

FIVE NATIONS CLAM CORPORATION

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Five Nations Clam Corporation wishes to address the questions that have been raised with respect to Gilles Theriault's involvement in the Arctic Surf Clam license process and application.

Gilles Theriault is well known to anyone who knows the fisheries business in Atlantic Canada and has over 40 years' experience. He has been employed with us for well over 15 years and a great friend to the community.

Given the importance of the Surf Clam fishery and the positive economic opportunities it could bring to our people and others, and believing that the government was truly serious about reconciliation, we hired a third party individual, who was not Gilles Theriault, to make our case and write our proposal.

I want to make it clear when I state that Gilles Theriault has no financial interest in this venture and is simply carrying out tasks I have assigned in his capacity as General Manager of McGraw Seafood, a corporation owned by the Elsipogtog First Nation.

Any suggestion that our community, or any Indigenous community for that matter, is incapable of making a case for access to the Surf Clam fishery based solely on the merits of their proposal, is offensive and patronising, but not surprising.

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