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Dear Ms. Reid:

I am writing to you today to express our solidarity with the efforts of DFO C&P in Prince Rupert to bring all s.35.1 food fisheries prosecuted within Lax Kw'alaams traditional territorial waters into orderly compliance with all DFO and Lax Kw'alaams regulations and restrictions.

Lax Kw'alaams requires that any and all Indigenous people, who are not members of our communities, obtain a permit from Lax Kw'alaams in order to fish for food within our territorial waters. This permit has restrictions and limitations and requires the reporting of all removals to the Lax Kw'alaams permitting office.

Further, any such permit issued by Lax Kw'alaams is for salmon only: Lax Kw'alaams does not issue permits to non-community members for any other species (this includes bivalves, crabs, halibut, rock fish, abalone, oolichan, etc.).

Any Indigenous person who is not a community member fishing for salmon (or any other species) without a permit from Lax Kw'alaams is in violation of these rules.

We will work directly with C&P Prince Rupert to ensure that all food fishers (whether community members or people from outside our community) are fully permitted and conducting themselves within the restrictions of the permit. This will include education, public notices and verification on the water. People found fishing without a valid food fish permit or retaining species other than salmon, are subject all appropriate sanctions either under the Fisheries Act, Lax Kw'alaams traditional law, or both.

We look forward to working with DFO on these and other important matters and very much look forward to renewing our relationship with C&P in Prince Rupert. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if there you or your personnel have any questions.

Regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Garry Reece". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional but personal style.

Garry Reece
Mayor

Cc:

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