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**From: PEIFA President Bobby Jenkins and the Board of Directors**

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On March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2020 CBC Compass aired a segment in which Wayne Thibodeau stated the PEIFA was committed to supporting an April 30<sup>th</sup> start to the Spring Lobster Season. This statement was incorrect and unfounded. This news release is written to clarify that the Prince Edward Island Fishermen's Association (PEIFA) has not yet made any final decision with respect to the Spring Lobster Season.

Due to the fluidity of the situation the PEIFA membership, Board of Directors, its advisory members, and other key stakeholders are continuously discussing and consulting on how to best approach this 2020 Spring Season. The PEIFA remains committed to making the best decision for our fishers and the community at large.

CBC also reported that closed door meetings have been occurring at the PEIFA with respect to this issue. This is also untrue. Based on the recommendations of the PEI Chief Health Officer, Dr. Heather Morrison, the PEIFA office has been closed to staff, board and advisory members. Our team continues to work remotely and all board meetings and advisory calls have taken place by teleconference with all parties given notice and an invitation to attend.

The PEIFA recognizes how difficult this unprecedented time is for all members of our community and wishes to avoid any unnecessary anxiety to its members. As such, the PEIFA will provide official updates from its President, Captain Bobby Jenkins and the Board of Directors of the PEIFA, as they come available.

The PEIFA regrets the misinformation reported and will keep its membership up to date on their very important discussions. The PEIFA is seeking a retraction and on air apology from CBC PEI regarding this matter.

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