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Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of Sockeye
Salmon in the Fraser River
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Attention: Wendy A. Baker, Q.C.

Dear Madam:

Re: FRASER River Sockeye Salmon - Commission of Inquiry - DFO
Requests for Information made by the Commissioner at the May 4, 2011 Hearings
on Habitat Enhancement and Restoration
Our File: 2-272052

As you will recall, following Canada's re-examination of the witness panel on habitat enhancement and restoration on May 4, Commissioner Cohen invited counsel for Canada to follow up on some of the program contribution dollar figures estimated by the witnesses Carol Cross and Greg Savard in their answers on the record, and supply additional information to commission counsel.

Below is an excerpt from the May 4 transcript, p.18, lines 25-44, setting out the request;

25 THE COMMISSIONER: Apparently it's not. The other,
26 just one other quick point, Mr. Taylor, I wanted
27 to raise with the panel, is that to the extent
28 that they've been giving you answers estimating
29 figures with respect to DFO's contribution to
30 these programs in terms of dollar figures, and
31 they've been giving you their best estimate, I
32 wouldn't be offended if they wanted to go back and
33 harden up those numbers and give them to you, and
34 then you supply them to Commission counsel. I
35 don't want to have them in the position where they
36 weren't prepared to give a number today, and
37 they're just trying their best to give you a
38 number. But if they want to go back and see if
39 there's more information that might harden up
40 these numbers, that would be fine with me.

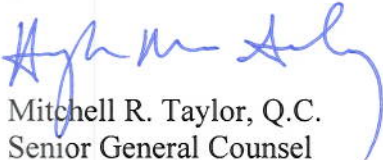
- 41 MR. TAYLOR: Well, we'd be pleased to do that, Mr.
42 Commissioner, and we'll carry that out and put it
43 back through Ms. Baker.
44 THE COMMISSIONER: Thank you very much.

Subsequent to May 4th, DFO officials took steps to determine dollar figures, as requested. Attached to this letter is a document setting out the questions asked on the record by counsel, the estimates provided by the witnesses in oral testimony, and a series of tables providing the dollar figures in answer to the commissioner's request.

Mr. Savard and Ms. Cross are now retired and were no longer available to provide the information. For that reason, the information in the tables was provided by DFO staff with access to departmental financial information. We trust that this is satisfactory and that the document will be helpful to the commissioner.

Please don't hesitate to contact Charles Fugère at charles.fugere@justice.gc.ca for any additional information in relation to this matter.

Yours truly,


for Mitchell R. Taylor, Q.C.
Senior General Counsel

Enclosure