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The Honourable Mel Arnold  
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Dear Mr. Arnold

On behalf of the Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce, I want to congratulate you on being appointed the Official Opposition's Deputy Shadow Minister for Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard.

We agree that Canada's fisheries, marine species and aquatic habitats are shared resources that must be conserved for present and future generations, while ensuring there are policies that allow the economy to recover post-pandemic.

Along with the focus nationally, there is a need for you to remain a strong advocate for the North Okanagan-Shuswap over the threat aquatic invasive species, such as quagga and zebra mussels, present to our lakes, lifestyle and economy. There continues to be a need for increased resources for prevention programs, coordinating federal and provincial AIS strategies, and addressing regional funding gaps.

Other issues of concern include water security and protecting communities and the economy from flooding or drought.

Once again, congratulations on being appointed Deputy Shadow Minister for Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard and we look forward to working with you to ensure the priorities of the North Okanagan-Shuswap are addressed in within the Official Opposition and the Government.



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cc. North Okanagan-Shuswap Chambers of Commerce  
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Mayor and Council, District of Coldstream  
Board of Directors, Regional District of North Okanagan  
Chief and Council, Okanagan Indian Band