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**Ministry of Agriculture
Indigenous Leaders Meeting in Alert Bay, BC**

Ref: 186838

Date: September 19, 2017

Issue: Premier John Horgan is meeting with First Nations leadership in Alert Bay, regarding their concerns with salmon farming.

Background: The meeting is expected to include members of the Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw Hereditary Chiefs, representatives from the 'Namgis First Nation and potentially other protesters who have been occupying Marine Harvest's Midsummer Island and Swanson Island fish farms. It is expected that these First Nations will request that the Premier commit to a government-to-government process to discuss the removal of all open net pen salmon farms from their traditional territories in the Broughton Archipelago.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) is responsible for the protection of fish health and is the primary regulator of the salmon farming industry in BC.

In BC:

- The Ministry of Agriculture is the lead for seafood industry development and for strategic aquaculture policy
- The Ministry of Forests Lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Economic Development (FLNR) issues tenures authorizing the use of the land, foreshore and marine areas for finfish and shellfish aquaculture (*Land Act*).

In 2015, BC put in place a "pause" on new tenures for Atlantic salmon farms pending recommendations on the future of the industry from the BC Minister of Agriculture's Advisory Council on Finfish Aquaculture (MAACFA) expected by the end of the year. The current "pause" is in addition to a previous moratorium on all salmon farming north of Klemtu as well as a temporary moratorium on new farms in the Discovery Islands until 2020.

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Appendix 1

Suggested Responses on Salmon Aquaculture

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- 5) Ensuring that the wild salmon are protected is of the utmost importance to our government. Wild salmon provides sustenance for people and wildlife throughout our province, as well as bringing its own economic benefits.**
 - We also know that the fish farming industry brings stable jobs to small communities along our coast.**
- 6) This is an issue that won't be solved overnight, but one that will require having everyone at the table to determine solutions going forward. DFO is the lead agency with respect to fish farms in Canada; we must make sure that all discussions on aquaculture licensing must include them.**
- 7) Our government is committed to working with First Nations, the industry and DFO to ensure BC's aquaculture sector is environmentally sustainable and respects First Nations' rights while providing good jobs for British Columbians.**
- 8) I will be sharing what I've heard today, coupled with the recommendations from the upcoming MAACFA report with my cabinet.**

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Appendix 2

Information Note on BC's Salmon Farming Industry

Ref: 186838
X-Ref: 186717

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Salmon aquaculture is a major employer in rural and remote coastal and First Nations communities. The industry has identified that it has generated 5,000 jobs, paying roughly 30 per cent more than the provincial median. Between 20 and 30 per cent of salmon farm workers in BC are First Nations. However, the salmon farming industry in BC has always been fairly controversial, with concerns around First Nations rights and title, negative impacts to wild salmon and potential impacts to the broader marine / coastal environment.

As of September, 2017, there were 126 existing salmon farm tenures and of these 65 were operating with salmon on site. There are 20 fish farm tenures (in the Broughton Archipelago) due to expire in June 2018, including the sites at Swanson Island and Midsummer Island presently occupied by First Nations protesters. There are several other salmon farms with tenures requiring replacement in various locations around the Coast.

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As recent events have shown, Atlantic salmon fish farms pose a significant threat to surviving wild salmon stocks, and thus pose a threat to our communities, culture, traditions and economy. Through the scientific studies of both DFO Dr. Kristi Miller-Saunders and Dr. Alexandra Morton these sites are focal points for salmon related diseases and viruses, including Piscine Reo-Virus (PRV), Heart and Skeletal Muscle Inflammation (HSMI), hazardous levels of parasitic sea-lice, unnatural level of predation including verified and unaccounted by-catch and unprecedented levels of fish waste and chemical dispersals.

To date, First Nations have seen very little from Canada or BC that would represent a significant and meaningful step towards the implementation of the Cohen Recommendations to safeguard BC's wild salmon stocks. Nor have we seen a commitment from Canada or BC to implement the recommendations of the 2007 Special Legislative Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture. Following the commitments of the governments of Canada and BC to implement the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, government must respect the decision making authority of First Nations.

In alignment with BC Assembly of First Nations, First Nations Summit and the Union of BC Indian Chiefs resolutions supporting closed containment aquaculture and MP Fin Donnelly's Bill C-228, the FNWSA is reaching out to all BC First Nations to sign this declaration of support to call on the government of BC and Canada to safeguard our salmon and immediately begin the transition to land-based closed containment aquaculture.

Sincerely,

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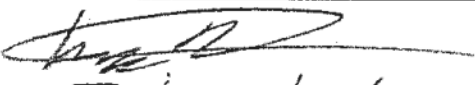
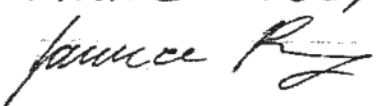


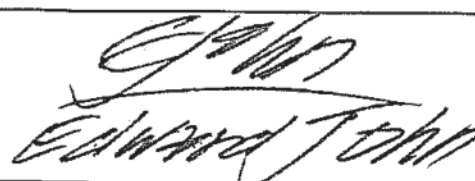
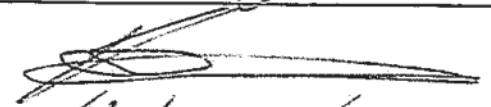
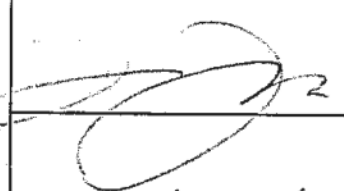

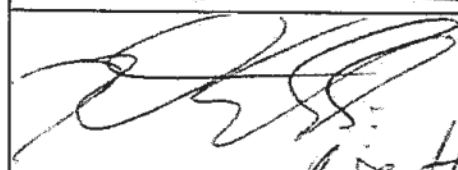
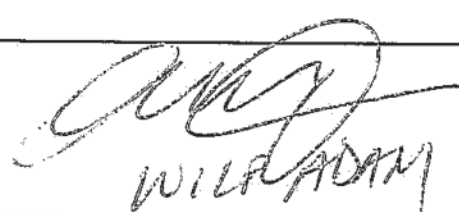



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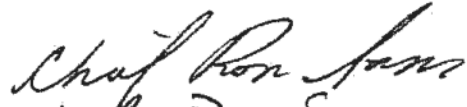
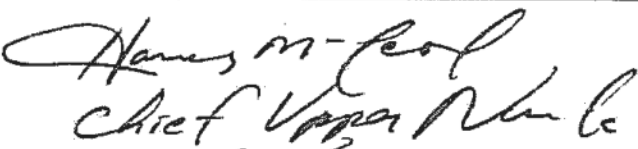

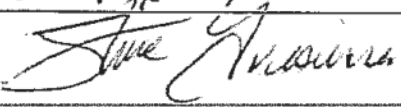

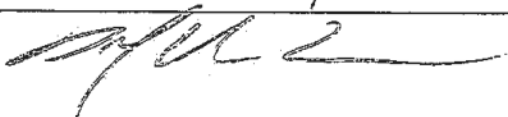
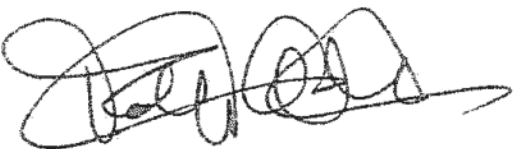

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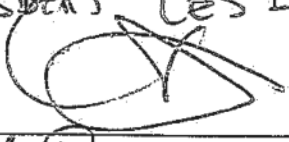

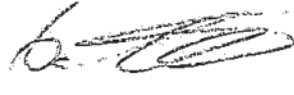
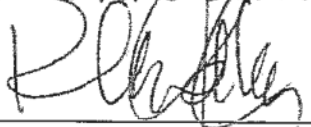


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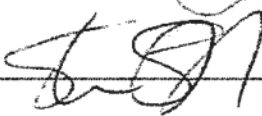
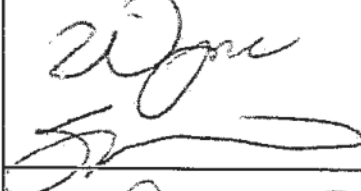
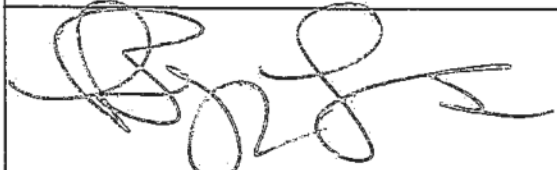
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September 18, 2017

Honourable John Horgan,
Premier, British Columbia

Honourable Doug Donaldson,
Minister of Forest lands and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Honourable Lana Popham,
Minister of Agriculture

By email:

RE: Request for phase out of open net salmon fish farms in BC's tidal waters

Dear Premier and Ministers:

I am writing on behalf of Wilderness Tourism Association and our members who operate nature based tourism businesses throughout British Columbia.

The Wilderness Tourism Association of BC has been advocating for a moratorium and phase out of open net salmon farms since 2011. There are numerous reasons for this: open net salmon farming has direct and indirect negative impacts on both on marine adventure tourism and on the marine environment in which they are located.

There is no question about the scientific evidence pointing to the negative impacts on wild salmon stocks and the resulting pollution accumulating on the ocean floor. These are acknowledged in the 2012 Royal Society of Canada Expert Panel Report "Sustaining Canada's Marine Biodiversity: Responding to the Challenges Posed by Climate Change, Fisheries, and Aquaculture"⁴ and the Cohen Commission into the Decline of the Fraser River Sockeye Final Report "The Uncertain Future of Fraser River Sockeye.

The need for further analysis and debate on this activity has long passed. It's time for a government decision and action to move from open net to close containment and preferably located in a land based system as is already occurring on northern Vancouver Island at the Kuterra Fish Farm.

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The recent open net facility failure in Washington State and subsequent escape of thousands of Atlantic salmon into BC waters is a prime example of why the decision to end the use of open net salmon farms should be made now. This facility failure highlights the vulnerability of the infrastructure as well as the inadequacy of the industry planning and response to natural events. We note that seasonally high tides are not out of the norm nor are the increased

frequency of extreme weather events on our coast. The impacts from this single event has real potential to have significant and lasting impacts on the BC Salmon stocks and river ecosystems.

Your government has been critical of the current salmon farming practices while in opposition. ~~We are looking for you to provide leadership on this issue and make the necessary policy and~~ legislative changes to move the salmon farming industry onto a more sustainable footing for the benefit of all marine users and the environment.

Yours Truly

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