
From: [Elois Yaxley](#)

Subject: **RE: Sea lice, salmon farming and wild salmon**

Date: October 16, 2007 08:25:53 AM PDT

To: [Vivian Krause](#)

Dear Ms. Krause,

As per the previous email from Dr. Suzuki to you I have forwarded this email along to Jay Ritchlin at the David Suzuki Foundation. Dr. Suzuki has requested that you work with Mr. Ritchlin at the Foundation. Elois

-----Original Message-----

From: Vivian Krause [mailto:vivian.krause@mac.com]

Sent: Monday, October 15, 2007 3:04 PM

To: Elois Yaxley

Cc: ecarley@mec.ca; bwright@packard.org; ed.penhoet@moore.org; jchoggan@hoggan.com; Robin Austin; Ron Cantelon; Al Horning; Clare Travena; Shane Simpson; Gregor Robertson; Daniel Jarvis; gary.coons.mla@leg.bc.ca; Scott Fraser; al.minister@leg.bc.ca; mayor.portmcneill@telus.net; Mary Ellen Walling; Pamela Parker; Richard Harry

Subject: Sea lice, salmon farming and wild salmon

Mr. Yaxley,

Attached, please find an open letter to Dr. David Suzuki in response to the open letter that he and others sent to Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Premier Gordon Campbell on 18 September 2007.

I would like to request that you also forward this e-mail and the attachment to all the other individuals who signed the open letter of 18 September 2007. I would appreciate it if you would please copy me on the correspondence.

I once again re-iterate my concerns about the position of the David Suzuki Foundation regarding farmed salmon and salmon farming, and my request since 11 May 2007 for answers to my questions.

I can be reached at vivian.krause@mac.com or at 604.219.5905.

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause

On Monday, September 10, 2007, at 12:25PM, "Vivian Krause"

<vivian.krause@mac.com> wrote:

>Ms. Yaxley,

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>Please forward the message below to Dr. David Suzuki:

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>Dr. Suzuki,

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>I am writing to re-iterate my concerns about the position of the David Suzuki Foundation regarding farmed salmon and salmon aquaculture, and to re-iterate my request since 11 May 2007, to meet with you about this matter.

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>Noting that Mr. Peter Robinson will become the CEO of the David Suzuki Foundation, I have brought this matter to his attention in a separate e-mail and am copying his Executive Co-ordinator, Ms. Emily Carley, on this correspondence.

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>I can be reached at 604.219.5905.

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>Sincerely,
>Vivian Krause

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>On Tuesday, July 10, 2007, at 09:30AM, "Vivian Krause"
<vivian.krause@mac.com> wrote:

>>Ms. Yaxley,
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>>Please pass on this message to Dr. David Suzuki:
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>>Dr. Suzuki,

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>>I am writing to let you know that I have filed a complaint (attached)
against you as a member of the Order of British Columbia,
>>with the Ombudsman of British Columbia.

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>>My complaint is that you have not answered my letter of 11 May 2007.
>>The result that I am seeking is an appropriate response to my letter.

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>>The Ombudsman's Office has informed me that they do not currently have
jurisdiction to investigate a complaint against a member of the Order of
British Columbia, and has recommended an other ways to seek a resolution
to my concerns.

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>>I am open at any time to speaking with you, to listening to your point
of view, and to seeking to understand your perspective.

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>>I believe that there are steps that could be taken to fairly and
effectively address the concerns that I have raised in my letter. I
would welcome the opportunity to work with you in order to do so.
However, to begin with, it seems to me that it is fair that the
questions that I have asked in my letter, are answered.

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>>I can be reached at 604.219.5905.

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>>Sincerely,
>>Vivian Krause

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>>On Tuesday, July 03, 2007, at 02:37PM, "Vivian Krause"
<vivian.krause@mac.com> wrote:

>>>Mr. Penhoet and Ms. Wright,

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>>>During 2002 and 2003, I worked in the salmon farming industry,
therefore I am somewhat familiar with the salmon farming controversy and
the global salmon market. Concerned that the controversy is
misunderstood, I made a submission (attached) to the Special Committee
on Sustainable Aquaculture, last fall. During the course of the
preparation of that submission, I came across information about the
"Wild Salmon Ecosystems Initiative" of the Moore Foundation and the
Marine Fisheries program of the Packard Foundation. I was suprised to
see how much of these programs appears to me to consist of demarketing
farmed salmon.

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>>>For the reasons outlined in the attached documents, I can not see how
the demarketing of farmed salmon by your grantees, is good for public
health or for the biodiversity of wild salmon. I can see how
demarketing farmed salmon improves the market for Alaskan "wild" salmon.

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>>>Salmon aquaculture is equated with salmon farming by SeaWeb and CAAR.
In fact, there are two forms of salmon aquaculture: 1) ocean-ranching
as practiced in Alaska and elsewhere, and 2) farming as practiced in
British Columbia and elsewhere. It appears to me that both have pros
and cons, and that both can be managed sustainably.

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>>>>The David Suzuki Foundation states that sea lice from salmon farms kill "up to 95%" of juvenile wild pink salmon. I do not see a sound scientific basis that would warrant such a conclusion. SeaWeb publicized this conclusion during the period that SeaWeb was funded by the Moore Foundation to "shift consumer and retailer demand away from farmed salmon."

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>>>>Environmental Defense and SeaWeb advise the public that the "maximum number of safe meals" per month of farmed salmon is half a meal and for younger children, zero meals. As outlined in my letter to Dr. David Suzuki, this recommendation is out of line with health authorities in America and Europe. I am concerned that this recommendation may be detrimental to human health, particularly the dietary prevention of cardiovascular disease. As I outlined in my letter to Dr. David Suzuki, I have concerns about the Hites et al. study on which this recommendation appears to be based. In my opinion, questions should be asked about whether the Easton et al. study and the Hites et al. study conform to relevant principles and polices for scientific integrity.

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>>>>As you can see from the correspondence below, several weeks ago I wrote a letter (attached) to Dr. David Suzuki in which I presented my observations, opinions, concerns, and asked questions. Having not received answers to my questions after over one month, I forwarded my letter to Mr. James Hoggan, Chair of the Board of the David Suzuki Foundation. Having not received answers from Mr. James Hoggan, and because The David Suzuki Foundation is one of your grantees, I am forwarding my letter to you for your response.

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>>>>Attached, please find also:

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>>>>1. A copy of the letter which I sent to the New York Times after last sunday's Ad, "Tell Safeway to Stop Selling Farmed Salmon." I would welcome your response to the observations, opinions, concerns and questions that I presented in my letter and I would like to know, did funding from the Packard Foundation and/or the Moore Foundation contribute towards paying for the Ad in the New York Times?

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>>>>2. A draft set of tables on funding to environmental organizations. I would welcome your feedback. Should you find that any of the information in this draft is factually incorrect, I would appreciate it if you would please draw this to my attention.

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>>>>I am copying this e-mail to the Members of the Legislature of British Columbia involved in the Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture as well as to Mayor Gerry Furney of Port McNeill, one of the towns which has been affected by the controversy over salmon farming. I am also copying this correspondence to Ms. Mary Ellen Walling of the B.C. Salmon Farmers Association, and Ms. Pamela Parker, Executive Director of the B.C. Pacific Salmon Forum.

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>>>>I would appreciate your response to my observations, opinions, concerns and questions.

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>>>>I can be reached at 604.219.5905.

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>>>>Sincerely,

>>>>Vivian Krause

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>>>>On Wednesday, June 27, 2007, at 07:45AM, "Vivian Krause" <vivian.krause@mac.com> wrote:

>>>>>Mr. Hoggan,

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>>>>>I am concerned that I have not received a reply from you regarding my correspondence (below) of 18 June 2007.

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>>>>I have also not received a reply from Mr. Ritchlin to my e-mail of 15 June (below) and I have not received a reply to my letter to Dr. David Suzuki of 11 May 2007.

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>>>>In response to my e-mail of 18 June, I received an e-mail from Cheryl Tauber on 22 June, stating that I should "direct all further inquiries" to Mr. Ritchlin.

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>>>>Farmed salmon and salmon farming is a matter of public interest.

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>>>>I have taken the time to present a thorough letter to Dr. David Suzuki. It seems reasonable to me to expect a thorough reply.

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>>>>To the concerns and questions that I presented to Dr. David Suzuki on 11 May 2007, I am requesting a thorough reply from you,

>>>>as Chairman of the Board of the David Suzuki Foundation, by 28 June, 2007.

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>>>>Sincerely,

>>>>Vivian Krause

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>>>>On Thursday, June 21, 2007, at 01:52PM, "Vivian Krause" <vivian.krause@mac.com> wrote:

>>>>>Mr. Hoggan,

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>>>>>I am writing to you in your capacity as Chair of The David Suzuki Foundation.

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>>>>>I am concerned that my letter of 11 May 2007 to Dr. David Suzuki, does not appear to be taken seriously.

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>>>>>As I write to you today, the home page of the web-site of James Hoggan and Associates states:

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>>>>>"We tell people YOUR truth. Good PR is not about 'spin.' Its not about bending or twisting a message. Its about clarity and accuracy. Its about fairness and balance. Its about making your story heard and understood - in good circumstances and bad. It's easy, in a confusing and noisy world, to be missed. It's easy, in a rush or a crisis, to be misunderstood. What's not easy - without the help of a top notch team - is ensuring success when you 'relate' to your public. That's our job, one to which we bring depth and experience unmatched in Canada. Let us help you tell your story and, you can be sure, we'll get it right."

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>>>>>I would appreciate your answers to the matters and questions presented in my letter of 11 May 2007 to Dr. David Suzuki.

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>>>>>I can be reached at 604.219.5905.

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>>>>>Sincerely,

>>>>>Vivian Krause

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>>>>>On Monday, June 18, 2007, at 04:21 PM, "Vivian Krause" <vivian.krause@mac.com> wrote:

>>>>>>Cheryl,

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>>>>>>As discussed, I would appreciate it if you would please forward this letter to Mr. Hoggan.

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>>>>>>As outlined below, I am seeking answers to the questions that I presented to Dr. David Suzuki in my letter of 11 May 2007 (attached).

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>>>>>>I can be reached at 604.219.5905 or by e-mail at vivian.krause@mac.com

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>>>>>Sincerely,
>>>>>Vivian Krause

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>>>>>On Friday, June 15, 2007, at 12:09PM, "Vivian Krause"
<vivian.krause@mac.com> wrote:

>>>>>Mr. Ritchlin,

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>>>>>Thank you for your response.

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>>>>>I am copying this correspondence to Ms. Brynelsen, Executive
Assistant to Mr. James Hoggan and would ask her to please forward this
e-mail to Mr. Hoggan in his capacity as Chair of the David Suzuki
Foundation.

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>>>>>As per my e-mail of 15 May 2007, I am also copying this e-mail to
the Members of the Legislature of the Special Committee on Sustainable
Aquaculture, to Mary Ellen Walling of the B.C. Salmon Farmers
Association, and to Mayor Gerry Furney, of Port McNeill.

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>>>>>For Mr. Hoggan's reference, I have attached my letter of 11 May
2007, to Dr. David Suzuki.

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>>>>>In the information posted at www.seachoice.org, and in the
printed version of "Canada's Seafood Guide", The David Suzuki
Foundation and other environmental organizations that are members of
Sustainable Seafood Canada, assert that "regular consumption of farmed
salmon" poses a "health threat" from PCBs, dioxins or pesticides.

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>>>>>As I outlined in my letter of 11 May 2007, based on my extensive
review of the scientific literature, I do not see a sound scientific
basis on which to conclude that farmed salmon is high in contaminants or
that farmed salmon poses a "health threat."

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>>>>>You stated below that The David Suzuki Foundation "stands by the
work that we have published." I would like to ask you to clarify what
you are referring to. Are you saying that the the David Suzuki
Foundation "stands by" the position that farmed salmon is high in
contaminants and poses a "health threat?"

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>>>>>As I stated in my letter of 11 May 2007, I have also noticed
that the Farmed & Dangerous campaign is mentioned by the PCFFA in
relation to the "antifarmed salmon effort." The sea lice research,
funded and publicized by the David Suzuki Foundation, was publicized by
SeaWeb during the time when SeaWeb was funded by the Gordon and Betty
Moore Foundation to "integrate aquaculture science messages into the
antifarming campaign" and to "shift consumer and retailer demand away
from farmed salmon." I find it difficult to reconcile the apparent
involvement of the David Suzuki Foundation in an "antifarmed salmon
effort" and an "antifarming campaign", with your statement, below, that
you are working to see "ecologically responsible aquaculture become a
reality" Does the David Suzuki Foundation consider that Alaska's
extensive salmon ranching program is "ecologically responsible
aquaculture?"

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>>>>>For the reasons outlined in my letter, I can not see how
demarketing farmed salmon helps to protect human health or the
biodiversity of wild salmon. I can see how demarketing farmed salmon
improves the market for Alaskan wild salmon.

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>>>>>In your reply (below), you have not answered the questions that I
asked in my letter of 11 May 2007 about whether research funded and
publicized by the David Suzuki Foundation conforms to the principles and
policies for scientific conduct of Canada's Tri-Council on Integrity in

Research and Scholarship, and the U.S. Office of Research Integrity. I would appreciate your response to this question.

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>>>>>>As I asked in my letter of 11 May 2007, I would also like to know:

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>>>>>>1. Is the David Suzuki Foundation one of the environmental organizations that was or is working with the Alaska Seafood Marketing Institute?

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>>>>>>2. Is the David Suzuki Foundation one of the "antifarming ENGOs" that the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation funded SeaWeb to coordinate in an "antifarming campaign" for which the purpose, as stated in documents submitted to the U.S. Internatal Revenue Service, was "to shift consumer and retailer demand away from farmed salmon?"

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>>>>>>I will appreciate your answer to these questions.

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>>>>>>Sincerely,

>>>>>>Vivian Krause

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>>>>>>On Thursday, June 14, 2007, at 04:02PM, "Jay Ritchlin"

<jritchlin@davidsuzuki.org> wrote:

>>>>>>Dear Ms. Krause,

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>>>>>>I was forwarded your messages and letter and I have briefly reviewed

>>>>>>them. I also received your voice mail today. Thank you for your interest

>>>>>>in our work.

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>>>>>>The David Suzuki Foundation stands by the work that we have published

>>>>>>and by our continued efforts to see ecologically responsible aquaculture

>>>>>>become a reality in BC and Canada. We base our work on analyses of both

>>>>>>the published literature and available policy options, and we apply the

>>>>>>precautionary principle to areas where evidence is compelling, or raises

>>>>>>serious concerns, but incomplete.

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>>>>>>We appreciate your questions and comments, however we do not have the

>>>>>>ability to respond in detail to every person who requests us to do so. I

>>>>>>encourage you to follow developments in our aquaculture and sustainable

>>>>>>fisheries campaigns through our web site

www.davidsuzuki.org/Oceans.

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>>>>>>Sincerely,

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>>>>>>Jay Ritchlin

>>>>>>Marine Campaign Strategist

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>>>>>>David Suzuki Foundation

>>>>>>219-2211 W. 4th Ave.

>>>>>>Vancouver, BC

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>>>>>>>-----Original Message-----

>>>>>>>From: Elois Yaxley

>>>>>>>Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2007 10:47 AM

>>>>>>>To: Jay Ritchlin

>>>>>>>Subject: FW: Letter to Dr. David Suzuki

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>>>>>>>-----Original Message-----

>>>>>>>From: Elois Yaxley

>>>>>>>Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2007 10:46 AM

>>>>>>>To: 'Vivian Krause'

>>>>>>>Subject: RE: Letter to Dr. David Suzuki

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>>>>>>>Greetings Vivian,

>>>>>>>Thank you for your email. David Suzuki stated in a previous email that

>>>>>>>he is unable to speak with you, or communicate with you at this time and

>>>>>>>he requested that you deal with the Marine folks at the David Suzuki

>>>>>>>Foundation.

>>>>>>>Elois

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>>>>>>>-----Original Message-----

>>>>>>>From: Vivian Krause [<mailto:vivian.krause@mac.com>]

>>>>>>>Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2007 9:54 AM

>>>>>>>To: Elois Yaxley

>>>>>>>Cc: Robin Austin; ron.cantelon.mla@leg.bc.ca;

gary.coons.mla@leg.bc.ca;

>>>>>>>Scott Fraser; al.horning.mla@leg.bc.ca; Daniel Jarvis;

>>>>>>>gregor.robertson.mla@leg.bc.ca; John Yap; Clare Travena;

>>>>>>>al.minister@gov.bc.ca; mayor.portmcneill@telus.net;

mwalling@telus.net

>>>>>>>Subject: Letter to Dr. David Suzuki

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>>>>>>>Ms. Yaxley,

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>>>>>>>It has now been one month since I sent my letter of 11 May 2007 to Dr.

>>>>>>>Suzuki.

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>>>>>>>I called your office this morning to speak with you. Your receptionist

>>>>>>>told me that you were not able to speak with me nor to return my call

>>>>>>>but that you suggested that I speak with someone in the Marine program.

>>>>>>>My call was put through by your receptionist, to Jay Ritchlin and I have

>>>>>>>left a voice mail message for him.

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>>>>>>>I would appreciate it if Dr. Suzuki or whomever he delegates would

>>>>>>>please return my call today or tommorrow morning.

>>>>>>>I can be reached at 604.219.5905.

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>>>>>>>I would also appreciate your acknowledgement of the receipt of this

