

April 25th, 2020

Timothy Sargent, Deputy Minister
Department of Fisheries and Oceans
Fax Number 613-993-2194
200 Kent Street
Ontario, Ottawa
K1A 0E6

Deputy Minister,

We are writing to you on behalf of the Pioneer Commercial Fishers of Manitoba, our organization represents over 300 commercial fishing families in the Province of Manitoba inclusive of many indigenous communities that are reliant on commercial fishing.

We are facing a catastrophic season because of the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic. In total our contribution to Manitoba's economy is in excess of 80 million dollars annually (please find recent MNP economic impact study attached for reference) but with processors unable to open (letters attached) to process and customers unable to continue ordering a commercial fishing season this year is not well advised.

We are hopeful that the Federal Government of Canada can work with our members and members across Canada to offer aid or subsidies to sustain our families through this process. We have attached letters of support from the processors we use to provide you more information to appropriately assess this issue.

We would like to ensure you we are also working with the Government of Manitoba of options in relation to our industry but as the Federal Government is leading the discussion and roll-out of Federal Aid it seems to us imperative to engage and commence the much needed urgent discussion.

Thank you in advance for your consideration we are very hopeful to have a meaningful dialogue with you in the very near future.

Sincerely,

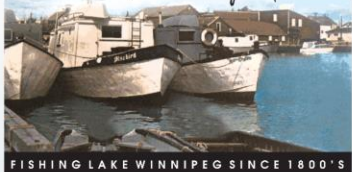
Einar Sveinson, President
PCFM
(204) 641-4876
interlakeshiners@hotmail.com

cc: Minister Bernadette Jordan
Minister Dan Vandal
Minister Marc Miller
Minister Blaine Pederson
Minister Jeff Wharton
AMC Grand Chief Arlen Dumas
MLA Derek Johnson
MP James Bezan
Kevin Anderson



PIONEER

Commercial Fishers of Manitoba



FISHING LAKE WINNIPEG SINCE 1800'S



PIONEER

Commercial Fishers of Manitoba

1 Main Street, Box 2210, Gimli, MB, R0C 1B0

✉ info@pioneercommercialfishersofmanitoba.ca

www.pioneerfishersofmanitoba.ca