen report, have already been done. We know what to do – please stand up for a modern Fisheries Act that will protect wild fish and their habitats for future generations.

Sincerely,

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