

## FW: Request: Bullets for Norway Amb Visit

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This is really great! Thanks Kevin, this is perfect.

Mike

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Hey Mike,

This is mostly pulled from a variety of existing sources but I made some edits to fit the request so hopefully it's what you're looking for!

Cheers, Kevin

Bullets to outline the B.C. fish and seafood economy and sustainable fisheries:

- **The Province of B.C. is developing our own Coastal Marine Strategy, Watershed Sustainability Strategy and Wild Salmon Strategy while working collaboratively with the Government of Canada as they develop a Blue Economy Strategy to help grow the ocean economy, while advancing conservation objectives.**
- **British Columbia's extensive coastline and unique geography provide for a significant fisheries and seafood industry. The aquaculture, fisheries and seafood processing sectors greatly contribute to B.C.'s economy and provide thousands of jobs to British Columbians.**
- **B.C. supports conservative fisheries management and science-based fisheries stock assessments and management approaches, while working with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to ensure that the many fish stocks in B.C. waters are sustained for future generations.**
- **We have partnered with the federal government to provide financial assistance to seafood producers (wild and farmed) to incorporate existing clean technology into their operations and build on their reputation for sustainable practices (e.g., the Fisheries and Aquaculture Clean Technology Adoption Program and the B.C. Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund).**

Additional bullets given the context of Norwegian investment in B.C. salmon aquaculture:

- **The Province is prioritizing reconciliation with First Nations and are encouraging Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) to consider the principles of UNDRIP in decisions related to salmon farming in B.C., including balancing First Nations rights to economic development decisions within their territories.**
- **The Province has a Salmon Aquaculture Policy whereby no new tenures will be approved effective June 2022, unless the operator has negotiated agreements with the First Nation(s) in whose territory they propose to operate, and can satisfy DFO that their farm will not adversely impact wild salmon stocks.**
- **B.C. has made it clear to DFO that any plan developed by 2025 to transition from current open-net pen technology is built on meaningful and principled engagement involving industry, First Nations, local governments, and the Province. To this end, B.C. is committed to working to find positive and lasting solutions that benefit all involved.**

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**Importance:** High

Hi Myron,

I am following up on this request from fisheries information from IGRS. The bullets are due to them today.

Thanks, Kelly

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Hi Myron,

IGRS is looking for some bullets on the blue economy. Can your team please pull some bullets together and have them approved by Jennifer. I will then forward to IGRS.

Thanks, Kelly

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Hi Kelly,

I'm a new IGR advisor at IGRS and Sukumar Periwal referred me to you. I'm drafting a meeting note in preparation for Premier Horgan's meeting with the Norwegian Ambassador, H.E. Jon Elvedal Fredriksen. This is H.E. Jon Elvedal Fredriksen's first visit to B.C. and he is requesting meetings in Victoria with Premier Horgan and Minister Ralston on March 2<sup>nd</sup>.

The following topics have been identified as being of interest:

- Fossil Fuels
- Clean BC
- Norwegian Sovereign Wealth Fund
- Blue economy

Sukumar suggested that I reach out to you regarding fossil fuels as Norway has worked on expanding its blue economy. Would it be possible to provide a few high-level bullets on B.C. and Norway's relationship in the context of agriculture and fisheries for inclusion on the note by **Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>**? Thank you so much for your help and please let me know if you have any questions!

Sincere regards,

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## MEETING NOTE

**DATE:** 30 March, 2022

**PREPARED FOR:** Honourable Josie Osborne, Minister of Land, Water and Resource Stewardship

**REGARDING:** Meeting with Excellency Jon Elvedal Fredriksen, Norwegian Ambassador, regarding Aquaculture in B.C.

**SUMMARY:** Norwegian firms are major players in the B.C. aquaculture sector, including:

- Cermaq (acquired by Mitsubishi Corporation) which has global operations in Norway and has 26 salmon farming sites in B.C. – 3 within the Discovery Islands; and,
- MOWI, one of the largest global seafood companies and largest producer of Atlantic salmon, has 44 salmon farming tenures in B.C. – 17 located in the Discovery Islands.

The Ambassador may raise the concerns of these Norwegian aquaculture companies and their salmon farm tenures with regards to the phase out of farms in the Discovery Islands and the federal commitment to transition from open net pens by 2025. The Province's Salmon Aquaculture Policy may also have impacts to these companies whereby no new tenures will be approved unless the operator has negotiated agreements with the First Nation(s) in whose territory they operate.

The Ambassador met with several B.C. Ministers on March 2<sup>nd</sup> on a number of topics, including aquaculture decisions, coastal strategy, Blue Economy and clean energy etc..

### STRATEGIC CONSIDERATION AND MESSAGES:

- B.C. respects the federal government's position on finfish aquaculture and their decision authority regarding licensing in the Discovery Islands. However, there are overall 79 salmon farming licences at risk of not being renewed, and we are urging our federal counterparts to commit to a transition plan that supports the affected families, companies, and coastal communities.
- B.C. has made it clear to Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) that any plan developed by 2025 to transition from current open-net pen technology is built on meaningful and principled engagement involving industry, First Nations, local governments, and the Province. To this end, B.C. is committed to working to find positive and lasting solutions that benefit all involved.
- I plan to soon meet again with DFO Minister Joyce Murray, and I'll be stressing that any federal licensing decisions should fully engage those First Nations most impacted, providing them with clarity about their options, as well as the time necessary for businesses to evaluate their investment options.
- The Province is prioritizing reconciliation with First Nations and are encouraging DFO to consider the principles of UNDRIP in decisions related to salmon farming in B.C., including balancing First Nations rights to economic development decisions within their territories.
- The Province of B.C. is developing our own Coastal Marine Strategy, Watershed Sustainability Strategy and Wild Salmon Strategy while working collaboratively with the Government of Canada as they develop a Blue Economy Strategy to help grow the ocean economy, while advancing conservation objectives.
- The Province is dedicated to meaningful engagement with First Nations and industry members as demonstrated by the transition plan we developed in the Broughton area.
- Solutions to these issues will need to balance environmental considerations, the economic interests of coastal communities, job opportunities, protecting the health of wild salmon, and our government's commitment to reconciliation with First Nations.

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  - Grieg Seafood, a global company based out of Norway operating 22 farms and a hatchery in B.C. and directly employing approximately 180 people.
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- On March 10, 2022 our Premier sent a letter to Prime Minister Trudeau making clear that any plan developed by 2025 to transition from current open-net pen technology must be built on meaningful and principled engagement involving industry, First Nations, local governments, and the Province.
- To this end, B.C. is fully committed to engaging with the Government of Canada to find positive and lasting solutions that benefit all involved.
- The Prime Minister responded on March 29, 2022, underscoring the federal government's commitment to working closely with Indigenous partners, coastal communities, industry, and B.C. on the plan for transition. The Prime Minister also highlighted that continued engagement is critical to ensuring the transition is feasible by taking socio-economic impacts and traditional Indigenous and local knowledge into account.
- I've held an initial meeting with the honourable Joyce Murray Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard, where I stressed that any federal licensing decisions should fully engage those First Nations most impacted, providing them with clarity, as well as the time necessary for businesses to evaluate their investment options. Minister Murray and I have committed to meeting regularly.
- Internally, I am working to organize provincial ministers together so that we may address this complex situation and engage the federal government with a strong and united provincial team.
- Additionally, our MLA for the North Island, Michelle Babchuk, is currently organizing a delegation of community leaders to go to Ottawa to communicate concerns over the Discovery Island Decision and 2025 Transition Planning.
- The Province is prioritizing reconciliation with First Nations and are encouraging DFO to consider the principles of UNDRIP in decisions related to salmon farming in B.C., including balancing First Nations rights to economic development decisions within their territories.
- Our historic government-to-government talks with First Nations in the Broughton produced a way to address First Nations' longstanding concerns and protect and restore wild salmon stocks.

- Building on that work, we announced a new policy regarding salmon farming tenures along B.C.'s coast that takes effect June 30, 2022. This approach requires operators to have negotiated agreements with the First Nation(s) in whose territory they propose to operate and satisfy DFO that their farm will not adversely impact wild salmon stocks.
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**Date:** March 29, 2022 12:04:07 PM

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Good afternoon Clare,

If I can please get materials and staff required for the upcoming briefing with the Norwegian Ambassador. Materials approved by ADM will be due to the DMO by 3pm Monday April 4 please.

Pre-brief: Thursday April 7 @ 1:30pm

Briefing: Tuesday April 12 @ 2pm

*Cheers,*

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Meeting Request for Minister Josie Osborne	
Meeting Requested by	IGRS/Norwegian Ambassador
Meeting Topic	Inform on Norwegian ocean policy and cooperation with Canada, brief on norwegian companies' investments and investment plans, and learn about provincial policy and plans in this sector
Preferred Date/Time of meeting	Pre-brief – April 7 @ 1330 Meeting April 12 @1400
Timing Implications/Urgency	
Meeting Duration	30 minutes

<b>In person / virtual</b>	Teams – link to follow from IGRS
<b>Staff Attendees: Y/N/Who</b>	Y
<b>Materials: Y/N?</b>	Y
<b>DM pre-brief required: Y/N?</b>	Y
<b>Cliff Log # -</b>	
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Thank you

**Best regards,**

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