



Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations call for action to support the Sipeknekatik lobster fisheries.

The Tla-o-qui-aht Hawiik and TFN Elected chief and council are outraged over the ongoing racial violence inflicted on the Sipeknekatik peoples as they assert their inherent right to implement their lobster fishery plan. The Mi'k Maq/Maliseet Treaty of 1752 affirms their Right to those fisheries and management. The Sipeknekatik First Nations have their own sovereign indigenous right to create their own modern livelihood and was reaffirmed with R. v. Marshall 1999.

Tla-o-qui-aht First Nations demands that the Federal government must immediately engage in a nation to nation dialogue with the Sipeknekatik and the Mi'k Maq nations who have been denied justice since the Marshall decision that was over 21 years ago. The inaction of the Liberal and conservative governments in power to refuse to recognize and uphold the Marshall decision, which has led to the racial violence that is happening in Nova Scotia.

Sipeknekatik fisherman and their families continue to be under attack with death threats and intimidation by the non-native communities and there has been domestic terrorism inflicted on them with their vehicle's, boats, and infrastructure torched.

"It's absolutely atrocious and unacceptable that DFO Enforcement and the RCMP did nothing to stop violence and criminal acts of threats, harassment and destruction of property right before their very eyes. Two months ago we called Canada out on their "racist actions and tactics" used to hold our Taaqwiihak fishers and negotiations back and the inaction by the RCMP and DFO just proves that racism is alive and well within Canada's institutes and its' deplorable and unacceptable."

Enough is enough!! Francis Frank Tla-o-qui-aht lead negotiator T'aaq-wiihak

"The Mi'k Maq lobster fisheries represents less than 1% of the entire east coast lobster fisheries so let us be very clear, that this is not an issue of conservation. It is an issue of neglect and disrespect for Mi'k Maq title and treaty rights. By failing to recognize and support the Sipeknekatik fishery plan, the federal government is responsible and has blood on their hands." Terry Dorward Tla-o-qui-aht Deputy Chief

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