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Mr. Richard Harry
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Dear Mr. Harry:

Thank you for your correspondence of December 4, 2014, concerning the draft Integrated Geoduck Management Framework.

As you note, Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) has consulted extensively with First Nations, industry and the public during the development of the draft Integrated Geoduck Management Framework over a period of several months. There has been significant interest in the Framework and the comments provided to DFO have been wide-ranging.

I appreciate the work and insight that the Aboriginal Aquaculture Association of Canada has provided in terms of engaging First Nations and informing this process. These are complex issues and your input is being carefully considered as the Department works to refine the Framework in advance of implementation.

Through this work, DFO's aim is to support new geoduck aquaculture opportunities for Canadians, including First Nations, while ensuring the conservation and long-term sustainability of wild stocks and fisheries.

Thank you for writing on this important subject.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gail Shea".

Gail Shea, P.C., M.P.