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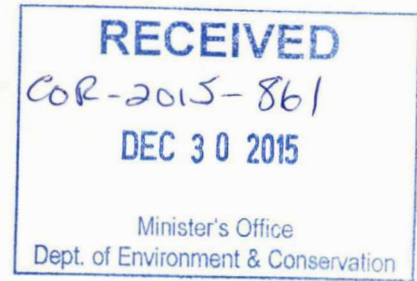


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December 17, 2015

Hon. Perry Trimper  
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Dear Minister Trimper,

As Minister of Lands and Natural Resources for Nunatsiavut I wish to extend my congratulations to you on your appointment as Minister of Environment and Conservation, and to offer you my full support as you take on your new roles and responsibilities on behalf of the people of Newfoundland and Labrador.

I look forward to working with you on matters of mutual concern, in a spirit of partnership and respect, as we move forward with advancing concerns and issues relative to Nunatsiavut and Beneficiaries of the Labrador Inuit Land Claims Agreement.

As you know, one of the most pressing issues is the Muskrat Falls development and the impending downstream impacts on Inuit health, as confirmed in the Harvard, peer-reviewed, research paper "Freshwater discharges drive high levels of methylmercury in Arctic marine biota," as published in Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences.

I outlined our concerns to your department in a letter to Deputy Minister Colleen Janes, dated November 9, 2015, in which we requested a meeting immediately subsequent to the swearing in of a new Minister of Environment and Conservation.

As time is of the essence, I am requesting to meet with you in person as soon as possible to discuss the results of the Harvard study as well as constructive measures that would uphold Labrador Inuit rights to our health as well as a healthy and productive environment in light of this new information.

Sincerely,

Darrell Shiwak  
Minister

cc: Hon. Dwight Ball, Premier  
Nunatsiavut Executive Council