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Attention: Margot Venton

Attention: Christopher J. Watson

Dear Mesdames/Sirs:

**Re: Alexandra Morton v. Minister of Fisheries and Oceans and Marine Harvest Canada
Inc. - Appeals
Court Nos.: A-275-15 / A-274-15
Our File: 8080053**

We write to seek your consent to an adjournment of the May 26, 2016 hearing of the appeals, and your agreement to the parties seeking a new hearing date for October 2016 or as soon as possible thereafter. We apologize for the short notice for this request but it could not be avoided.

We are advised by our client that new information relating to matters raised on the appeals has come to the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' (DFO's) attention. DFO needs time to complete analysis and determine if this information impacts its position on the appeals. The other parties may also want to consider whether their positions are impacted. DFO is conducting a preliminary review of the information and will provide it to the parties in the coming weeks.

Accordingly, we ask that you confirm that the attached draft letter to the Federal Court of Appeal, describing the consent of the parties and seeking the adjournment, is acceptable. Please respond to this letter as soon as possible, as the May 26 hearing date is rapidly approaching, and

presumably the Court is preparing for the appeal.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steven C. Postman", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Steven C. Postman

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Enclosure