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Honourable Hunter Tootoo  
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard  
Parliament of Canada  
Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0A9

Dear Minister Tootoo,

We are delighted to offer our congratulations on your appointment as Minister of Fisheries, Oceans, and the Canadian Coast Guard. We are excited to read about your mandate, which includes acting to increase protection of coastal areas, to support monitoring programs, to act on recommendations of the Cohen Commission, restore lost protections, and review environmental assessments. You will be busy!

North Shore Streamkeepers Society is a group of volunteers who have worked for more than 20 years to protect and preserve streams on Vancouver's North Shore. We work closely with Zo Ann Morten at Pacific Streamkeepers Federation and Sandie Hollick-Kenyon, our DFO Community Advisor. Our activities include monitoring salmon populations, expanding salmon habitat, planting native plants and removing invasives, and a great deal of public outreach, teaching our neighbours about the unique environment we live in and share with salmon and bear and many smaller creatures.

We partner with other local groups who run hatcheries, who clean up estuaries, build salmon ladders and many other projects. And every day we hear about new groups working to protect and preserve our environment. It is truly amazing to see the strength and breadth of the volunteer effort dedicated to these goals, and we hope we can support you as we all work to ensure that our waterways remain healthy for future generations, both human and salmonid.

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Barbara Frisken', written over a white background.

Barbara Frisken, President  
North Shore Streamkeepers Society

CC Jonathan Wilkinson, MP North Vancouver