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Dear *Greg* Greg,

Based on our discussions over the past number of days on outside buyers and processing capacity, I am pleased to provide you with an update on the actions that have been taken respecting the four items that have been discussed between the Department of Fisheries, Forestry, and Agriculture and the FFAW to advance the fishery in Newfoundland and Labrador.

The province has initiated an open invite for fish buyers and fish processors to submit an application for a Fish Buyers License to export any and all commercial species out of the province for 2024. Any Fish Buyers Licences will be offered on the same terms and conditions as a license issued to a Newfoundland and Labrador based buyer or processor.

Given the increase in the Total Allowable Catch, processing capacity in the primary snow crab processing sector has been increased by five million pounds. In addition to this, I have started the necessary steps to remove primary processing prohibitions from all value-added licenses.

The Harvesting, Fish Processing, and Fish Plant Employment Monitoring Committee will be formed to provide timely information and advice from representative stakeholders on harvesting, processing capacity and plant employment to help ensure optimization of this public renewable resource for the economic benefit of **all** people of the province. The Committee will include 3 members from the FFAW provided one of those members is a current plant worker.

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Prior to September 1, 2024, Government will initiate a comprehensive review of all issues pertaining to the fishery, including harvesting, processing, capacity, competition, and corporate control and other issues relevant to a successful Newfoundland and Labrador fishery. The FFAW and ASP will be consulted in advance on appointments and terms of reference for this review.

Thank you for your valuable input on these issues and I look forward to working together to ensure the long-term success and sustainability of the fishing industry in Newfoundland and Labrador.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elvis Loveless". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Elvis" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Loveless".

**HONOURABLE ELVIS LOVELESS, MHA**  
District of Fortune Bay – Cape La Hune  
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c. Honourable Dr. Andrew Furey, Premier of Newfoundland and Labrador