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Recovery of Lost Protections Welcomed by Fishing Industry

Western Shore, NS - The Canadian Independent Fish Harvester's Federation welcomed Fisheries Minister Dominic LeBlanc's announcement of the recovery of lost protections through changes to the Fisheries Act, including protection for independent owner operators.

"It is imperative for coastal communities across the country that the owner operator and fleet separation policies and their benefits stay with the coastal communities" says Melanie Sonnenberg, President of the CIFHF. "These owner operators are the backbone of the economy of rural Canada and create and protect jobs for the middle class in those areas."

The continued support and understanding of the importance of the small boat fishery by the Government of Canada is greatly appreciated by Federation members across Canada.

"We look forward to continuing our work with Departmental staff to ensure the enforcement and protection of the owner operator fishery in Canada." says O'Neill Cloutier, Secretary of the Federation.

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