Petition to the Honorable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

WHEREAS

- 2020 marks the second consecutive year that widespread restrictions on chinook retention around the southern BC coast will negatively impact the recreational fishery and associated industries:
- Residents of Vancouver Island and the Pacific Coast are already experiencing economic hardship from a lengthy labour dispute within the forestry industry;
- There is already a mark-selective fishery in place for coho on the southern BC coast;
- The states of Washington and Oregon have instituted mass adipose-fin clipping at their hatcheries and a mark-selective fishery for chinook salmon to sustain wild stocks and opportunities in the recreational fisheries and;
- Vancouver Island and the Pacific Coast's current chinook hatchery production is enough to implement a successful chinook mark-selective fishery in certain times and areas around the southern BC coast.

We, the undersigned residents of the southern BC Coast, call upon the Honorable Bernadette Jordan to:

- Direct DFO to purchase and begin operations of adipose fin-clipping machinery for the existing production of chinook hatcheries in the Pacific Region and;
- As soon as the adipose fin-clipped chinook salmon reach the minimum legal size for retention, implement a mark-selective fishery for hatchery marked chinook salmon.

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