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Dear Ms. White and Ms. Bird:

Thank you for your correspondence of March 21, 2014, addressed to the Honourable Gail Shea, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, regarding the consolidation of Fisheries and Oceans Canada's (DFO's) scientific libraries. I have been asked to respond on Minister Shea's behalf.

On January 7, 2014, Minister Shea issued a statement regarding the consolidation of DFO's libraries. I invite you to view this statement, which can be found online at < <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/media/npres-communique/2014/20140107-en.html> >.

DFO has reorganized its libraries, and will offer scientific library services at two main sites in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia, and in Sidney, British Columbia. The decrease in the number of physical locations from which library services are delivered has not impacted the size of DFO's library collection, the budget for library acquisitions or the services that will continue to be provided.

The Department's plan is to continue to grow, foster and enhance electronic and print collections needed by departmental employees at the remaining library locations. Preservation of relevant print material and unique assets is achievable due to the removal of duplicate and non-mandate related material.

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Digitization is an ongoing process, and forms part of the departmental collection management strategy and annual library acquisitions budget. When requests are made for DFO publications in electronic format, they will be made a priority in the Department's routine digitization efforts. No material that falls outside of the Crown copyright is being digitized.

As print and electronic materials are integrated into the collections at the two remaining library locations, the catalogue entitled *WAVES* is updated and these materials are available for viewing, print and interlibrary loan. *WAVES* can be found on the Department's website at < <http://waves-vagues.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/waves-vagues/> >.

You can be assured that DFO takes library service delivery seriously, as an essential underpinning to the work of its scientists.

Further information on the library consolidation is available in the Frequently Asked Questions section on DFO's website at < <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/libraries-bibliotheques/FAQ-eng.htm> >.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Diane Orange", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Diane Orange
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