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DOCTalks Presents Film Series - Letter of Interest

Dear Lloyd,

I am writing to express my interest in the DOCTalks Presents Film Series. I first learned about this opportunity from my UNB alumni network.

I am a Scottish/Canadian documentary filmmaker. My documentary work has featured on CBC The National, The Weather Network, and The Globe and Mail, and my short films have featured at several film festivals. The majority of my work revolves around my passions; environmental conservation and outdoor adventure.

Between 2020 and 2023, I worked with the Canadian Wildlife Federation - Marine Team on the North Atlantic right whale project, to create a short documentary called *Fishing On-Demand* (2023 - 9:50). Our team was working with fixed line (lobster, snow crab) fish harvesters from NS, NB, and PEI to test innovative "ropeless" fishing systems designed to reduce gear entanglement with large marine mammals. This is a reasonably contentious issue between fishing communities, the department of Fisheries and Oceans, and conservation organizations. It can be difficult to find willing fish harvesters to take part in the program, and even harder to convince them to talk about it on camera.

Fishing On-Demand has screened at several conferences and stakeholder meetings, but I would like to see it achieve a further reach.

Thank you for considering *Fishing On-Demand* to be included in the DOCTalks Presents Film Series. If you have any questions, please contact me.

Kind regards,

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