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### **Seafood Producers laud new Canada Free Trade Deal Important achievement on 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Confederation, says Butler**

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(St. John's, NL) The Association of Seafood Producers (ASP) says a new free trade deal covering internal trade in goods and services in Canada is an historical achievement, on this the 150th anniversary of Confederation.

"Today's agreement is an historical agreement, and goes together with the legacies of FTA, NAFTA, CETA and other free deals signed by our federal government with countries around the world," said Derek Butler, Executive Director of ASP.

Butler says seafood products have generally free trade across the country, with some limitations. He says the best benefit for now is the new impetus this deal gives to economic growth in the country.

"A stronger, freer, economy is a win-win, for businesses and consumers, and this can only benefit the market opportunities for seafood sales across the country," said Butler.

"We need free trade in all areas across the country, we need skills and training recognized across the country, and we need to acknowledge that companies that can compete provincially and internationally should not need barriers to protect them within the country."

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