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Colleagues:

As was referenced during our last DM CCFAM meeting, I am pleased to inform you that the Blue Economy Strategy engagements will be launched today, February 8, 2021.

This week, Minister Jordan will launch a series of virtual roundtables as well as online consultations, to hear from Canadians, including Indigenous peoples, coastal communities, key industry leaders and other ocean-related stakeholders. The goal of these outreach steps is to invite more detailed input and feedback on the Strategy. Attached you will find a copy of the **Blue Economy Strategy Engagement Paper** which I invite you to review.

Given the important role that provinces and territories play in Canada's ocean sector, your views and input are critical as we begin to develop the federal strategy. With our next DM CCFAM meeting now scheduled for March 30, this could present an opportunity to discuss what we have heard throughout our engagement. I also

understand that my officials have been engaged with provincial counterparts through the CCFAM Intergovernmental Working Group, and have offered dedicated opportunities for provinces to provide input into the development of the Strategy. I look forward to collaborating further with you on this important issue.

Chers, chères collègues,

Comme nous l'avons mentionné lors de notre dernière réunion du SM CCMPA je suis heureux de vous informer que les engagements de la Stratégie pour l'économie bleue seront lancés aujourd'hui le 8 février 2021.

Cette semaine, la ministre Jordan lancera une série de tables rondes virtuelles ainsi que des consultations en ligne pour entendre les Canadiens, y compris les peuples autochtones, les collectivités côtières, les principaux chefs de file de l'industrie et d'autres intervenants liés à l'océan. L'objectif de ces mesures de sensibilisation est d'inviter des commentaires et des commentaires plus détaillés sur la Stratégie. Vous trouverez ci-joint une copie du **document de mobilisation au sujet de la Stratégie relative à l'économie bleue** que nous vous invitons à consulter.

Compte tenu du rôle important que jouent les provinces et les territoires dans le secteur océanique canadien, vos points de vue et vos commentaires sont essentiels alors que nous commençons à élaborer la stratégie fédérale. Avec notre prochaine réunion du SM CCMPA qui est maintenant prévue pour le 30 mars, cela pourrait nous donner l'occasion de discuter de ce que nous avons entendu tout au long de notre engagement. Je crois également comprendre que mes fonctionnaires ont été engagés avec leurs homologues provinciaux par l'entremise du Groupe de travail intergouvernemental de la CCMPA et qu'ils ont offert aux provinces des occasions dévouées de donner leur avis sur l'élaboration de la stratégie. J'ai hâte de collaborer davantage avec vous sur cette importante question.

Timothy Sargent

Deputy Minister / Sous-ministre

Fisheries and Oceans Canada / Pêches et océans Canada

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Attached is the signed response to your correspondence addressed to the Honourable Bernadette Jordan, Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard. For your convenience, the response is reproduced in the text below.

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Veuillez trouver ci-joint la réponse à votre correspondance adressée à l'honorable Bernadette Jordan, Ministre des Pêches, des Océans et de la Garde côtière canadienne. Pour votre commodité, la réponse est reproduite ci-dessous.

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c/o Ms. Danielle Synotte

Dear Mr. Vander Waal:

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The Government of Canada recognizes the important role that aquaculture plays in our coastal communities and for our economy and food security, and is committed to ensuring that Canada is a global leader in sustainable aquaculture.

As Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, I have been mandated by the Prime Minister to work with the Province of BC and Indigenous communities to create a responsible plan to transition from open net-pen salmon farming in coastal BC waters by 2025, and to begin work to introduce Canada's first-ever federal Aquaculture Act.

With respect to the development of this plan, Mr. Terry Beech, my Parliamentary Secretary, recently held virtual roundtable engagement sessions with First Nations in BC, the aquaculture industry, environmental stakeholders, and other interested parties to hear their perspectives on this important initiative. These sessions were complemented by an opportunity to engage through online submissions, to allow those who could not participate in the virtual sessions to have their opinions heard.

The results of Mr. Beech's engagements will be presented to me in an interim report this spring.

Over the coming years, we will move forward by using the best available science, evidence, and input to develop a plan for salmon aquaculture in BC. Close collaboration with the Province and Indigenous communities will be critical to the development of a plan that is environmentally sustainable, economically feasible, and considers social aspects. To assist in the development of the transition plan, Budget 2021 provided resources to support engagement and to pilot the concept of area-based management.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) and I recognize that this is causing uncertainty and stress for families and communities in the region, for whom aquaculture is a critical source of income and economic development. I assure you that the decision was not made lightly. The Government offers a strong suite of support for workers and communities, and we have a strong partnership with BC in place, including the Canada-BC Workforce Development Agreement.

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Thank you for writing.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

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Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

c.c.: The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, P.C., M.P.
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May 20, 2021

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March 23, 2021

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Re: Letter of Support - Open Letter Regarding the Aquaculture Blue Economy Opportunity and Recent Decision for the Discovery Islands

Dear Minister Jordan:

On December 17, 2020, Fisheries and Oceans Canada made the decision to phase out all salmon farms in the Discovery Islands within the next 18 months putting potentially 1,500 families in a state of unrest.

On behalf of BC Agriculture Council (BCAC) and British Columbia's farmers and ranchers, I am very concerned by this decision and the lack of advance notice to industry. It still appears that the consultation process used to reach this decision was minimal and to our knowledge, Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada, Premier John Horgan and other senior officials in British Columbia were not aware of it until the announcement.

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We are a member of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture (CFA) who added their voice to a chorus of protests from communities and companies impacted by your decision. In CFA's letter to Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, they called for the immediate development of a growth plan for B.C. salmon aquaculture to provide clarity and certainty for investors. We echo their recommendation and support our other partners who have sent their comments to you (see enclosed).

Aquaculture represents the future of reliable seafood production while reducing pressure on wild stocks in a growing world hungry for seafood. It is also the key for coastal job growth where there are few other career opportunities. Other ocean-resource countries around the world, have aggressive plans to develop their marine aquaculture sectors. Why wouldn't we?

As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and accompanying public concerns about food security, we are witnessing governments and the public re-evaluate the way they see and value food production. As such, salmon farming – as a food supplier – should be treated as an essential service with significant economic impact. Your decision will affect our provincial economic recovery plan and have a large impact on employment and other economic areas on Vancouver Island.

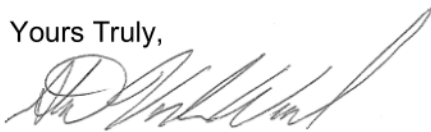
The BC Business Council and mayors of north island communities have submitted letters of support for B.C.'s salmon farming industry. The Province of BC has also been supportive of the industry and I hope you have had the opportunity to review these signs of support.

We understand there are others who are silent supporters of the sector and are apprehensive to speak up due to possible public backlash. This is most unfortunate.

It should be made known to you that farmers across the country were shocked by the suddenness of this decision and the lack of respect shown to those who are most largely impacted. If you are not willing to remedy this issue, I fear many Canadians will see this as government not supporting those that grow and raise food for this country – and for others around the world.

If this is how the Government of Canada treats salmon farmers - a multi-billion-dollar economic driver in this country - how do you think our dairy or blueberry farmers are expecting to be treated the next time they approach you with their interests?

Yours Truly,



Stan Vander Waal
President, BC Agriculture Council

Enclosures (2)

cc: The Honourable John Horgan, Premier of British Columbia
The Honourable Marie-Claude Bibeau, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food
The Honourable Lana Popham, Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

Minister / Ministre (DFO/MPO)

From: BCAC Communications <communications@bcac.ca>
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Subject: Letter of Support - Recent Decision for the Discovery Islands
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Sincerely,

Stan Vander Waal, President

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Good Afternoon,

It appears our previous email (below) had not included all our intended letters and enclosures.

Please find all attachments on this update.

Regards,

Danielle Synotte

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January 14, 2021

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Re: Open Letter Regarding the Aquaculture Blue Economy Opportunity and Recent Decision for the Discovery Islands

Dear Prime Minister:

The strong potential of Canada's aquaculture sector aligns closely with many of your government's stated priorities. We continue to be hopeful that within those priorities there can be smart growth of our sector under your government. There is arguably no other sector that has the same potential for good middle-class job growth, sustainable food development and security, a low-carbon footprint, rural coastal community economic development and the potential for real and lasting Indigenous reconciliation.

Numerous reports under your government have been produced that identify this great potential, as highlighted below:

"The central message of this report is that there is an ocean of opportunities for aquaculture in Canada. Our country has the world's longest marine coastline, the largest number of freshwater lakes, a diversified aquaculture industry, a rigorous regulatory regime and world-class aquaculture-related research. Canada is, therefore, well positioned to help supply the growing global demand for fish and seafood and to do so sustainably – environmentally, economically and socially. The Committee supports the goal of doubling Canadian aquaculture production within the next decade."

(Senate Report on Aquaculture: "An Ocean of Opportunities," 2016)

"What would Canadian leadership in global food production look like?...Increase global market share (for aquaculture) to 0.6% (from 0.2%) and exports by almost US \$2.6B. Do so by adopting...an economic development strategy that reforms ill-adapted traditional fisheries regulations for this emerging subsector to create opportunities for provincial, regional and aboriginal stakeholders..."

(Advisory Council on Economic Growth "Barton Report", Feb 2017, pp.10,12)

“Achieving our growth targets hinges on all sectors meeting their full potential. Right now this is not always the case. A key example is the Canadian aquaculture sector, which has the potential to nearly double production from 200,565 tonnes in 2016 to 381,900 tonnes in 2028 to meet rising demand.

However, there are significant barriers to achieving this growth:

- ***There is not a strong economic development focus for this sector within the federal government***
- ***Licensing requirements do not facilitate long-term growth strategies...***

(Agri-Food Economic Report from Canada's Economic Strategy Tables: The Innovation and Competitiveness Imperative, 2018)

“The largest potential (global carbon reduction) gains for food production lie in the sustainable expansion of marine aquaculture.”

(Expert Paper for the High Level Panel for a Sustainable Ocean Economy, 2019)

Aquaculture represents the future of reliable seafood production while reducing pressure on wild stocks in a growing world hungry for seafood. It is also the key for coastal job growth where there are few other jobs. Other ocean-resource countries around the world, including the United States, China, and Russia, have aggressive plans to develop their marine aquaculture sectors.

Marine farm-raised Atlantic salmon sector is close to 90 per cent of the value of the entire aquaculture sector in Canada. It is the anchor from which the total sector – shellfish, seaweeds, new marine and land-based technologies – can develop and thrive. Our recent market research for Canada revealed that salmon (the vast majority of which is farmed Atlantic salmon) is by a large margin the top seafood choice of Canadians, making up more than 30 per cent of their seafood diet, and even more importantly, Canadians (and the world) want more Canadian Atlantic salmon.

However, to date, and despite good-faith constructive efforts by our sector, your government has not delivered one positive structural or program change for the aquaculture sector that supports growth. Minister Jordan’s decision on the Discovery Islands, one week before the holidays, at the end of an unprecedented year of emotional and social upheaval and stress, is a terrible blow to the sector’s positive aspirations. The stress for our federally and provincially recognized “essential” employees, already at a high with COVID-19, has been severely exacerbated by this decision. We are deeply concerned for the present mental and physical health of our British Columbia employees, their families and their futures.

The consultation process employed to reach this decision was superficial: industry was given a single short opportunity to speak with the Minister and local communities were not granted any meeting. Multi-year peer-reviewed federal science establishing a minimal impact of farms to wild salmon was sidelined. This decision does not bring people together to create a pathway towards real reconciliation.

We will continue to hope and work for a reasonable path forward. The solution is relatively simple. Effective federal leadership will bring multiple interests together to develop a vision, strategy and plan for the sustainable growth of aquaculture across Canada. Your government can still do this, and realize the clear opportunity for Canada to be a global leader.

The explicit identification of a federal department that can champion the development of this sector is also critical. DFO seems structurally and culturally unable to do this. Without a significant new commitment to change in the department, another department must be given the responsibility to champion our sector.

We remain committed to working with you to realize the Blue Economy opportunity for this modern, forward-looking and innovative sector. But we stand together against a flawed decision that undermines the future for Canadian opportunity, our employees and communities.

Sincerely,



Jennifer Woodland
Chair, CAIA
President & CEO
Nu-chah-nulth Seafood LP



Timothy J. Kennedy
President & CEO
Canadian Aquaculture Industry Alliance

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Mr. Erin O'Toole, PC, MP, Leader of the Official Opposition
Mr. Richard Bragdon, MP, Critic to the Minister of Fisheries & Oceans
Mr. Pierre Poilievre, MP, Critic to the Minister of Finance
Mr. Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party



January 19, 2021

The Right Honourable Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.
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Dear Prime Minister

Please accept this letter on behalf of the Canadian Federation of Agriculture expressing our concern over your government's recent decision to shut down salmon farming on Discovery Island by 2022.

British Columbia farm-raised salmon is the largest agricultural export for British Columbia. Nearly 6500 families in BC rely on salmon farming for their livelihood.

Despite the importance your government has placed on transparency, consulting with Canadians and making science and evidence-based decisions, the decision to close the salmon farms seems to contradict these principles. This food sector has been the subject of exhaustive reviews and scientific study to determine any impacts on wild salmon populations. The nine peer-reviewed studies recently finalized by the Department of Fisheries & Oceans (DFO) at the request of the Cohen Commission concluded that salmon farms in the Discovery Islands have less than a minimal potential impact on wild salmon. The Cohen Commission's high test was thus met and surpassed by the salmon farms.

Because the farms passed this high bar of performance, the process for renewing federal licenses should have been fair and taken into account this performance, the science, and community impact. Unfortunately, it did not.

This decision affects up to 25% of the salmon production of British Columbia, impacting close to 1500 jobs. The job impact in northern Vancouver Island is very real. There are very few other opportunities in this part of Canada. Once these valuable jobs and infrastructure are removed, they are very difficult to bring back. Markets served by good Canadian product will quickly be filled by other global production at a great loss for global-leading Canadian sustainable production.

We urge the federal government to immediately develop a growth plan for the aquaculture sector, especially for the salmon sector in British Columbia, to enable the sustainable growth of the sector and provide clarity and certainty for investment.

We also ask your government to explicitly identify a federal department to champion the economic growth of the aquaculture sector. DFO's mandate seems to preclude this; Agriculture and Agri-Food Canada should be a better home but would need an expanded mandate.

Your government has recognized the growth potential of Canadian agriculture and the aquaculture sector can and should be a global leader but this decision creates great and unnecessary uncertainty for

the future of this sector. The Canadian Federation of Agriculture stands with our seafood farmers in British Columbia and across Canada.

Respectfully,



Mary Robinson
President

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Premiers and Lead Ministers for NL, NS, NB, PEI, QC, ON, BC

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Mr. Richard Bragdon, MP, Critic to the Minister of Fisheries & Oceans

Mr. Pierre Poilievre, MP, Critic to the Minister of Finance

Mr. Jagmeet Singh, Leader of the New Democratic Party

Honourable Bernadette Jordan, P.C., M.P.
Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

Sent via email on December 29, 2020

Dear Minister Jordan;

As Northern Vancouver Island Mayors and industry leaders in salmon farming, we are writing to express our deepest concern and disappointment. Your shocking decision to order Discovery Islands area salmon farms closed directly puts at risk 1,500 jobs supported by those farms in the short term, while in the long term striking at a sustainable COVID recovery industry and at the economic viability of the entire \$1.6 billion salmon farming industry in BC.

Salmon farming is deeply integrated into the fabric of local lives and, as one of the most significant local employers, your decision has the potential to unravel the viability of North Island Indigenous and non-Indigenous communities. Yet you made this decision without even speaking to the industry nor locally-elected officials who deeply understand BC's salmon farming communities and have a direct interest in your action. Our North Island communities deserve more from you than a hasty and confused process taken without consideration of the widespread impacts to local businesses and communities.

Remarkably, your decision is also not based on science, which tells us responsible salmon farming with a strong regulatory environment does not harm wild salmon populations.

The timing could not be worse. Like all Canadians and residents of our communities during the pandemic, workers in the salmon farming industry, and local business owners are under severe emotional strain. Now they face the prospect of losing their jobs and their businesses going under. When your government declared this industry essential, early in the pandemic salmon farmers stepped up and took that responsibility seriously. They kept producing food for Canadians, about 6.5 million meals worth every week. They donated more than 500,000 meals worth of salmon to food banks in our communities and across Canada.

Now, we feel disposable and discarded -- locally-elected officials, salmon farmers, seafood processors, technology and transportation suppliers, and small business owners.

So, we ask: What is your plan now to help our communities recover from your decision? What is your government willing to commit at this stage, and beyond, to help us pick up the pieces for the people who live, work and take care of their families here on our coast?

Be advised that we will no longer sit on the sidelines and will be pursuing every possible option to remedy this untenable situation. For the sake of the North Island families and communities we support, we must do everything we can to protect their future.

Sincerely,

Northern Vancouver Island Mayors

Mayor Andrew Adams, City of Campbell River

Mayor Dennis Dugas, District of Port Hardy

Mayor Brad Unger, Village of Gold River

Mayor Gaby Wickstrom, Town of Port McNeill



BC Salmon Farmers Association, Board of Directors

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Dr. Brad Hicks, Partner, Taplow Feeds

Wade Kaskiw, Finance Manager, AKVA Group
Treasurer, BC Salmon Farmers Association

Dr. Diane Morrison, Managing Director, Mowi Canada West

Kevin Onclin, Badinotti Net Services Canada Ltd.

Tim Rundle, General Manager, Creative Salmon Co. Ltd.

Dave Stover, CEO and Co-Owner, Brown's Bay Packing Company

Stephanie Quah, Managing Director, EWOS Canada Ltd. (Cargill Aqua Nutrition)



CC:

Terry Beech, M.P., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard

Rachel Blaney, M.P., North Island - Powell River

Honourable John Horgan, M.L.A., Premier, Province of British Columbia

Honourable Lana Popham, M.L.A., Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries

Honourable Josie Osborne, M.L.A., Minister of Municipal Affairs

Honourable Ravi Kahlon, M.L.A., Minister of Jobs, Economic Recovery and Innovation

Michele Babchuck, M.L.A., North Island

Timothy Sargent, Deputy Minister, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Rebecca Reid, Regional Director General, Pacific Region, Fisheries and Oceans Canada

FW: Blue Economy Report

From: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX
To: Popham, Lana AFF:EX <Lana.Popham@gov.bc.ca>, Donnelly, Fin AFF:EX <Fin.Donnelly@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Godfrey, Samuel PSSG:EX <Samuel.Godfrey@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 21, 2021 10:22:59 AM PDT
Attachments: Cascadia Seaweed_Infographic_Final.png, Cascadia Seaweed - Blue Economy Strategy Submission with Signatures.pdf

As an FYI before the Cascadia meeting.

Jack

From: Erin Bremner-Mitchell <erin@cascadiaseaweed.com>
Sent: July 21, 2021 10:19 AM
To: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>; Oldham, Lisa E AFF:EX <Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Blue Economy Report

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With gratitude ~
Erin

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Erin Bremner-Mitchell
Manager of Communications and Engagement
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Integrating Seaweed Aquaculture into Canada's Blue Economy Strategy: A Call to Action



Submitted by:

CascadiaSeaweed

in concert with other players and concerned parties

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RE: Blue Economy Report

From: Oldham, Lisa E AFF:EX
To: Erin Bremner-Mitchell <erin@cascadiaseaweed.com>
Sent: July 21, 2021 10:29:32 AM PDT
Hi Erin,

Thank you for sending.

Regards,
Lisa

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RE: Blue Economy Report

From: Oldham, Lisa E AFF:EX
To: Erin Bremner-Mitchell <erin@cascadiaseaweed.com>
Sent: July 21, 2021 11:39:01 AM PDT
Hi Erin,

I stepped away from my desk

Are you in?

From: Erin Bremner-Mitchell <erin@cascadiaseaweed.com>
Sent: July 21, 2021 11:22 AM
To: Oldham, Lisa E AFF:EX <Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Blue Economy Report

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Hi Lisa ~
We are just in the waiting room.
Everything okay on your end?
Erin

On Wed, Jul 21, 2021 at 10:29 AM Oldham, Lisa E AFF:EX <Lisa.Oldham@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Erin,
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Lisa

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Re: Meeting with PS Donnelly

From: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX
To: MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX <Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 1, 2021 1:21:51 PM PDT
Attachments: image001.jpg
Sounds good, if you get it in eApps can you just send directly to me via email?

Thanks!

Jack Garnier

On Oct 1, 2021, at 11:41 AM, MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX <Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Jack,

The BN's haven't come through for this yet, but I can see them sitting with Char.

I'll see if I can get these in time.

Thank you,

	Alyssa MacLellan (She/Her) Administrative Assistant to the Honourable Lana Popham Minister of Agriculture, Food and Fisheries t 250.387.1023 f 250.387.1522
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From: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 1, 2021 11:34 AM
To: MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX <Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with PS Donnelly

Hey Alyssa,

Has any BN's come through for this one? Jenn had mentioned earlier in the week it was a little late.

Thanks,

Jack

From: MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX <Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: October 1, 2021 10:28 AM
To: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Meeting with PS Donnelly

Hi Jack,

Are you going to be in this meeting today at 3:30 PM?

Tasha has asked that her and Racheal be added as co-hosts, so they can mute and unmute their members, to keep things easy.

This is something that can only be done in the meeting, would you mind upgrading them to co-host status while in the meeting? I believe you have to be logged in under the AFF account as the host to do this.

Thank you!

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From: Tasha Sutcliffe <Tasha@ecotrust.ca>
Sent: October 1, 2021 10:08 AM
To: MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX <Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Meeting with PS Donnelly

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Thank you so much!

Rachael's email is racheal@ecotrust.c

Best,

Tasha

Tasha Sutcliffe
Senior Policy Advisor
Ecotrust Canada
ecotrust.ca

On Oct 1, 2021, at 9:10 AM, MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX <Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Tasha,
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Thank you for sending this meeting plan, I will add this to our meeting materials.
If you could send me Racheal's email address, I am happy to add you both as co-hosts.

Warmly,

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From: Tasha Sutcliffe <Tasha@ecotrust.ca>
Sent: October 1, 2021 12:39 AM
To: MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX <Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca>; Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with PS Donnelly

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Hi both,
I am attaching here a meeting format for tomorrow's meeting.

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I hope this meeting scenario helps ensure everything runs smoothly and everyone gets to speak. I have done this a number of times with this group with the Feds (Fish Minister and others) and it works really well for all. I think/hope Fin will enjoy this group meeting and will feel it was well worth his time.

If you have any questions, concerns, etc, please let me know.

One thing we found in past meetings helps a lot is if Racheal and I can be made cohosts to help with pinning/muting/unmuting speakers since we know who everyone is. It can help avoid confusion and lost time etc. Let me know what you think!

Best,
Tasha

From: MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX <Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: Thursday, September 16, 2021 9:16 AM

To: Tasha Sutcliffe <Tasha@ecotrust.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting with PS Donnelly

Hi Tasha,

That is no trouble at all. Please see the zoom link below, please send out to all attendees. We would also request that you please send out a list of attendees closer to the meeting date. This list doesn't have to be exact, but it would be greatly appreciated to have something a bit closer to the actual numbers.

Topic: PS Meeting w/ Fisheries for Communities Network Members

Time: Oct 1, 2021 03:30 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

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Warmly,

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From: Tasha Sutcliffe <Tasha@ecotrust.ca>

Sent: September 15, 2021 5:29 PM

To: MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX <Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Re: Meeting with PS Donnelly

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Probably zoom is more accessible. If it helps I can set up a zoom link.

Tasha

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Ecotrust Canada
ecotrust.ca

On Sep 15, 2021, at 2:07 PM, MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX
<Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Tasha,
That sounds great, I will send out the invite shortly.
Will Microsoft Teams work for everyone on your end?
Thank you,

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From: Tasha Sutcliffe <Tasha@ecotrust.ca>
Sent: September 15, 2021 1:34 PM
To: MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX <Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Meeting with PS Donnelly

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Hi Alyssa,
Thanks for this!
It looks like October 1st 3:30-4:30 is best option from our end.
Best,
Tasha

Tasha Sutcliffe
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Ecotrust Canada
ecotrust.ca

On Sep 14, 2021, at 1:10 PM, MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX
<Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Tasha,
I've come up with a few dates that would work on our end. Could you please let me know if either of the dates and times below would work for members?

September 27: 2:15 PM – 4:30 PM

October 1: 3:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Thank you,

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From: Tasha Sutcliffe <Tasha@ecotrust.ca>
Sent: September 13, 2021 3:08 PM
To: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: MacLellan, Alyssa AFF:EX <Alyssa.MacLellan@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Meeting with PS Donnelly

Thanks Jack,
I'm away next week so if not this week we'd have to do the week of the 27th.
If I know what openings are open for Fin, I can pull the group and see who I can get together.
Tasha
Tasha Sutcliffe
Senior Policy Advisor
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On Sep 13, 2021, at 3:03 PM, Garnier, Jack AFF:EX
<Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Tasha,

Maybe we can look for a time either next week or the week after to make sure everyone who wants to join is able. I've cc'd Alyssa here who will be able to help better with finding a time.

From: Tasha Sutcliffe <Tasha@ecotrust.ca>
Sent: September 13, 2021 3:00 PM
To: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Donnelly, Fin AFF:EX <Fin.Donnelly@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with PS Donnelly

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Hey Jack,
Just checking back on this. Was there a plan for this week still in motion?
I'm not sure if folks are still available Thursday but I know some of them were holding it – if that is still possible I can do a quick round up to see.
Tasha

From: Tasha Sutcliffe
Sent: Tuesday, August 31, 2021 1:00 PM
To: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Donnelly, Fin AFF:EX <Fin.Donnelly@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: Meeting with PS Donnelly

Hi Jack,
Thanks so much for the reply. Thursday would be great for most folks on our side.
And yes, agreed we need a meeting with Cullen as well.
Tasha

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Senior Policy Advisor
Ecotrust Canada
ecotrust.ca

On Aug 31, 2021, at 11:38 AM, Garnier, Jack AFF:EX <Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Tasha,

Thanks for the reminder. Now that summer is winding down, I think it will be much easier to get this scheduled in. I think the brief for the Coastal Marine Strategy would be more beneficial to present to Minister of State Cullen's Office.

That said, what times on the week of Sep 13 would work?

Cheers,

Jack

From: Tasha Sutcliffe
<Tasha@ecotrust.ca>
Sent: August 30, 2021 2:38 PM
To: Garnier, Jack AFF:EX
<Jack.Garnier@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: fin@rivershed.com
Subject: Re: Meeting with PS Donnelly

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Hey Jack,
Just moving this to the top of your inbox.
Best,
Tasha

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On Aug 4, 2021, at 10:27 PM, Tasha Sutcliffe
<Tasha@ecotrust.ca>
wrote:

Hi Jack,
I hope this email finds you well and enjoying a less restricted summer!
I am writing with a request for the Fisheries for Communities network to get a date on the books to meet with Fin around current fisheries issues and opportunities including:

- The groups recent panel with PS Terry

Beech on the Blue Ocean Strategy as well as our submission paper and calls with the Fishery Minister's office (see attached paper)

- A brief with recommendations that the group has drafted regarding BC's Coastal Strategy to support this work with PS Donnelly and Minister Cullen (draft to follow)
- Update/discussion on direction for Wild Salmon Advisory Council recommendations

We are never entirely sure which members are available as it very much depends on timing with fishing and work seasons etc, but it will be myself and some of the following:

James Lawson – UFAWU president; fisherman (sea cucumber, prawn, salmon, herring, crab)

Sonia Strobel – Skipper Otto

Helen Beans UFAWU VP; fisherman (prawn, salmon, herring,)

Jon Crofts – Codfather's Seafood; Slow Fish

Duncan Cameron – Fisherman (Crab)

Mabel Mazurek – Northern Native Fishing Association

Guy Johnson – Fisherman (Prawn, Salmon)

Brooke Fader – Wild Mountain Dinners; Slow Food/Slow Fish

Cynthia Bendickson – Greenways Land Trust

Annalisa Stewart – Vancouver Island Health Authority

Fraser MacDonald – Fisherman (Tuna, Prawn, Halibut)

Chelsey Ellis – Area A Crab;
fisherman
Andy Olson – Native
Fishing Association
Jim McLsac – TBuck
Suzuki; Commercial
Fisheries Caucus, Canadian
Federation of Independent
Fish Harvesters
Racheal Weymer –
Ecotrust Canada
Rick Williams – Canadian
Council of Professional
Fish Harvesters
Emily Beam – UFAWU;
Prawn Industry Caucus
Brian Wadhams –
Fisherman
Cailyn Siider – Tbuck
Suzuki

Now that meetings are
zoom, we usually have
whoever can make it to sit
in, but about 5-8 folks
present on the topic at
hand by saying a few
words each, before have a
more open dialogue.
Because it is a lot of folks
and a lot of input, 1.5
hours would be very much
appreciated!

If you need any further
info from me please let me
know. We have been
meaning to connect and
are all very eager to meet
with Fin and to contribute
to a sustainable, fair, and
prosperous fishery and
coast!

All the best,
Tasha
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