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Dear Guujaaw:

Thank you for your correspondence of June 3, 2005, on behalf of the Council of the Haida Nation, regarding the Individual Transferable Quota Demonstration Fishery for the salmon troll fishery in Area F.

I want to emphasize that this 2005 demonstration fishery is an experiment for one year only and will involve only those fishers who choose to participate. Area F fishers who do not wish to participate will be able to fish in the usual "competitive" troll Chinook fishery.

This 2005 demonstration fishery is part of the Pacific Fisheries Reform initiative that I announced on April 14, 2005, in response to the Joint Task Group report on Post-Treaty Fisheries, and the First Nations Panel Report, *Our Place at the Table*. The four main themes of Pacific Fisheries Reform that I have reiterated in subsequent announcements are as follows:

- sustaining strong salmon populations;
- strengthening Fisheries and Oceans Canada programs that are critical to salmon conservation (habitat protection, enforcement, and the scientific assessment of stocks);
- making progress on increasing First Nations' access to economic fisheries; and,
- improving the economic performance of fisheries.

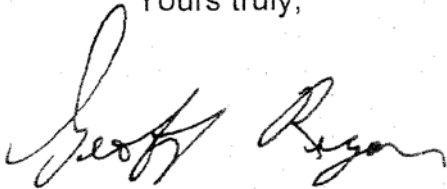
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Demonstration projects and feasibility studies in 2005 will be an important part of building the foundation for longer-term changes in the salmon fishery beginning in 2006. Several demonstration fisheries in 2005 will test some of the theories regarding individual transferable quotas raised in the consultations that led up to my April 14, 2005, announcement.

The objective of Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is not only to improve the biological and economic performance of the salmon fishery by reforming the commercial fishery, but also to address the aspirations of the Haida Nation and other Aboriginal groups for greater access to fish resources and greater involvement in fisheries management. The Fisheries Renewal Team that is guiding Pacific Fisheries Reform includes advisors from a range of disciplines who will carefully consider, in consultation with First Nations, the socio-economic implications of any potential change to the management of the Pacific salmon fishery.

Thank you for this opportunity to share with you, DFO's goals for Pacific Fisheries Reform.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Geoff Regan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Geoff" being more prominent than the last name "Regan".

Geoff Regan