

Here are the additions to my testimony that I would like added to the record.

Creating issues with Selling:

DFO restricts our right to sell our Livelihood Fisheries Catch. It could be Lobster, Snow Crab, Elvers or any other fish. By doing this, it puts our Band Members at risk for being charged by DFO. And it also puts the buyers at risk of being charged and losing their buyers' license. This makes it impossible for our people to legally sell their catch. It also put down the value, so now the Indigenous caught Fish is worth a lot less than the No-Indigenous Fish. Even though it is the same quality and same product.

Creating issues with buying:

If Our Indigenous rights are communal based and recognized by the Supreme Court, then Our Bands should be able to purchase our Peoples Livelihood fishery catch with no issues. However, DFO does not recognize our Collective right as a Governing First Nation Band to buy Treaty/Livelihood Catch from our band members.

Creating issues by not doing cultural Training:

Part of a settlement that my father Chief Alexander McDonald had from his lawsuit against DFO. DFO was supposed to do cultural competence training programs with their officers on our treaty rights but it never happened and DFO never did these training sessions with their officers. When Our Lawyer Michael McDonald was with Atlantic Policy of Congress, he was invited to Bear River First Nation to sit with dfo and they discussed cultural competence program with dfo officers but again it never happened. Dfo talks about programs and training that could help the relationship between our people and DFO, but they never follow up on what they say they will do.

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