
From: Vivian Krause
Subject: **Seafood Choices and the Demarketing of Farmed Salmon**
Date: 29 July, 2009 04:20:04 PM PDT
To: Elois Yaxley
Cc: Peter Robinson , Jim Hoggan
2 Attachments, 8.3MB

Ms. Yaxley,

Please find attached a letter and a draft document for Dr. David Suzuki.
Is it possible for you to ensure that Dr. Suzuki personally receives these items?

By courier, I will send Dr. Suzuki a CD with the files for the appendices (854 pages).

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause

On Monday, 15 June, 2009, at 11:54AM, "Jay Ritchlin" <jritchlin@davidsuzuki.org> wrote:

>Dear Ms. Krause,

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>Thank you for your recent e-mails and attachments.

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>Let me begin by saying that the science of food health and contamination
>risk is still evolving and continues to be an area of debate. There have
>been improvements to PCB levels in some regions and by some producers,
>as well as continuing causes for concern around the use and presence of
>various chemicals in farmed salmon. That said, the David Suzuki
>Foundation does not currently make this a sole centrepiece of our work
>and we place it in context of a wide range of health and ecological
>sustainability issues that seafood and aquaculture consumers must face.
>At the present time, we still believe that individuals can get a healthy
>diet from a variety of more sustainable products.

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>The following link details some issues that continue to concern us
>around chemicals in salmon farming. It is a very thorough assessment of
>chemical use in global aquaculture that was undertaken by the Salmon
>Aquaculture Dialogue, a global group of industry and conservation
>stakeholders working to establish sustainability indicators for salmon
>farming. We are a member and work with industry representatives on these
>issues on a regular basis.

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>www.worldwildlife.org/what/globalmarkets/aquaculture/WWFBinaryitem8842.p

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>As regards sea lice, we simply do not agree with your assessment of the
>situation. Nearly every stakeholder in the Pacific and global
>aquaculture debate has now acknowledged that sea lice are a serious
>issue and measures to address the risks must be undertaken. The science
>continues to evolve and support the need for precautionary action.

>Bodies like the Pacific Science Forum have reviewed all the evidence you
>cite, plus more, and recommended management action to address the risks.
>Industry members like Marine Harvest are negotiating with the Coastal
>Alliance for Aquaculture Reform to find both immediate, interim relief
>for wild salmon in the Broughton Archipelago through changing their farm
>management, as well as exploring long term solutions like closed
>containment.

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>We plan to update our site with more new developments on these issues
>soon and to continue our direct engagement with industry members and
>regulators on long term, sustainable solutions for both capture
>fisheries and aquaculture.

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>On a final note, when I review our correspondence over the past two
>years it is apparent that we continue to have a fundamental difference
>of opinion with respect to the science of sustainable aquaculture. For
>our part, we will continue to push for the types of industry reforms we
>feel are necessary to support healthy and productive wild salmon
>populations and a sustainable aquaculture industry on the West Coast.
>We may therefore have to simply agree to disagree on this matter.

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>Sincerely,

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>Jay Ritchlin
>Director, Marine and Freshwater Conservation
>David Suzuki Foundation

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>Copy to:
>Dr. David Suzuki, c/o Elois Yaxley
>Jim Hoggan, Chair, David Suzuki Foundation Board of Directors
>Peter Robinson, CEO, David Suzuki Foundation
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>Ed Cassano, Monterey Bay Aquarium/Seafood Watch

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