

If you're convinced, as we are, that our world's ocean ecosystems are in serious trouble, please take action!

There is a real opportunity at the upcoming United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) meeting in November 2006 to make history by ensuring that all nation states vote to support of a moratorium on bottom trawling on seamounts on the high seas, the 64% of the world's oceans that are outside of any nations exclusive marine economic zone.

Canada must help secure this moratorium by championing this issue at the UNGA. We need the Prime Minister and our Fisheries Minister to take a progressive course of action and vote in favour of this moratorium.

Please fill in your name, address (top right) and signature on the letter below, detach it from this note and mail it to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and to Loyola Hearn, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans.

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Date: _____

Stephen Harper
Prime Minister
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Loyola Hearn
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
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Dear Prime Minister Harper and Minister Hearn:

I believe that Canada should play a leadership role for our oceans by taking actions that ensure the future health and integrity of the world's ocean ecosystems.

To protect deep-sea biodiversity on the high seas from continued indiscriminate destruction I would like to see the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) adopt an immediate moratorium on deep-sea bottom trawl fishing on the high seas until legally-binding regimes for the effective conservation and management of fisheries and the protection of biodiversity on the high seas can be developed, implemented and enforced by the global community.

The severe and deteriorating conflict between deep-sea biodiversity conservation and bottom trawling warrants urgent action by the UNGA this year. A high seas bottom trawl fishing moratorium would provide immediate protection to the extraordinarily rich, vulnerable and mostly undiscovered biodiversity of the deep seas.

I want you, representing Canada, to support the UN resolution for a moratorium on bottom trawling on the high seas seamount at the upcoming UNGA meeting in November 2006 and show the world that Canada is serious about sustainability and the future well being of our ocean ecosystems.

Thank you. Please advise me of your position on this issue.

Sincerely,
