

MOTION

No. 97

In support of the free and safe exercise of treaty rights

Peter Bevan-Baker gives notice that tomorrow he will move, seconded by Trish Altass, the following motion:

WHEREAS the Mi'kmaq and the British Crown entered into the Peace and Friendship Treaties, which makes all Islanders treaty people;

AND WHEREAS the Supreme Court of Canada, in R. v. Marshall, affirmed the Mi'kmaq treaty right to fish in pursuit of a 'moderate livelihood';

AND WHEREAS Mi'kmaq fishers in Atlantic Canada have been subject to violence and harassment including damage to equipment as a result of exercising their treaty rights;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly condemn the violence and harassment against Mi'kmaq fishers in the Atlantic region;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly express its support for the free and safe exercise of the treaty right to fish in pursuit of a 'moderate livelihood';

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to take every necessary measure to ensure Mi'kmaq fishers in Prince Edward Island are able to exercise this right safely and without prejudice;

THEREFORE BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Legislative Assembly urge government to take every necessary measure to educate Islanders on the Peace and Friendship Treaties.

Signed by: Peter Bevan-Baker

Signed by: Trish Altass

Date: November 17, 2020