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## Statement on Dion's Clam Scam Decision

**Prince George, September 12, 2018** — Todd Doherty, Member of Parliament for Cariboo-Prince George, Shadow Minister for Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, and the Asia-Pacific Gateway made the following statement on Minister LeBlanc being in conflict of interest in his decision on the Arctic surf clam licence.

“Today, the Conflict of Interest and Ethics Commissioner Mario Dion concluded his investigation of former Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard Dominic LeBlanc was in a conflict of interest in relation to his decision to pursue issuing an Arctic surf clam licence to the Five Nations Clam Company.

The Ethics Commissioner concluded that as first cousin of Mr. LeBlanc's spouse, Mr. Gilles Thériault, could have benefitted financially from an Arctic surf clam licence being awarded to the Five Nations Clam Company.

It is clear; the Liberals are failing to make decisions that are in the best interest of Canadians and instead using their public office to benefit Liberal insiders and their wealthy friends.

This is just another example, in a laundry list of ethical violations that this Liberal government has committed.

Minister Leblanc is at least the fourth Minister found to be in conflict of interest over the past three years, including the Prime Minister himself.

Unfortunately the real victims of this government's questionable actions are the hardworking families who lost jobs and income because the Minister wanted to help his Liberal friends.”

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