



July 2, 2019

Honourable Catherine McKenna MP  
Minister of Environment and Climate Change  
Ottawa, CA K1A 0H3

Honourable Catherine McKenna:

We read with great interest your recent comments regarding the crisis of the Chinook salmon stocks in the Salish Sea and the need for the Canadian government to fulfill its obligations under the Species At Risk Act. As we stated in our testimony at both the recent NEB and RBT2 Hearings, we have a sacred obligation to our Salish Sea, to our endangered salmon stocks and to our *qwe lhol mechen* (killer whale) relatives.

As you may recall we wrote you on January 31, 2019 requesting a meeting that would include representatives from First Nations from British Columbia and Washington State. You graciously forwarded our request to Ms. Doris Aubin, with whom we met on May 28 shortly after our intertribal, trans-boundary RBT2 testimony. It is now appropriate to engage with you on the larger issue of the accumulating crisis on the Salish Sea to which you referred in your comments. Our concerns in this context are not about any single project. Instead, we wish to discuss on a Sovereign-to-Sovereign basis the larger crisis of trans-boundary and inter-jurisdictional environmental roles, responsibilities, and obligations on the Salish Sea, and protecting and conserving our natural heritage.

Our delegation is available to meet with you at your convenience any time between July 15 and September 15. Please direct your correspondence to Dr. Kurt Russo at [kurtr@lummi-nsn.gov](mailto:kurtr@lummi-nsn.gov) who is our coordinator for this issue.

Respectfully yours,

Lawrence Solomon, Secretary  
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