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20 on-line documents about farmed salmon, removed from the web-site of the David Suzuki Foundation

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Mr. Robinson,

I am going to be writing about the campaign against salmon farming and would like to verify some of my analysis with you. As before, I am writing to you as a concerned member of the public. As I believe that this is a matter of public interest, I will post this correspondence at my blog.

According to my observations, shortly after our meeting last spring, the David Suzuki Foundation removed 20 web-pages that contained inaccurate information, in my opinion. I've listed those below and provided the links to where these documents once were on your web-site. One of these web-pages was your brochure titled, "Why You Shouldn't Eat Farmed Salmon."

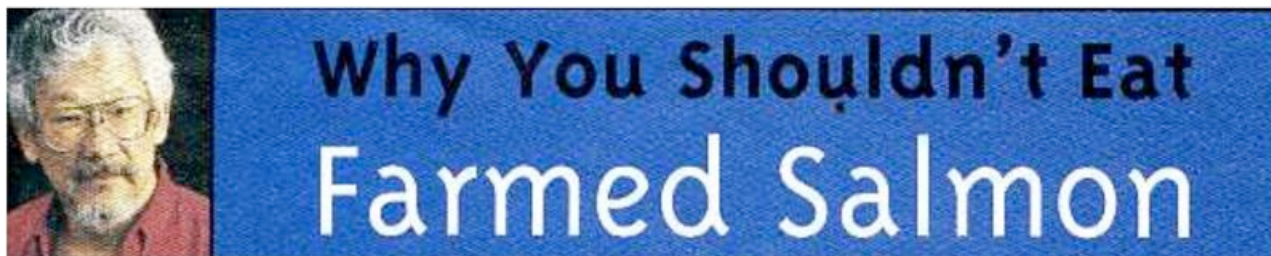
As far as I can tell, the David Suzuki Foundation has made no public mention of removing these web-pages or retracting any of the information that the foundation once disseminated. Is that correct?

In advance, thank you for taking time to consider my inquiry.

Sincerely,
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1) **Why You Shouldn't Eat Farmed Salmon**

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/PSF_Salmon_Brochure.pdf



2) **Toxic Salmon:** Study Shows BC's farmed salmon contain high levels of contaminants. Finding Solutions Newsletter, Summer 2001.

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/DSF_Summer_Final.pdf

Toxic salmon



Study shows BC's farmed salmon contain high levels of contaminants

3) Fishing for Omega-3s. Undated.

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/NatureChallenge/newsletters/feb2004_food/omega-3.asp.

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Fishing for omega-3s

Omega-3 sounds like a planet visited by Kirk and the gang from Star Trek, but Omega-3s are actually fatty acids that are great for our hearts. They are found in several different types of food, including fish, and many health experts recommend eating fish for this reason.

Unfortunately, industrial pollution in our oceans and lakes means that some fish are also high in toxins. So women of childbearing age and young children should avoid the more contaminated species, including shark, swordfish and farmed salmon.

Some species are also being over-fished to near extinction levels. By avoiding these fish, we can help the stocks recover.

Fish to avoid:

- Shark (overfished, high mercury contamination)
- Swordfish (overfished, high mercury contamination)
- Bluefin tuna (overfished)
- Farmed salmon (PCB and dioxin contamination, pollutes coastal waters, depletes wild fish)
- Chilean sea bass (overfished)
- Orange roughy (overfished)



4) The Skinny on Salmon. Undated.

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/NatureChallenge/newsletters/feb2004_food/salmon.asp

The Skinny on Salmon

If you are a little confused by recent farmed salmon stories, you aren't alone. Here's what essentially happened:

1. Huge international study comes out that says farmed salmon contain far more toxins than wild salmon. Recommends people limit eating farmed salmon to one meal or less per month.
2. Salmon farming industry freaks out, disputes findings, questions scientists, blames environmentalists (?) and considers new slogan: Farmed salmon - no, really, it's good for you!
3. Media portrays the whole thing as he says, she says, so public gets confused.



5) New scientific studies raise concern over toxicity of farmed fish feed, 4 January 2001

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases/news

6) Setting the record straight on the toxicity of farmed fish, 11 January 2001.

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases/newsaquacul

7) Health Minister urged to assess risks of eating farmed salmon, 8 January 2001.

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/pvw370829/campaigns_and_programs/salmon_aquaculture/news_releases/r

8) International journal published landmark study on wild and farmed salmon, 4 Feb 2002.

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases

9) International farmed salmon study supports groundbreaking Suzuki Foundation research, 8 Jan 2004

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/pvw370829/campaigns_and_programs/salmon_aquaculture/news_releases/

10) Newsletter with "Massive study confirms preliminary foundation work," Spring 2004.

- <http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/General/Newsletterspring04.pdf>, Spring 2004

11) State of the Catch.

- <http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/Oceans/StateoftheCatch.pdf>, This document contained a page on farmed salmon which said DO NOT EAT

12) The article, "Lessons about farmed salmon every Canadian should know," which is in the 2005 Summer Newsletter of the David Suzuki Foundation.

- <http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/General/NewsletterSummer05.pdf>

Documents about sea lice (8 documents):

13) Sea lice from salmon farms leading to ecological disaster, 28 January 2003.

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases/newsaquacul

14) Parasites & Diseases

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/Oceans/SEA_LICE_BROCHURE_FINAL.pdf

15) Fish Farms Linked to Sea Lice

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Publications/Fish_Farms_Linked_to_Sea_Lice.asp

16) Declining Wild Salmon Populations in Relation to Parasites from Farm Salmon.

- [Declining wild salmon populations in relation to parasites from farm salmon](#)

17) New Analysis Links Salmon Farms, Sea Lice and Broughton Pink Salmon Crash.

- [New Analysis Links Salmon Farms, Sea Lice and Broughton Pink Salmon Crash](#)

18) Fish Farm Causes Sea Lice Abundances Thousands of Times Higher than Natural Levels, New Study Confirms, 29 March 2005

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases/newsaquacul

19) Government must act on new study proving sea lice deadly to wild salmon, 3 October 2006.

- http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases/newsaquacul

20) Time running out on some of B.C.'s wild pink salmon. Study finds sea lice from fish farms put wild salmon at risk of extinction, 13 December 2007.

- <http://www.davidsuzuki.org/latestnews/dsfnews12130702.asp>

