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## DFO Staffing Update

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I am writing to let you know of a recent staffing change that is effective immediately. I have been provided with an opportunity to take a work assignment for the next year to further my growth and career development. This is not a decision that I made lightly, particularly when looking at relationships that I've built working with you.

However, I do take comfort knowing that we have staff and teams in place to work with, support and continue to advance fisheries work in the Cowichan Watershed.

Over the next year, Sheila Freeman will be acting as the South Coast Area Director. Sheila will be transitioning into this assignment and assuming my role. Sheila will be introducing herself over the coming days and weeks as she transitions into her new role.

I would like to take the time to thank you for your patience and understanding during this transition period, and look forward to seeing everyone in the near future.

Thank you,

Linda Higgins, South Coast Area Director (She/Her/Elle)

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