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To: Peter Robinson <probinson@davidsuzuki.org>

Cc: Jim Hoggan <jchoggan@hoggan.com>, Gary Mason <GMason@globeandmail.com>

Date: 07 June 2011 4:56:49 PM

Mr. Robinson,

The article that you posted on your web-site insinuates that I am someone "on the dime" of some third party. You stated that my opinions are "hardly those of an unbiased, self-funded researcher" and that I "regularly misrepresent" the work of others.

As I pointed out in my letter below, I am not paid by any third party. I am self-funded. Please ammend your web-site accordingly.

If you feel that I have misrepresented the work of others, please specify. It is not my intention to misrepresent anyone.

Since you posted your article about me on your web-site and broadcast it with Twitter, I ask that at your web-site, you also post a link to my response. In my opinion, that's fair. Your foundation has had \$81 million dollars over the past 10 years. You have built up a huge following - including 28,000 followers on Twitter. I have not had the same resources, no where near. This is why I believe that its fair to ask you to please post a link from your article to my response, and also to tweet to your followers that I have responded to your article. I tried to extend the same courtesy to you when I posted a link to your article at my blog, and also tweeted to my followers (albeit there's only a few hundred of them) that you disagee with my analysis.

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause
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Begin forwarded message:

From: VIVIAN KRAUSE <vivian.krause@me.com>

Date: June 03, 2011 10:13:16 AM

To: Peter Robinson <probinson@davidsuzuki.org>, Gary Mason <GMason@globeandmail.com>

Subject: my response to the article that you posted at your web-site

Mr. Robinson,

I noticed yesterday that you posted an article about me and my appeal to Dr. Suzuki, at your web-site. Below, please find my response to you.

At my blog, I have posted a note to the effect that you disagree that you removed on-line material specific to salmon farming. For a link to that, please click [here](#). I would appreciate it if you would please return the favor and put a link at your web-site to my response to you. For that, please click [here](#). Also, since you have tweeted your article in which you mention me, would you mind please tweeting to your followers that I have responded to your article? That would be fair, wouldn't it?

Lastly, may I please suggest that we meet again and talk? It might be worthwhile.

Please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Sincerely,

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RE: 23 Press Releases & Web-Pages No Longer On-line. My Response to the David Suzuki Foundation

Mr. Robinson,

Your [article yesterday](#) raises several points. It would have been nice if you would have sent me a copy or somehow let me know that you posted this article. As it was, I found out on Twitter.

1. Our Correspondence

You suggest that we have a long history of communication and that last year (eg. 2010), you decided to stop dedicating resources to responding to my correspondence. Its true that I've been writing [letters to David Suzuki](#) for some time, four years, in fact. However, the only responses that I've received are 1) [a brief e-mail](#) from Dr. Suzuki in May of 2007, 2) [an e-mail from Jay Ritchlin](#) in June of 2007, and 3) [an e-mail from Mr. Ritchlin in June of 2009](#).

When [we met in February of 2010](#), you said that you would get back to me about [the document \(46 pages\)](#) that I provided. However, I did not receive any response from you.

In light of the above, I don't see how you can say that the David Suzuki Foundation has dedicated much in the way of resources to respond to my inquiries.

2. Removed Press Releases & Web-Pages

You say, "all of our formal publications, briefing notes and research remain readily available on our site and are searchable — including our science." That's not what I find.

As I've said, [23 press releases and web-pages](#) about farmed salmon and salmon farming are no longer on-line at your foundation's web-site. This includes, as far as I can tell, every single one of the press releases that the David Suzuki Foundation issued to publicize research about contaminants in farmed salmon, and sea lice.

If you disagree that the David Suzuki Foundation removed on-line material about salmon farming, why didn't you say so when I wrote to you about this on [January 20, 2011](#), [March 14, 2011](#), [March 23, 2011](#), [March 30, 2011](#) and [May 25, 2011](#)? I [e-mailed you](#) specifically to let you know that unless I heard from you otherwise, I would assume that you removed 16 web-pages on Feb. 3 and Feb. 4 of 2010 - *the very same day* that I posted an [open letter](#) to Dr. Suzuki.

Far from broad-siding you, I sent you [the entire draft](#) of my op-ed that ran on June 1 in The Financial Post. I sent you that a full week ahead of time so that you could let me know if anything in it was inaccurate. I [phoned your executive assistant](#) and spoke with her to verify and ensure that you were indeed receiving my e-

mails. If you disagreed with me that your foundation had removed 16 press releases and web-pages on Feb. 3 and Feb. 4, why didn't you ever say so?

You say that web-pages about salmon farming were removed, along with other material, during April and May of 2010. If so, then I am surprised that six of your press releases about research on farmed salmon and salmon farming were not archived at all, not once, after August 9, 2009. See [here](#), [here](#) and [here](#).

You suggest that the Wayback Machine only archives a website every few months. According to [my analysis of the archives](#) for the 23 press releases and web-pages that are now no longer on your site, these pages were crawled by the WayBack Machine, on average every 1.3 months. If, indeed, the David Suzuki Foundation removed these web-pages during April and May of 2010, as you say, then it surprises me that not one of the 16 web-pages that was last archived on Feb. 3 or Feb. 4, was crawled during February, March, or April of 2010.

For a larger version, please click on the image itself:

23 Web-Page Formerly Posted at the Web-site of the David Suzuki Foundation		Date First Archived	Date Last Archived	Intervening Months	Total Crawls	Months /Crawl	Time Last Archived
1	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/files/F0F_Salmon_Brochure.pdf	April 9 2003	Feb 3 2010	82	68	1.2	4:24 PM
2	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/AboutWayback/index17130702.asp	Dec 14 2007	Feb 3 2010	25	18	1.4	8:05 PM
3	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Nature/FeatureReleasesFeb0004_food/salmon.asp	Aug 16 2007	Feb 3 2010	29	22	1.3	8:36 PM
4	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Nature/FeatureReleasesFeb0004_food/salmon.asp	Aug 17 2007	Feb 3 2010	29	21	1.4	8:59 PM
5	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Nature/FeatureReleasesFeb0004_food/maga.3.asp	Aug 17 2007	Feb 3 2010	29	21	1.4	8:59 PM
6	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Nature/FeatureReleasesFeb0004_food/mad_cool.asp	Aug 17 2007	Feb 3 2010	29	21	1.4	8:59 PM
7	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Nature/FeatureReleasesFeb0004_food/vision.asp	Aug 17 2007	Feb 3 2010	29	21	1.4	8:14 PM
8	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Oceans/Aquaculture/	Oct 9 2004	Feb 3 2010	65	80	0.8	5:00 PM
9	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Oceans/Aquaculture/Salmon/	Oct 10 2004	Feb 3 2010	65	72	0.9	5:24 PM
10	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Oceans/Aquaculture/Salmon/Sea_Lice.asp	June 17 2007	Feb 3 2010	31	26	1.2	5:07 PM
11	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Oceans/Aquaculture/Salmon/Solution.asp	Oct 13 2004	Feb 3 2010	64	54	1.2	5:23 PM
12	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Oceans/Aquaculture/Salmon/Phage.asp	Oct 13 2004	Feb 3 2010	64	58	1.1	4:55 PM
13	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Oceans/Aquaculture/Salmon/Escape.asp	Oct 13 2004	Feb 3 2010	64	60	1.1	5:01 PM
14	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Oceans/Aquaculture/Salmon/Fast_Loss.asp	Oct 13 2004	Feb 3 2010	64	52	1.2	4:59 PM
15	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Oceans/Aquaculture/Salmon/Solutions.asp	June 17 2007	Feb 3 2010	31	29	1.1	4:58 PM
16	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/News/Press_Releases/News_Releases/News/200703121.asp	March 19 2007	Feb 4 2010	34	24	1.4	5:40 AM
17	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases/News/20090201.asp	Feb 28 2002	Feb 4 2010	95	52	1.8	6:42 AM
18	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases/News/20090801.asp	Oct 20 2006	Aug 2 2009	36	29	1.2	8:18 PM
19	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases/News/20090501.asp	May 6 2001	May 2 2009	94	50	1.9	8:14 PM
20	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases/News/20090201.asp	Feb 4 2001	May 2 2009	97	54	1.8	8:14 PM
21	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases/News/20090301.asp	Feb 3 2003	May 2 2009	75	55	1.4	8:13 PM
22	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases/News/20090501.asp	March 14 2006	May 2 2009	37	36	1.0	8:13 PM
23	http://www.davidsuzuki.org/Campaigns_and_Programs/Salmon_Aquaculture/News_Releases/News/20040101.asp	Aug 3 2004	May 2 2009	56	45	1.2	8:14 PM
					Average Crawls Per Month	1.3	

You say that the David Suzuki Foundation removed web-pages that were more than five years old. As far as I can tell, you also removed your key press release about sea lice research published in the journal **SCIENCE**, in December of 2007. That's not five years ago.

With the Cohen Commission ongoing, it seems to me that its not right that your sea lice press releases are now no longer in the public domain, especially since it was largely the alarm over sea lice, fomented by the David Suzuki Foundation and the Farmed and Dangerous campaign, that pressured government into spending more than \$15 million on the Cohen Commission. That's money that could have been spent on other priorities.

3. My Employment with the Salmon Farming Industry in 2002 and 2003

You note that I used to work in the salmon farming industry. That's true. That was in 2002 and 2003, eight years ago. I also did two short consultancies in 2007. For those, I was paid \$10,000 and \$7,750, respectively. As I've said many times, since July of 2007 I have not worked for the salmon farming industry in any paid capacity. In January, I was the keynote speaker at the Nova Scotia Annual Aquaculture Conference but apart from my airfare and hotel costs, I was not paid. Over the years, I have also tried to support the Aboriginal Aquaculture Association in small ways but I have not been paid.

To be clear, if anyone has reason to be an adversary of the salmon farming industry, it might be me. After all, I was fired. And having never supported my research and writing, the industry is now taking advantage of it. The truth is, however, I'm not supported by any anyone but my family and personal friends, none of whom are involved in salmon farming in any way.

You refer to me as "hardly an unbiased and self-funded researcher...." I acknowledge that (despite having been fired!) I am prone to a positive view of salmon farming because of my experience in the industry. However, in suggesting that I am not self-funded and insinuating that I am working on someone else's dime, you are mistaken. Please take that back.

You say that I regularly misrepresent the work of others. Please specify or retract that. It is not my intention to misrepresent anyone.

If you would like to know why I am raising questions about the "demarketing" of farmed salmon, and why, perhaps, others aren't, please click [here](#).

In closing, please allow me to re-iterate [my appeal to David Suzuki](#) to please clarify that contrary to his claims over the years, the actual research funded and publicized by the David Suzuki Foundation:

- Does not show and has never shown that farmed salmon is high in PCBs.
- Does not show and has never shown that sea lice originating from salmon farms cause high levels of mortality among juvenile salmon in the wild.

Lastly, please allow me to suggest that we meet again and talk. It might be worthwhile.

Sincerely,

Vivian Krause

Below, here's the correspondence that I've kept. If I've missed anything, please let me know.

2006

- [e-mail of December 1, 2006](#)

2007

- [e-mails from May 11, 2007 to September 2007](#) (cc Jim Hoggan)
- [e-mail response from Jay Ritchlin](#)
- [e-mails from June 4, 2007 to October 2007](#)

2009

- [e-mail with Peter Robinson, June 12, 2009](#)
- [e-mail from Elois Yaxley, July 29, 2009](#)
- [e-mail to Elois Yaxley, August 4, 2009](#)
- [e-mail to James Hoggan, August 4, 2009](#)
- [e-mail to Peter Robinson August 6, 2009](#)

- [e-mail to Peter Robinson, September 28, 2009](#)

2010

- [e-mail to Peter Robinson, Feb. 3 - Feb. 22, 2010](#)