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Conservative MP John Cummins has a good point when he asks why treaties being negotiated with the Lheidli T'enneh, Tsawwassen and other First Nations need to establish quotas for food fish.

The treaties allow for some of that fish to be traded and bartered. If you have fish to barter, does that not mean you've caught more than you need for food purposes? In Cummins' mind, this is a de facto commercial fishery being created, based on race, and it's just not fair.

Cummins is a commercial fisherman who has consistently opposed special fishing rights for First Nations. But Harold Steves, who represents the Greater Vancouver Regional District on the treaty advisory committee, agrees with him. When you have right- and left-leaning politicians raising the same red flags, we need to pay attention.