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Dear Donor,

We sincerely appreciate your consideration of support for our annual auction. This auction is our primary fundraiser, allowing the B.C. Federation of Drift Fishers (BCFDF) to continue its many initiatives in protecting fish stocks and preserving angler opportunities. As many are aware, our fisheries face significant challenges, and future generations' fishing opportunities are at risk.

These challenges include the perceived failure of our governments to manage this vital resource for all Canadians. The federal government, in particular, is not respecting its mandated responsibility to manage fish stocks for everyone. Inland fisheries, particularly on the Fraser River, are closed to recreational angling despite returning numbers that suggest all sectors should be fishing. We are working with other local and provincial organizations to hold Fisheries & Oceans Canada accountable, ensuring stocks are open to the general public after conservation and First Nations' Food, Social, and Ceremonial fisheries are met.

The BCFDF has been active for 26 years, providing a voice for anglers province-wide through our participation in various advisory and advocacy venues. We are recognized as a key player in fisheries decisions both federally and provincially.

We are directly involved in Reconciliation activities and co-chair the Outdoor Recreation Council Reconciliation Committee, as well as the DFO Reconciliation Committee. We recognize past injustices toward Indigenous peoples and support Reconciliation, with the proviso that negotiations are transparent and involve the broader B.C. population. We also promote local and regional collaboration between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples through what we call "Citizen-Based" Reconciliation.

Our silent auction begins on November 1, 2024, and we will ensure that all donors are acknowledged on our auction site. Rest assured, we appreciate any and all donations, regardless of value, and non-fishing-related donations are certainly welcome.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Mike or myself using the information below. Thank you again for your consideration and support in protecting and preserving our precious fish resources for our children and grandchildren.

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