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Subject: Port Facilities at False Bay, Lasqueti Island (Docket 537807)

Dear Tobi Elliott,

Thank you for your correspondence of January 22, 2025, to the Minister of Transport, regarding the False Bay Dock on Lasqueti Island.

Providing all Canadians with a safe and efficient marine transportation system is a priority for Transport Canada. The False Bay facility is owned and operated by Transport Canada and is not part of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans portfolio of sites. Accordingly, the department will continue to operate and maintain its ports in compliance with the rules and regulations pursuant to the *Canada Marine Act*.

In 2019, Transport Canada conducted a complete wharf and float restoration at the dock, followed by minor repairs and maintenance in subsequent years. In 2022, a routine detailed inspection noted that the dock remains in serviceable condition. Transport Canada conducts inspections every 4-5 years and another inspection is planned for 2026. As with the 2022 inspection, this inspection will provide an update on the condition of the dock and any recommended repairs.

The needs of the local community in False Bay are important to us, and we look forward to working together to ensure the safety of marine traffic. I would also encourage you to contact the [Ports Asset Transfer Program](#) to explore how a divestiture can benefit the local community.

Thank you again for reaching out and expressing your concerns on this matter.

Yours sincerely,

Martin McKay
Regional Director General, Pacific Region