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# Minister of Agriculture's Advisory Council on Finfish Aquaculture -MAACFA

Final Report Summary



### **New BC Government commitments**

- AGRI (not in mandate letter):
  - Ensure that the salmon farming industry does not endanger wild salmon by:
    - Implementing the recommendations of the Cohen Commission
    - · Keeping farm sites out of important salmon migration routes; and,
    - Supporting research and transparent monitoring to minimize the risk of disease transfer from captive to wild fish
  - Provide incentives to help the aquaculture industry transition to closed containment where possible

### MIRR mandate letter:

 Work collaboratively and respectfully with First Nations to establish a clear, cross-government vision of reconciliation to guide the adoption of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Truth and Reconciliation Commission's Calls to Action, and the Tsilhqot-in Supreme Court decision.

### FLNR mandate letter:

Work with the Minister of Indigenous Relations, First Nations and communities to modernize land-use
planning and sustainably manage BC's ecosystem, rivers, lakes, watersheds, forests and old growth.



## **Roles and Responsibilities**

Fisheries and Oceans Canada	<ul> <li>DFO responsible for licensing industry and protection of fish health</li> <li>Will accept license applications but is not making decisions due to harmonized process with BC</li> </ul>
Ministry of Agriculture	<ul> <li>B.C.'s lead for seafood industry development</li> <li>B.C.'s lead for strategic aquaculture policy</li> <li>Maintains Plant Animal Health Laboratory that supports DFO's audit program</li> </ul>
Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Economic Development (FLNR)	<ul> <li>Issue tenures authorizing the use of the land, foreshore and marine areas for finfish and shellfish aquaculture (Land Act)</li> <li>Issue freshwater licences (Water Sustainability Act).</li> <li>Marine Use Planning</li> </ul>
Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy	<ul> <li>Issues permits for sewage discharge (Environmental Management Act)</li> <li>Issue permits for pesticide use (Integrated Pest Management Act)</li> </ul>



## **MAACFA** Membership

- Chair Paul Sprout, BC Commissioner, Pacific Salmon Commission
- Vice-Chair John Bones, Principal, J.G. Consulting
- Tony Allard, Chairman Wild Salmon Forever
- Keith Atleo, Ahousaht First Nation/Ahous Business Corporation
- Dr. Christina Burridge, Executive Director, BC Seafood Alliance
- Ernie Cray, Chief, Cheam First Nation
- Bill Cranmer, President Kuterra/ Namgis First Nation
- Jeremy Dunn, Executive Director, BC Salmon Farmers Association
- Dr. Anthony Farrell, FRSC, University of British Columbia
- Larry Greba, Director, Kitasoo Economic Development Corporation
- Saya Masso, Natural Resource Director, Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation
- Dr. Don Noakes, Dean, Faculty of Science and Technology, Vancouver Island University
- Brian Riddell, President and CEO, Pacific Salmon Foundation
- Lee Spahan, Chief, Coldwater First Nation
- John Werring, Senior Science and Policy Advisor, David Suzuki Foundation
- Tessa Terbasket, Member, Okanagan First Nation
- Richard Harry, President, Aboriginal Aquaculture Association
- Rebecca Reid, Regional Director General, Fisheries and Oceans Canada
- Tim Sheldan, Deputy Minister, FLNRO
- Wes Shoemaker, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Agriculture



### **Creation of MAACFA**

- "pause" on new open-net pen farms until MAACFA provides advice
- MAACFA mandate:

"providing strategic advice and policy guidance to the Minister of Agriculture about the future of, and issuance of new Crown land tenures for, marinebased salmon aquaculture in BC." Page 07 to/à Page 15

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## The Importance of DFO in all options

- DFO has responsibility for fish health and licensing fisheries.
- Winding down, or aggressively expanding industry, requires decisions by DFO on licensing as well as fish health rationale.
- Need for coordinated approach in advancing regulatory reform, funding opportunities, as well as discussions with First Nations and industry.

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