May 22, 2019

Re: Your request for access to information under Part II of the Access to Information and Protection of Privacy Act [IIAS 007 2019]

On April 23, 2019, the Intergovernmental and Indigenous Affairs Secretariat (Indigenous Affairs) received your request for access to the following records/information:

“All emails sent/received re MP Nick Whalen from 2015 to present.”

I am pleased to inform you that a decision has been made by the Deputy Minister for Indigenous Affairs to provide access to the requested information.

Please be advised that you may ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review the processing of your request, as set out in section 42 of the Act (a copy of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference). A request to the Commissioner must be made in writing within 15 business days of the date of this letter or within a longer period that may be allowed by the Commissioner. Your appeal should identify your concerns with the request and why you are submitting the appeal.

The appeal may be addressed to the Information and Privacy Commissioner is as follows:

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
2 Canada Drive
P. O. Box 13004, Stn. A
St. John’s, NL. A I B 3V8

Telephone: (709) 729-6309
Toll-Free: 1-877-729-6309
Facsimile: (709) 729-6500

You may also appeal directly to the Supreme Court Trial Division within 15 business days after you receive the decision of the public body, pursuant to section 52 of the Act (a copy

P.O. Box 8700, St. John’s, NL, Canada A1B 4J6
of this section of the Act has been enclosed for your reference).

Please be advised that responsive records will be published following a 72 hour period after the response is sent electronically to you or five business days in the case where records are mailed to you. It is the goal to have the responsive records posted to the Completed Access to Information Requests website within one business day following the applicable period of time. Please note that requests for personal information will not be posted online.

If you require any further questions, please contact me by telephone at (709) 729-1773 or by email at applebyc@gov.nl.ca.

Sincerely,

Christopher Appleby
Senior Policy Analyst / ATIPP Coordinator

Enclosure
Access or correction complaint

42. (1) A person who makes a request under this Act for access to a record or for correction of personal information may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting a decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request.

(2) A complaint under subsection (1) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16 (2).

(3) A third party informed under section 19 of a decision of the head of a public body to grant access to a record or part of a record in response to a request may file a complaint with the commissioner respecting that decision.

(4) A complaint under subsection (3) shall be filed in writing not later than 15 business days after the third party is informed of the decision of the head of the public body.

(5) The commissioner may allow a longer time period for the filing of a complaint under this section.

(6) A person or third party who has appealed directly to the Trial Division under subsection 52 (1) or 53 (1) shall not file a complaint with the commissioner.

(7) The commissioner shall refuse to investigate a complaint where an appeal has been commenced in the Trial Division.

(8) A complaint shall not be filed under this section with respect to

(a) a request that is disregarded under section 21;

(b) a decision respecting an extension of time under section 23;

(c) a variation of a procedure under section 24; or

(d) an estimate of costs or a decision not to waive a cost under section 26.

(9) The commissioner shall provide a copy of the complaint to the head of the public body concerned.

Direct appeal to Trial Division by an applicant

52. (1) Where an applicant has made a request to a public body for access to a record or correction of personal information and has not filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42, the applicant may appeal the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request directly to the Trial Division.
(2) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (1) not later than 15 business days

(a) after the applicant is notified of the decision of the head of the public body, or the date of the act or failure to act; or

(b) after the date the head of the public body is considered to have refused the request under subsection 16 (2).

(3) Where an applicant has filed a complaint with the commissioner under section 42 and the commissioner has refused to investigate the complaint, the applicant may commence an appeal in the Trial Division of the decision, act or failure to act of the head of the public body that relates to the request for access to a record or for correction of personal information.

(4) An appeal shall be commenced under subsection (3) not later than 15 business days after the applicant is notified of the commissioner’s refusal under subsection 45 (2).
February 4, 2018

Mr. Nick Whalen, MP
House of Commons
Ottawa Ontario, Canada
K1A 0A6

Mr. Whalen

Re: Upcoming Federal Decision to Award a Fourth Arctic Surf Clam Licence

We understand that the decision to issue a surf clam license is imminent. It is also clear to us that loss of employment on the Burin Peninsula has become a central issue.

We would first like to reiterate a very important point made at our recent meeting - we are the only indigenous group that is adjacent to the huge resource of clams located on the rapidly expanding clam fishery on the Grand Banks of Newfoundland and Labrador and our group shares adjacency to the Banquereau Bank. It is unconscionable to think that indigenous groups from NL will not share in a fishery resource off our coast and that this license will be awarded to another Province. We ask all NL members to support the allocation of a clam license to Newfoundland and Labrador.

We have watched large corporate interests strategically position this issue as a potential loss of employment in NL. This is a scare tactic that is designed simply to maintain the current monopoly and award the license outside the Province. We have stated that all employment under our proposal will occur on the Burin Peninsula. There will be no net loss of employment. How this employment commitment is implemented should be the subject of immediate discussion amongst NL stakeholders so that adjacent First Nations and residents of NL will benefit to the maximum from this new opportunity.

We must not miss out on this rare opportunity to bring benefit from adjacent fishery resources to Newfoundland and Labrador and our FN-NL group that includes all First Nations in NL.
We need your support and we can be available at any time to discuss any questions or queries you may have regarding the above.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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cc Premier Dwight Ball
Gerry Byrne-Minister of Fisheries and Land Resources
Chief Brendan Mitchell – Qalipu Mi’kmaq First Nation
Chief Gregory Rich – Innu Nation
Scott Simms – Coast of Bays-Central-Notre Dame
Gudie Hutchings – Long Range Mountains
Ken McDonald – Avalon
Yvonne Jones – Labrador
Seamus O’Regan – St. John’s South-Mt. Pearl
Churence Rogers – Bonavista-Burin-Trinity