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Derrick Bragg  
Minister of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture  
Department of Fisheries, Forestry and Agriculture  
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**SENT VIA E-MAIL**

Dear Minister Bragg,

The inshore shrimp harvesters in Newfoundland and Labrador are in an extraordinarily difficult position with many unable to see how they continue viable operations. They have been faced with significant cuts in both Northern and Gulf shrimp, limited competition for their fish, markets that have been slow to recover from the pandemic and debilitating increases in costs of operation. Increases in fuel prices alone have made profitability impossible for these harvesters in the short-term. Their challenges impact on shore workers including processing plants employing hundreds of people.

We are asking you urgently meet with representatives of the shrimp fleet to discuss concerns and possible solutions to the challenges these harvesters face. We would appreciate the opportunity to meet early the week of May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Sincerely,

Keith Sullivan  
President, FFAW | Unifor

cc Tracy King, Deputy Minister of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture  
Lorelei Roberts, Assistant Deputy Minister of Fisheries and Agriculture