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Dear Mr. Ward,

Please accept this letter from the Fisheries Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland in support of your proposal titled: *Inshore Fishery Development in the Qikiqtani Region of Nunavut*, to be submitted to the Skills & Partnership Fund (SPF) through Employment and Social Development Canada (ESDC). We support this proposal by Qikiqtaaluk Corporation because we share their vision for training Indigenous people to meet the growing employment opportunities in inshore fisheries.

The Fisheries and Marine Institute of Memorial University of Newfoundland is the most comprehensive oceans institution of its kind in North America. A prominent campus of the University, the Marine Institute combines world-class facilities, strong educational programs, and highly qualified people to pursue its mission to foster economic development while understanding the importance of the oceans to Newfoundland and Labrador.

The Institute is supported by three schools and seven industrial training and applied research centres that link teaching and learning, research and innovation with the needs and opportunities of students, alumni and industry partners.

The Marine Institute's mission is to *foster economic development in strategic sectors of the Newfoundland and Labrador economy, particularly the fisheries and offshore, and to enable Newfoundlanders and Labradorians to participate in the marine industry nationally and internationally.* This mission provides for the development of the Institute as an industrially relevant institution, which is accomplished through its wide range of education and training, as well as its participation in research and development, technology transfer, and public policy advocacy initiatives.

The Institute offers graduate (PhD, Masters, Graduate Diploma) and undergraduate degrees, diplomas, certificates, and industry training for the oceans industry, encompassing the aquaculture, fisheries and food safety sectors.

We believe that the development of sustainable inshore fisheries in the Qikiqtani region of Nunavut is key to the prosperity of the territory. As an institute, we have partnered with Qikiqtaaluk Corporation for nearly two decades on the scientific exploration of marine resources in various communities. However, we understand that the development of human resources is critical to realizing the potential on Nunavut's inshore fisheries.

For this reason, we are excited to support this proposal in the following ways:

- Establish a Chair in Qikiqtani Inshore Fisheries Science, Training, and Education
- Join the *RV Ludy Pudluk* on her annual research program to various communities
- Seek to mentor and train local community members in fisheries development
- Conduct research that meets DFO's requirements for the development of new fisheries
- Leverage additional partners and sources of funding, where possible
- Promote the project and participation in it throughout our network
- Share expertise to support, review, and guide project activities
- Recruit participants for project activities
- Participate in project meetings and committees

We believe this project will benefit the Indigenous people of the Qikiqtani region, strengthening skills needed to meet the growing number of inshore fisheries. The Fisheries Marine Institute are excited to be a part of it.

Sincerely,



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