

Buchanan who says the minister has no credibility because he will not look at the problem of foreign overfishing.

A few weeks ago in this House, the minister said there is no hardship, and in the summer he met with the minister for ACOA from Pictou. He was one of the ministers who brought a group of people from Nova Scotia to meet with the minister in July. They had a marathon session one evening and the minister, according to the paper, asked dragger officials to give him some qualifications of the economic impact.

One fishermen whom I met received an answer last week to a letter he wrote. He had his books looked at for two years in a row, and he got a letter back saying, "The federal government does not have a special program set aside for this purpose, to help the east coast fishermen."

In fact, on July 26 the minister said, "Give me the evidence that people are hurting." This fisherman has fished for 30 years. He has never experienced the conditions that we have seen on the east coast in the last two years. It is so bad. The credibility of this minister is so bad and so damaging to our sovereign right over fish that he is helping the foreigners continue the bad practices they have established.

This minister has not managed the fishery. We are in the same place we were 10 years ago. The foreigners are still fishing. We have the capacity to take everything they are taking. We have the capacity to have established markets. We have not done anything. He has sat there and pompously told the people of Canada that he knows what fishing is about. He has not moved out of his comfortable armchair, with his people telling him what they should do. He does not talk to the people who are concerned. He does not come down to talk to the fishermen. He has not even come down to tell them anything except that the problem is over-capacity.

The fishermen will tell you the problem is not over-capacity. It is lack of quotas. They will tell you there has not been haddock and they will accept that, but they will not accept that there is not fish there that they could have been able to fish this fall.

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Management has been management by quotas. Quotas require enforcement and supervision, something this Department of Fisheries is not able to do. Fisheries management has not worked in any of the sectors. The livelihood of people who have existed by fishing for years is slowly dwindling. This minister does not care.

An example of his improper management is that fish is being dumped by the inshore, the offshore, and the foreigners. Management has even allowed unused quotas. The other day in the House, I said that the sectors of the inshore fishermen had looked at what was left between here and the end of the year for quotas. Sure enough, there was 43,000 metric tons and another 20,000 metric tons in 4BWX and 5 in particular, some of which are not going to be caught by the offshore fishermen. Yet this minister will not allow the transfer committee to transfer the quota. He will allow it to stay there and not be caught, even though his management plan shows it is allowed to be taken. Because the offshore cannot take it or the Cape North cannot take it, he will not allow the inshore communities who are so dependent on the fishery to take it.

Time does not allow me to talk about everything I want to talk about, but this week in one of the local papers, the *Digby Courier*, there was a letter written by a fisherman who fishes there. I would like to put it on the record because I think it is an excellent letter. I would like to know what the minister is going to say to this letter which reads:

Dear Editor; the following is a letter I have written to Fisheries Minister, Tom Siddon.

The headline is "Captain Hears Wolves at Wheelhouse Door". It reads:

Dear Tom Siddon;

I hope you will take time from your hectic schedule to read this letter from a humble peasant fisherman down in Digby, South West Nova Scotia.

I want to make it clear from the start that we fishermen down here in good ole' Sou'West Nova have clearly decided that you have won, you are the master and we are your peasant fishermen, the fight is gone out of us and we will rebel no longer. We are prepared to give you all our support.

From articles we have read, we realize that you are upset that some of our incomes could possibly match your own six digit income, and this of course is wrong. We assure you that due to some of your latest actions this will never happen again. Shutting down the ground fishery for the past three months has been a great step in this direction and