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Mr. Bill Campbell
President
South Vancouver Island Anglers Coalition
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Dear Mr. Campbell:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 25, 2026, concerning the British Columbia Salmon Allocation Policy (BC SAP) review and the impact that changes may have on the recreational sector.

I appreciate the time and effort you have taken to outline the South Vancouver Island Anglers Coalition's perspective on the importance of recreational fishing to communities. Your feedback is consistent with the input provided by members of the recreational fishing community during the BC SAP consultation period that closed on January 23. Please note that no policy decisions have been made at this time.

The Government recognizes the important economic contributions of the recreational fishery in British Columbia, and it is one of many considerations in revising the 1999 SAP. Recreational fishing sector interests are well represented in the BC SAP review process through the participation of Sport Fishing Advisory Board members on the SAP Multi-Party Working Group.

It is important to emphasize that the SAP review will not extinguish any sector's access to Pacific salmon. It will remain a shared public resource managed by the Government of Canada on behalf of all Canadians under the Minister of Fisheries' authorities in the *Fisheries Act* and its regulations. The review will consider conservation, rights-based fisheries, court decisions, and socio-economic aspects, among other factors. For more information on the review process, I encourage you to visit the [Pacific Salmon Allocation Policy review](#) webpage.

Thank you again for writing. I value your engagement and commitment to the stewardship of Pacific salmon resources.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Joanne Thompson'.

The Honourable Joanne Thompson, P.C., M.P.

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