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Honourable John Les
Minister of Small Business and Economic Development
PO Box 9046, Stn Prov Govt
Victoria, BC
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Dear Honourable Minister,

Members of the Gwaii Haanas Tour Operators Association would like to inquire if BC's Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development is interested in assisting us in resolving the significant tourism impacts which have resulted from recently implemented Department of Fisheries and Oceans regulations.

Please take a moment to view our website which outlines the problem and offers proposed solutions:

www.gwaiihaanastours.bc.ca/rockfish

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans will be meeting in a few days in order to finalize the next round of Rockfish Conservation Areas. These meetings will be a good opportunity for the DFO to consider how their regulations have negatively impacted the tourism potential of Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve & Haida Heritage Site, on the Queen Charlotte Islands of BC.

We are hopeful that our government will be motivated to promptly correct this problem and we would appreciate the support of the Ministry of Small Business and Economic Development during our campaign to resolve this issue.

We ask that you reply by email to confirm your receipt of this letter. Please include your comments and suggestions regarding this critical tourism issue.

Thanks for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Gord Pincock
GHTOA President