



Fédération des pêcheurs indépendants du Canada

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Statement on the removal of American seafood products from the list of retaliatory tariffs

The Canadian Independent Fish Harvest's Federation thanks the Government of Canada for listening to the concerns of our industry and removing American seafood product from the list of retaliatory tariffs.

We fully recognize the difficult position facing the Government of Canada. The United States have attacked our economy. Canadian workers, businesses and communities cannot be expected to absorb unlimited economic pressure from the United States, and we support the government's efforts to defend Canadian interests and negotiate from a position of strength.

However, the seafood sector is fundamentally different from many other industries. Independent fish harvesters operate in a highly integrated, time-sensitive supply chain that crosses provincial and international borders. Harvesters, buyers, processors, trucking companies, cold-storage facilities, wholesalers and retailers are interconnected. In many cases, the market for a Canadian landed product is dependent upon an established processing, distribution and customer network in the United States.

We expect that, going forward, any decision made by the Government of Canada regarding our industry be made in consultation with the Federation. The CIFHF will work constructively with the Government of Canada to ensure that tariff-response programs are flexible, accessible, and responsive to the realities of independent fish harvesters.