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Alistair MacGregor
Member of Parliament for Cowichan-Malahat-Langford
Room 519, Confederation Building
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Dear Mr. MacGregor:

Thank you for your correspondence concerning Shawnigan Lake, British Columbia.

I appreciate your concern for the protection of fish and fish habitat. The conservation and protection of Canada's fisheries resources is a top priority for Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO). The role of DFO's Fisheries Protection Program (FPP) is to provide for the sustainability and ongoing productivity of commercial, recreational and Aboriginal fisheries, and to make regulatory decisions under the fisheries protection provisions of the *Fisheries Act*.

Environment Canada is the federal authority responsible for managing any deposits of deleterious substances into waters frequented by fish through the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act* (section 36). As such, I have forwarded your correspondence to my colleague, the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment and Climate Change.

Pollution prevention is also the responsibility of the Environmental Protection Division of British Columbia's Ministry of Environment. Accordingly, I have directed a copy of your correspondence to the Honourable Mary Polak, British Columbia Ministry of Environment.

Thank you again for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Hunter Tootoo, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Environment and Climate Change
The Honourable Mary Polak, M.L.A.
Government of British Columbia's Minister of Environment