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Subject: Urgent Action Required on Fishery Issues

Good afternoon Mike & Ty,

I hope this email finds you well. We wanted to express our sincere gratitude for taking the time to meet with us to address the pressing fishery issues that are affecting our coastal communities. Our discussion highlighted several critical points that require immediate attention from the Canadian government.

1. **Prioritize Enforcement:** We all agree that tackling out-of-season lobster and elvers fishing is of utmost importance. The government must prioritize and enhance enforcement efforts to safeguard our fisheries.
2. **Coordinated Enforcement:** It is essential for the government to improve coordination among various enforcement agencies to combat these issues effectively.
3. **Community Safety:** Safety and security in our communities are at risk. Failing to address the above concerns may lead to social unrest. We urge the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to take proactive measures.
4. **Transparency:** We request that the government provides public releases of information regarding its plans to address these fishery-related issues in the Southwest. Transparency is vital for building trust within our communities. We are happy to work in coordination with yourselves to disseminate any information you may wish to release.
5. **Improved Communication with First Nations:** Enhancing communication and collaboration with First Nation Chiefs is a critical step toward assisting in resolving these challenges.
6. **Definition of First Nation "Moderate Living":** There is a need to clarify the definition of "moderate living" and determine who has the right to it. Is it just First Nation license holders or any First Nation person? This question must be resolved to ensure fairness and inclusivity.
7. **Collaboration:** We appreciate your offer to assist with introductions and collaborating with any relevant agency to address various issues, including diversification of the economy and economic development.
8. **Fines and Export Enforcement:** We expect a review of fines for illegal elver fishing and stricter measures to prevent the illegal shipment of elvers.

Our coastal communities are counting on the government to take decisive action on these matters. We urge you to address these issues promptly to ensure the well-being of our communities and the sustainability of our fisheries.

Thank you for your attention to these pressing concerns. We look forward to seeing tangible progress in the near future.

CAO's & Clerks can you please share this email with your respective Wardens / Mayors. Thank you.

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