



Resolution Duly Approved by the
Métis Nation-Saskatchewan
Provincial Métis Council on May 21, 2024
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Transformation of Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation

WHEREAS the Freshwater Fish Marketing Corporation (FFMC) is a federal crown corporation under Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) with a mandate that includes maintaining an orderly market, promoting international markets, increasing fish trade, and increasing returns to fishers;

WHEREAS the Métis Nation – Saskatchewan (MN-S) recognizes the importance of local community commercial fishermen's desire for the continuation of the FFMC in some capacity, under an alternative business model that addresses many of their primary concerns such as profit sharing, ownership over company assets, and greater control over strategic direction and governance;

WHEREAS the DFO has initiated a transformation of the FFMC, and is seeking parties interested in taking over the operation of the FFMC;

WHEREAS Saskatchewan Cooperative Fisheries Ltd., the Île-à-la-Crosse Fish Company, the Prince Albert Grand Council, and the Assembly of Manitoba Chiefs, through the Lake Winnipeg Indigenous Commercial Fishers Inc. (collectively "the parties") have expressed an interest in working together to develop a proposal for assuming the operation of the FFMC; and

WHEREAS the parties are open to future additions and seek a broad mandate from as many Indigenous governments as possible, especially from the North-West Territories, which are currently underrepresented;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Provincial Métis Council expresses the support of the MN-S for working with the parties in pursuing an agreement and partnership with DFO and the Government of Canada on the transformation of the FFMC.

Dated this 21st day of May, 2024

Moved by: Glen McCallum, President

Seconded by: Michelle LeClair, Vice President