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Re: Restructuring of the SFAB and its membership and its impacts on the Amalgamated Conservation Society

Thank you for your letter dated February 6, 2023, in which you provided your concerns about the reorganization of the Local Sport Fishing Advisory Committees on Southern Vancouver Island. I would like to respond to your letter on behalf of the Regional Director General (Pacific Region), Rebecca Reid.

The Department is currently considering reorganization of the local Sport Fishing Advisory Committees (SFACs) on Southern Vancouver Island. Reorganization of the local committees is being considered as recreational fisheries on southern Vancouver Island have evolved and grown over recent decades. A variety of factors are being taken into consideration during the evaluation of the proposed change. These considerations include geographical representation, alignment with the SFAB modernization, SFAB and Departmental objectives, alignment of recreational fishery management regimes, and budgetary considerations. Department staff have met with members of the affected local SFACs over the past year and will take into consideration feedback that was heard during those meetings.

The Amalgamated Conservation Society and its members will continue to have the opportunity to participate in local SFAC meetings and SFAB process regardless of the Department's decisions on the proposed SFAC reorganization and reallocation of seats.

If further information is required, I encourage you to contact the South Coast Recreational Fisheries Manager, Mark Frisson at Mark.Frisson@dfo-mpo.gc.ca. Thank you for providing me with your thoughts on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

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