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Dear Mr. Henry,

I am writing today to provide more information about accommodation measures being offered by the Government in the reinitiated Phase III consultations on the proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project (“the Project”). The potential accommodations set out below are intended to respond to the concerns that we have heard in our consultations with you and many other Indigenous groups about the impacts that the Project could have on Aboriginal rights.

These measures include:

1. **Salish Sea Initiative (SSI)**, a joint Indigenous-government governance structure, to be co-developed, with funding to support Indigenous capacity to better understand and put in place mechanisms to monitor and address cumulative effects in the Salish Sea.
2. **Co-Developing Community Response**, a measure that could deliver training and equipment and bring Indigenous groups to the table for the planning of emergency response in the marine environment.
3. **Enhanced Maritime Situational Awareness (EMSA)** to develop partnerships with Indigenous groups to pilot the new system and tailor it to user needs to increase domain awareness system in the project area.
4. **Marine Safety Equipment and Training** to provide funding for safety equipment such as Automatic Identification Systems, marine radios, and emergency position-indicating radio beacon and funding for training to improve marine safety on the water.
5. **Quiet Vessel Initiative** to test safe and effective quiet vessel technologies and operational practices that reduce underwater noise at its source as a complement to various other measures currently underway to support the recovery of the Southern Resident Killer Whale (e.g. slowdowns, reductions of containments and increased prey availability, etc.).
6. **Fish Habitat Restoration Fund** that would support collaboration with Indigenous groups to protect and restore aquatic habitats that would be impacted by the project.
7. **Terrestrial Cumulative Effects Initiative** to enable co-development of a cumulative effects framework with a focus on understanding the current state of the environment and monitoring changes in response to development and natural processes, for example to inform and complement projects to restore fish habitat or to conduct watershed analysis.
8. **Terrestrial Studies** program to support improved understanding of land and cumulative impacts, for example on traditional land use, to potentially inform cumulative effects monitoring and/or construction, operations and maintenance phases of the Project.

We have included further summaries of these initiatives in the attachments to this letter.

We would also like to invite you to participate in a morning information session on the Co-Developing Community Response and marine safety measures on April 12, 2019 in Sidney, British Columbia. This session will be hosted by Government of Canada departmental officials and is intended to provide further opportunity for the BC Métis Federation, amongst others, to discuss the proposed accommodation measures with Government officials who have lead responsibilities for them as part of the re-initiated Phase III consultations. We are hopeful that these discussions will provide greater clarity on the measures, while at the same time allowing you to offer your feedback on the further development of the measures. I would add that travel expenses to attend this information session will be considered eligible expenses under participant funding provided as part of this consultation process.

Registration can be completed online here: <https://www.eventbrite.ca/e/co-developing-community-response-and-marine-safety-measures-info-session-registration-59713708309>

I know that some of these measures have been discussed at the consultation meetings. I welcome the opportunity to discuss which of the above measures are of interest to the BC Métis Federation when we meet on April 4th.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Mitch Taylor". The signature is stylized and cursive.

Mitch Taylor
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