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Dear Ms McDonald:

Hope all is well. Just a brief comment on what we discussed on the phone the other day. It is obvious that legislation has to be changed in regards to our remote wilderness areas and what is 21st century garbage. Ex: car wrecks. However historically and in our present political climate it seems that some minister's both past and present often made the political safe choice over the environmentally safe one. If we are going to pay our elected minister's the big bucks they shouldn't be afraid to get their hands dirty. Environmental violations like that in Clifty Pond and the dump site in front of my house is a classic example of Passing the Buck. It is messy work that has to be done or dump sites like I showed you will be the norm. Everyone wants to be popular these days however environmental safety is about safety not a popularity contest. If legislation is the brick wall here! Than let's get our hands dirty and go ahead with the business of proposed legislation. Even if the voting public were oblivious or didn't care about this carnage we have to do what's right for future generations. By the way! Doing what is politically safe is the reason our cod, and capelin fishery is in the mess it is today. Do we ever learn from our past mistakes?

Ex: Not one capelin rolled on the beaches of Western Bay N.L in 2009 and 2010. Is this an example of changing ocean currents and man made pollutants or is it a combination of human greed and our elected minister's of the past making the politically safe choice. In the years my grand father lived in Western Bay he never once said the capelin never rolled on our beaches! Are the remote wilderness area's we have left going to be dealt the

same fate? For the history books! The last capelin trap was pulled from the waters of Western Bay late July or early August 2009. Not a capelin anywhere! Is this a sign of the times? Will the capelin ever roll on our beaches again? Has mankind sealed the fate of this little fish by doing what is politically safe over environmental safety? If this is the case, remote wilderness areas like Clifty Pond are in serious trouble. Let's get with the program!!!

Yours in Conservation Tony O'Leary

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