



May 4, 2021

Honourable Bernadette Jordan  
Minister's Office  
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Dear Minister:

This is to provide the Northern Coalition's (NC) proposal for access to the anticipated 2021 Northern Shrimp (*Borealis*) quota increase in the Eastern Assessment Zone (EAZ).

Minister, in our meetings and correspondence with you over the past year or so, the Board of Directors of Northern Coalition have referenced the relatively limited access by Northerners to adjacent fishing licences and quotas. NC's initial and only resource allocation provided access to 40% of the quota in Shrimp Fishing Area (SFA) 5. Over time, NC's share of the SFA quota has been reduced to 28%. With roughly a doubling of the Fishable Biomass of *Borealis* in the EAZ in each of the past two years, our Board believes that NC has a compelling argument for access to a portion of the expected quota increase in this area.

Since its inception twenty-five years ago, NC's Northern Shrimp access has been solely derived from SFA 5 which is adjacent to both Nunatsiavut and Southern Labrador. Given that approximately forty-three percent of this allocation has been for the benefit of Nunavut and Nunavik and considering the dramatic reduction (coincidentally also 43 percent) in the SFA 5 quota since 2018, our Board believes that compensatory access to the anticipated growth in the EAZ quota is warranted. NC's quota access has provided substantial income and employment benefits for Northerners throughout the entire Eastern

Arctic and Labrador regions. These benefits were recently documented by Memorial University's Harris Centre and can be accessed at: [https://www.mun.ca/harriscentre/Northern\\_Coalition\\_Project.pdf](https://www.mun.ca/harriscentre/Northern_Coalition_Project.pdf).

NC's proposal ( attached) seeks access to 2,072 tons of the anticipated quota increase in the EAZ. This would restore Northern Coalition's total quota access in 2021 to its historic average quota of 6,126 tons.

Northern Coalition Corporation looks forward to engaging with you and your officials in assessing our proposal. We are available to discuss and provide further information as required.

Thank you most sincerely for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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Northern Coalition Corporation

cc. Honourable Carolyn Bennett, Minister of Crown-Indigenous Relations  
Honourable Marc Miller, Minister of Indigenous Services  
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