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## **UFCA granted intervenor status in Sipekne'katik First Nations case against Attorney General of Canada**

**HALIFAX, NS** –The Unified Fisheries Conservation Alliance (UFCA) has obtained intervenor status in the most recent Notice of Application brought forth by Chief Michael Sack and members of Sipekne'katik First Nation against the Attorney General of Canada challenging the regulation and enforcement of Indigenous fishing activities.

This is the fourth court case in which the UFCA has sought intervenor status this year. Earlier this fall, the UFCA was granted intervenor status into the Potlotek First Nations cases against the Province of Nova Scotia and the Attorney General of Canada. This recent intervenor status will permit the UFCA to challenge the assertions made by Chief Mike Sack and members of Sipekne'katik at the Supreme Court level that will ultimately decide the fate of the fishery.

“The UFCA is ensuring that the voice of the fishing community is heard in various court cases that are challenging the federal government’s authority over all other fisheries,” says Colin Sproul, President of UFCA. “Our goal, first and foremost, is to work constructively with the government and First Nations communities to ensure the conservation and sustainability of the fishing industry for generations to come.”

### **About the United Fisheries Conservation Alliance**

The Unified Fisheries Conservation Alliance (UFCA) represents thousands of independent, multi-species commercial fishermen and women, fishery associations and associated businesses from across Atlantic Canada. The UFCA was formed to bring together many participants in the Atlantic fishery to speak with one balanced, coordinated and moderate voice.

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