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Dear Mr. Savoie:

Subject: Right to Information Act and Protection of Personal Information Act Review

This letter is in response to the Review Task Force letter of May 2, 2007 requesting the Department of Agriculture and Aquaculture and the Department of Fisheries comments or suggestions with respect to how access and privacy matters can be more effectively addressed by government. The Department of Agriculture and Aquaculture and the Department of Fisheries support the renewal of the *Right to Information Act* and the *Protection of Personal Information Act*.

To facilitate the processing of a Right to Information request we agreed with the introduction of more flexibility with respect to the 30 days deadline for providing a response under the *Right to Information Act*. In addition, we support a review of Section 6 of the *Right to Information Act* to clarify its interpretation. Finally, the introduction of a fee structure for each category of applicant would also be helpful.

I wish to thank you for the opportunity to provide our suggestions to the Right to Information and Protection of Personal Information Review Task Force.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Byron James
Deputy Minister