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Dear Resource Restoration Partner,

The purpose of this letter is to clarify changes recently announced regarding the Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) Salmon Enhancement Program (SEP).

On May 25th, it was announced that as part of an internal program integrity review exercise, beginning in 2017 DFO and the Coast Guard would receive over \$1.4 Billion in permanent new funding over the next five years.

At the same time it was also announced that three components of the Salmonid Enhancement Program (SEP) were subject to reductions, including: 1) Stream to Sea education programs and technical support to communities; 2) the Resource Restoration unit; and 3) steelhead and cutthroat production at our SEP hatcheries.

On June 15, 2017, Mr. Terry Beech, the Member for Parliament for Burnaby North-Seymour and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and the Coast Guard confirmed that the services previously identified as being part of the reductions will be maintained, including the specific program components of the SEP noted above.

Specific to the Resource Restoration unit, I want to reinforce that this program will continue to provide technical advice and support to watershed planning and habitat restoration activities, including projects delivered under the Recreational Fisheries Conservation Partnerships Program, the West Coast Energy Strategic Partnerships Initiative and the Coastal Restoration Fund.

DFO will also continue its work with stakeholders to address the recommendations of the Cohen Commission, including the implementation of the Wild Salmon Policy, support the Strategic Salmon Health Initiative and other areas of mutual interest.

DFO would like to acknowledge your dedication and support for the salmon resource. We look forward to your continued partnership in supporting salmon conservation, enhancement and education.

Sincerely,

Diana Trager,

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