**Proposal to Send to Ottawa**

1. **Extend Employment Insurance (EI) benefits for all Fishing industry seasonal workers (ie. Fishermen, crews and plant workers). As an example, a fisherman receiving $576 per week and having his EI benefits ending soon, would have his EI automatically reactivate (renewed) for a supplementary 12-month period until the next fishing season. This would amount to $29,796 over 12 months. Also, EI benefits could be boosted to increase revenues to fishermen (ex: this had been done during the cod fishery moratorium).**
2. **Differ payments and freeze interest on existing bank loans and provincial loan board loans for 12 months.**
3. **Defer mortgage payments and freeze interests for 12 months through the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) and other mortgage insurers.**
4. **Defer 2019 income tax payments and freeze interest for 18 months.**
5. **Enable RRSP withdrawals tax free for 2020.**
6. **Special income tax credits for upcoming years (economic stimulus after crisis).**
7. **Interest-free loans in the form of lines of credit of up to $120,000 to fishing enterprises of which 25% (up to $30,000) would be eligible as a subsidy (tax free) if loan is repaid within 5 years.**
8. **Wage subsidy of 75% for fishing enterprises that may be able to fish other species this year if conditions apply (scallops, herring, etc..) and during next year’s lobster fishing season.**
9. **Eliminate fishing license fees for 2020.**