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Mr. Jean Guy d'Entremont
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Dear Mr. d'Entremont:

Thank you very much for the invitation to provide input to the Atlantic Lobster Strategic Conservation Framework.

As you know, Atlantic lobster is critically important to the fishery and rural economy in Nova Scotia. I think the FRCC's initiative is very timely and it will be very valuable to examine and provide recommendations to support sustainability and economic viability in this sector. I look forward to providing our point of view and information relevant to Nova Scotia for your consideration in preparation of this important report.

Thank you again for the invitation and I wish you great success during this important task.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ronald Chisholm".

Ronald M. Chisholm
Minister