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## FISHERY

### Confusion grows over moderate livelihood dispute

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BARRINGTON PASSAGE, N.S. — In Monday's predawn grey, Robert Atwood held a smoke between fingers tattooed to spell 'SALT' and his smartphone with ones reading 'LIFE'.

From it, the 36-year-old read aloud a 21-year-old Supreme Court of Canada Decision.

"The paramount regulatory objective is conservation and responsibility for it is placed squarely on the minister responsible and not on the aboriginal or non-aboriginal users of the resource," reads the opening preamble of the Supreme Court clarification known as Marshall II.

"The regulatory authority extends to other compelling and substantial public objectives which may include economic and regional fairness, and recognition of the historical reliance upon, and participation in, the fishery by non-aboriginal groups. Aboriginal people are entitled to be consulted about limitations on the exercise of treaty and aboriginal rights."

Atwood was one of over two hundred fishermen who gathered at the Barrington Passage Fisheries and Oceans Canada office on Tuesday morning calling on their local member of parliament, federal fisheries minister Bernadette Jordan, to provide regulatory clarity on what a First Nations moderate livelihood fishery looks like.

Jordan didn't show up. However, she did appear hours later on a virtual press conference with Crown-Indigenous Relations Carolyn Bennett, public safety minister Bill Blair and Indigenous Services minister Marc Miller.

"Fishing is what should be bringing us together not tearing us apart," said Jordan.

"To do that we need to have space, time and trust. We need to sit down and do what should have been done 250 years ago, we need to sit down and review fishery plans (with First Nations)."

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## VANDALISM



The statue of Joseph Frederick Wallet DesBarres at the corner of Dorchester Street and the Esplanade is shown spray painted Monday morning. The vandalism is believed to have happened sometime between Friday and Monday. It's unknown who committed the vandalism or why it was done. **CAPE BRETON POST STAFF**

# DesBarres defaced

### Statue of historical figure spray painted in downtown Sydney

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SYDNEY — The statue of British Col. Joseph Frederick Wallet DesBarres has been vandalized in downtown Sydney.

The statue, located in DesBarres Park at the corner of Dorchester Street and the

Esplanade, could be seen Monday with red spray paint on DesBarres' face and hands with the words "fake history" printed on the side.

The vandalism is believed to have happened at the location sometime between Friday and Monday morning.

Meanwhile, a group of Indigenous protesters gathered near the statue on Friday and Sunday to show their support

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for First Nations fishermen in the wake of events transpiring between commercial and First Nations fishermen in southwest Nova Scotia.

"I started the protest because of the RCMP not taking

action on what's happening," said Seth Johnson. "It was making me angry and frustrated because I wasn't there to stand with my people."

Roughly seven to eight people attended Friday's protest. Cape Breton Regional Police were on scene briefly, however, protesters were allowed to continue.

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## EMERGENCY

# Couple narrowly escapes burning vehicle

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SYDNEY — A Reserve Mines man witnessed more than just the brilliant fall colours when he took a trip around the Cabot Trail last week.

Cotter Oliver and his family were rounding up North Mountain in Pleasant Bay on Friday afternoon when they were greeted by thick black

smoke and bright orange flames as a vehicle burned on the side of the highway.

"It was pretty dramatic — it was like something you see on television," said Oliver, 70, who spoke to the vehicle's two occupants — a couple from Dartmouth, at the scene.

"I was talking to the driver and his wife — I didn't get their names — but they're from Dartmouth."

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Flames and smoke pour out of a burning vehicle along the Cabot Trail on Friday. **CONTRIBUTED**

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