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From: Minister, AG AG:EX
Subject: FW: Close Fish Farms
Attachments: Dear New Government.docx

From: s.22

Sent: Friday, July 28, 2017 1:47 AM

To: Office of the Premier, Office PREM:EX; Minister, AG AG:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, JTT JTT:EX; Minister, MIT MIT:EX; Minister, SDPR SDPR:EX; Minister, MAH MAH:EX; Transportation, Minister TRAN:EX; Minister, HLTH HLTH:EX; Minister, AEST AEST:EX; Minister, CITZ CITZ:EX; Minister, FIN FIN:EX

Subject: Close Fish Farms

Thursday, July 27, 2017

To: The Office of the Premier of BC; The Attorney General; The Provincial Ministers of Environment and Climate Change; Forest, Lands and Natural Resources; Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation; Jobs, Trade and Technology; Social Development and Poverty Reduction; Tourism, Arts and Culture; Transportation and Infrastructure; Labour; Health; Advanced Education, Skills and Training; Citizens' Services; and Finance

Re: The Removal of Fish Farms in the Broughton Archipelago

Dear Premier Horgan,

I am writing to request the support of our new government. I am asking that you take the necessary steps to close open-net aquaculture farms in our traditional territories, located in the Broughton Archipelago.

My name is s.22 and I come from the 'Namgis, Mamalilikala, and Ławitsis tribes of the Kwakwaka'wakw Nation. My standing comes from my s.22 who held positions within the Mamalilikala and Ławitsis tribes. My Grandfather taught me that these territories belongs to us, which is why I have a right to speak on this issue. I have many relatives from the Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw, who are the rightful owners of their territories, yet they continue to fight this industry, with little or no respect from our previous governments. As a matter of fact, the aquaculture industry has been given permission to expand in these properties. As a Vancouver Islander, you fully understand the problem of fish farming here. However, I feel the need to highlight a few key items.

The Department of Fisheries and Oceans, and Minister Dominic LeBlanc in Ottawa are in a lot of trouble on this matter. We believe the activities in our territory are illegal and we find the Department of Fisheries in a total conflict of interest. In fact, that Department is currently fighting s.22 _____ in a case that has gone before the Courts. This is a complete insult to my people, as s.22 _____ is our family. She is one of us! The ancient traditional name given to s.22 _____ is s.22 _____ it is a name of high esteem and respect among the Kwikwasut'inuxw of Gilford Island. So, I ask why does the Federal Minister want to challenge our s.22 _____ in Court and put infected Atlantic salmon in our waters? We know that these Atlantic farmed salmon are eating wild salmon fry and herring. We know that the sea lice outbreak is out of control, and we totally understand that these feedlots are parked illegally in our waters. The practices by this industry with the approval of the federal government, will soon come light as our aboriginal rights are being infringed upon. As my people investigate our legal options, our family will not be working of fish this summer as a conservation attempt. Frankly, there is no fish for us to catch! Meanwhile, back in Norway five families profited in the ballpark of \$400 million dollars last year.

The scientific research supports what we have been saying for a very long time. Fish farms are threatening our wild salmon and the life that depends on them. Wild salmon stocks in our rivers are at an alarming low. Last fall, the Nimpkish River chum collapsed! In the spring, very few pink, Coho and chum salmon that were leaving rivers in the mainland were covered with sea lice. Now we understand that the mighty Fraser River sockeye are disappearing as well! What are we supposed to do when the salmon are gone? One only needs to look at Alaska, and how abundant those returns are. It's because they don't have farms!

Why are we allowing this to happen? How long are we going wait for Ottawa and DFO to act on their legal obligation to protect wild salmon? I am feeling more frustrated than ever before, and I know I'm not alone. Will we be forced to take matters into our own hands?

Please Sir, I'm begging you to do everything in your power to help us! We supported and voted because of our faith and belief in the New Democratic Party. Our good friend, MLA Claire Trevena visited Alert Bay during the election

campaign, and assured us that steps would be taken to move toward closed containment to get these farms out of our territories. The time has come to move fish farms somewhere else! My people have such high hopes that, together we could end this atrocity to correct the mistakes of the past.

Please revoke the land permits for the Aquaculture sites in 'Namgis and Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw territory in the Broughton Archipelago.

The way I understand it, this could be the last chance we have. Help us save our wild salmon and protect our environment for the future generations. This coast needs the salmon to survive. We all know that our ecosystems will simply disappear without them, and it is time we give back and say, thank you. The salmon have looked after us, now we have to look after them.

I look forward to a timely response.

Gilakas'la!

Respectfully,

s.22

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From: Minister, AG AG:EX
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:33 AM
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Attachments: Honourable David Eby.docx

From: s.22
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:23 AM
To: Minister, AG AG:EX
Subject: peace and security

Please find attached my letter to the Honourable David Eby

Respectfully,
s.22

October 16, 2017

Honourable David Eby

re: peace and security

I am writing to you as a concerned citizen and one that has followed the activities of the fish farm industry, their relationship with the First Nations surrounding the Broughton Archipelago, and the provincial and federal government response to concerns about the impact of open net fish farms on the wild salmon stock.

On October 10 eight united first nations including Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw, Namgis, Mamlilikula. Ma'amtagila and Tlowitsis met with Premier Horgan, Indigenous Relations Minister Scott Fraser, Agriculture Minister Lana Popham, Transportation Minister Claire Trevena, the MLA for North Island and Rachel Blaney, MP for North Island-Powell River. At that meeting a statement of unprecedented and firm resolve informed the government officials that they wanted the fish farm industry to cease doing business in their unceded territory.

"...We have never ever approved or given consent for these farms to be in our territories. This has been clear for a number of premiers and a number of prime ministers but they did not (huthilala's), they did not listen."
Bob Chamberlain KHFN

On October 13 the Viktoria Viking MV, a Norwegian registered vessel restocked the Port Elizabeth fish farm. It were accompanied by two zodiacs – the RCMP Tactical Team who were not dispatched by RCMP Island Dispatch – I was told by an Alert Bay RCMP officer the order came from "higher up".

If the mandate of the Tactical Team was to ensure that the peaceful demonstrators were safe from harm and that the public interest was served it was not clear to those individuals outside of the Norwegian MV. Members of the first nations attempted to approach the RCMP to speak with them but were rebuffed as the officers entered the Marine Harvest building on site. The zodiacs accompanied the ship from beginning to end of the restocking process.

The measure of patience and forbearance evident in the behavior of all these Canadian citizens in the face of a foreign owned company is remarkable. I know many of these people personally and I admire them for their continued resistance to the presence of fish farms in our waters. Their indigenous knowledge is confirmed by scientific evidence that the future of wild salmon is endangered by sea lice, antibiotics and viruses brought by the intensive farming methods.

While the provincial and federal governments, oblivious of the Cohen Commission recommendations, continue to prevaricate - tensions rise across the province for

political leadership. The national program W5, various direct actions at provincial government offices, social media collectivization, newspaper articles and letters such as this one are evidence that there is an escalation of social will.

There is precedent wherein resisters, defenders, protestors and dissenters are characterized as radicalized and posing a danger to the peace and security of our communities. I am of the opinion that the dispatch and behavior of the RCMP Tactical Team suggesting that the peaceful gathering at the fish farms required an escalated show of force is just that. This was a misjudgment at the best and a tactic by whomsoever asked for their presence, at worst.

The UNDRIP requires that we do more than listen and learn at this point; the disastrous decline in wild salmon requires that our political leadership become nimble and brave in their response; the evidence exposed by our national investigative program demands that our regulatory system be scrupulously investigated in order to ensure that our elected government support to the First Nations whose responsibility it has always been, to guard and protect the health and safety of people and creatures of this land.

Our promises of reconciliation demand that this be done as soon as possible.

With respect,

s.22