The Maine Lobster Dealers’ Association welcomes President Trump’s memorandum on protecting the US Lobster Industry. For several years, our organization has worked closely with the Maine delegation regarding trade situations in the European Union and China resulting in negative impacts on the US lobster industry and we are glad that President Trump has heard our concerns.

Since 2018, the lobster industry has been severely impacted by the retaliatory China tariffs. We welcome the opportunity to engage with Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue to discuss assistance for lobster wholesalers and processors to mitigate the effects of China’s trade practices on their businesses.

We will work with US Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to supplement and support any information his office needs for monthly updates to President Trump. We appreciate that President Trump wishes to keep China accountable for the terms laid out in the Phase One Agreement with China regarding lobster and seafood purchases. Additionally, we will engage with USTR to offer additional information regarding negative effects on the US lobster industry due to the Comprehensive Economic Trade Agreement between Canada and the European Union and provide industry expertise where helpful or necessary.

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