Fish Persons

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Someone just slipped me a copy of this email reputedly circulating within DFO this New Year's Eve.

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Subject: FISH PERSONS (La version française suit)

On many cold winter days, one can see Fish Persons plying their trade, using metal implements and fabric or other materials to bring marine eco-creatures to the surface for sustenance or sale. Often Fish Persons have gathered a respectable amount of knowledge concerning their traditional métier.

Members of this calling have originated many colourful songs and expressions. Despite the advent of more progressive terminology including "fisher" and "fish harvester," most Fish Persons of both, or indeed all, genders cling stubbornly to the term "fisherman."

Although diminishing in importance, Fish Persons deserve our respect in the spirit of inclusion at this holiday season.

Since DFO is a learning organization that values the perspectives and contributions of Canadians and world-dwellers from diverse backgrounds, managers are encouraged to acquaint themselves with the lore and characteristics of Fish Persons. For more information on Fish Persons, please consult the Canadian Museum of Civilization.

Deputy Minister

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