



Sandy Hook Community Association

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Mr. David Sanford
Sport Fishing Advisory Board
c/o 3394 Beach Avenue
RR 22
Roberts Creek, BC,
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Dear Sir:

Re: Recreational crab fishing area – Sechelt Inlet

The board of the Sandy Hook Community Association recently met and considered a submission from a resident of this community which said in part that: a) specific areas of Sechelt Inlet are being overfished for crab; b) the greatest pressure on this area is from commercial fishers; and c) some provision should be made to protect the local recreational fishery.

Anecdotal advice from other members of our association has been to the effect that very few male crabs of legal size have been caught in the traps of recreational fishers in the inlet during the past two years. Meanwhile, an abundance of undersized and female crabs have found their way into these traps. As well, commercial fishers make a practice of laying their crab lines through onshore areas where recreational fishers have placed their traps, frequently resulting in damage to those traps.

Therefore, as the result of a formal motion passed by our board, I am writing to advise you that our association supports limiting to recreational fishers only all crab fishing in the area of Sechelt Inlet from Four Mile Point south to the head of the inlet, including all bays and inlets therein.

The Sandy Hook Community Association has 116 paid-up members and represents a larger community situated right on the inlet and includes moorage and boat launching for residents.

Thank you for recording this letter of support.

Yours truly,
Sandy Hook Community Association

Per:

Bob D'Arcy
Secretary/Treasurer