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The Honourable Mel Arnold  
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Dear Mr. Arnold

On behalf of the Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce, I want to congratulate you on being appointed the Official Opposition's Associate Shadow Minister for Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard (Recreational and West Coast).

The fact that you have held this portfolio since 2015 highlights your knowledge and experience related to Canada's fisheries and oceans, their direct benefit to the national economy and the need to conserve these resources for future generations.

As Associate Shadow Minister, we would urge you to remain a strong advocate for North Okanagan-Shuswap fisheries and particularly the threat aquatic invasive species, such as quagga and zebra mussels, present to our lakes, lifestyle, and economy. Resources need to be directed towards prevention programs and the coordinating of federal and provincial AIS strategies.

In terms of other issues important to the North Okanagan-Shuswap, they include water security and protecting communities and the economy from flooding and drought.

Once again, congratulations on being appointed Associate Shadow Minister for Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard (Recreational and West Coast). We look forward to working with you to ensure the priorities of the North Okanagan-Shuswap are addressed within the Official Opposition and the Government.



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Mayor and Council, District of Coldstream  
Board of Directors, Regional District of North Okanagan  
Chief and Council, Okanagan Indian Band  
Okanagan-Shuswap Chambers of Commerce

