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## NDP MP Fin Donnelly launches petition seeking ban on shark fin imports

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By **Matthew Burrows**, November 25, 2011

The federal NDP's fisheries and oceans critic has chosen Vancouver's C Restaurant as the launchpad for his petition seeking a ban on the importation of shark fins to Canada.

This morning (November 25), New Westminster-Coquitlam MP **Fin Donnelly** joined filmmaker **Rob Stewart**, Shark Truth founder **Claudia Li**, and UBC marine biologist **Chris Harvey-Clark** at the restaurant for the announcement.

"Shark populations are plummeting around the world," Donnelly said in a news release. "An import ban would draw needed attention to this crisis and help protect them."

C Restaurant is known as a sustainable seafood eatery, according to the release.

In September, Donnelly **told** the *Straight* the federal government could make this ban happen "tomorrow" if they had the political will.

According to Donnelly, awareness of the issue is growing, with jurisdictions across North America implementing bans on shark fins, most recently the cities of Toronto, Mississauga, Pickering, and Brantford in Ontario.



NDP MP Fin Donnelly doesn't like shark fin soup.

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Vancouver really needs to step up to the plate (the soup bowl?) on this. Shark fin soup is an expensive and popular item amongst the Chinese community, especially at special events. The sharks, however, suffer greatly for such moments of ostentatious display: their fins cut from their bodies, they are left to sink and drown. An outright ban on the selling and buying of shark fins is needed immediately.

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Typical undereducated NDP'er first of all his folks didn't want him having difficulties in school with spelling his first name so they kept it real simple three letters with one vowel in the middle. Second of all it was only natural that they named their son after their favorite seafood dish the whole family loves fin soup. Thirdly no wonder he can not sleep at night delusionally thinking the government will only allow his fellow namesake fins to be harvested humanely or not at all. Lastly like all other NDP causes they are not asking the sharks to stop eating humans nor are they petitioning the sharks to at least eat all of the human not just the good parts nor are they insisting that sharks kill humans in a humane way. Heck no they don't care how painful and demeaning sharks get when they are in a feeding frenzy. No sir the NDP don't give humans one nano second of thought when they champion sharks rights to to attack, kill, chew up, and spit out the human parts they don't like the taste of. Honestly Fin should enjoy his half a million loonies a year salary and expense account while he can 'cause the NDP are well on their way to becoming extinct before sharks ever will.

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