
From: Vivian Krause
Subject: **Re: Seafood Choices and the Demarketing of Farmed Salmon**
Date: 04 August, 2009 09:28:54 AM PDT
To: Elois Yaxley
Cc: Peter Robinson , Jim Hoggan

Ms. Yaxley,

Would you mind please confirming that you received the e-mail below and were able to download the two attachments and give them to Dr. Suzuki?

In advance, thank you.

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause

On Wednesday, 29 July, 2009, at 04:20PM, "Vivian Krause" <vivian.krause@mac.com> wrote:

>Ms. Yaxley,

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>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?

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

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>Sincerely,

>Vivian Krause

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>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

>>Lisa Monzon, David and Lucile Packard Foundation

>>Ed Cassano, Monterey Bay Aquarium/Seafood Watch

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