

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED citizens of Canada, draw the attention of the House of Commons to the following:

- Whereas habitat refers to the water or land necessary for the survival of all species, including fish, and
- Whereas habitat destruction is the most common reason for species decline and extinction, and
- Whereas the weakening of habitat protections in section 35 of the Fisheries Act will negatively impact Canada's water quality and fisheries, and
- Whereas changing the wording of the Fisheries Act or other laws affecting the health of Canada's ecosystems must be based on the best science available, and
- Whereas it is critical that any changes to the Fisheries Act do not jeopardize the ecosystems on which we and future generations depend simply to provide short-term profit for a few;

THEREFORE, your petitioners call upon the House of Commons to **keep section 35(1) of the Fisheries Act as it is currently written with its emphasis on habitat protection.**

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