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Dr. Samarasekera,

RE: Sea Lice Research by the Centre for Mathematical Biology

As a member of the public, I am writing to you in order to express concern and my opinion regarding the sea lice research by the Centre for Mathematical Biology (CMB) at the University of Alberta, and the reporting and publicity of the findings.

Ms. Alexandra Morton, an affiliated researcher of the CMB, has initiated a petition to close salmon farms.¹ More than 19,000 people have signed.² Dr. David Suzuki and Ms. Morton have petitioned the King of Norway to stop salmon farming in British Columbia.³

On the basis of the information and analysis presented in the attached documents, it appears to me that the CMB may have falsely reported some of its research findings and its funding sources and may have deliberately misled policy makers and the public. As it appears to me, the CMB and others may have manufactured the sea lice controversy as part of a marketing campaign funded by American foundations to sway consumers and retailers towards Alaskan wild and ranched-caught fish and away from the competition: farmed fish.

In the interest of fairness, I request that the University of Alberta clarifies the CMB's actual research findings and funding sources, in the scientific record and in the media. Specifically, I request that the University of Alberta publicly clarifies that contrary to the CMB's claims, the CMB's actual research findings do not show that sea lice originating from salmon farms cause high levels of mortality among juvenile salmon in the wild and put their populations at risk of extinction in the Broughton Archipelago of British Columbia.

Sincerely,

Vivian Krause

Original signed copy sent by mail.

c.c. Mr. John Duncan, Parliamentary Secretary and Member of Parliament, Vancouver Island North
Mr. James Lunney, Member of Parliament, Nanaimo - Alberni
Mayor Gerry Furney, Port McNeill
Mayor Michael Berry, Alert Bay
Mayor Bev Parnham, Port Hardy
Mayor Gail Neely, Port Alice
Mayor Charlie Cornfield, Campbell River
Mayor Paul Ives, Comox
Mayor Fred Bates, Cumberland
Mayor Greg Phelps, Courtenay
Mayor Corrine Dahling, Tahsis

Mayor John McDonald, Sayward
Mayor Craig Anderson, Gold River
Mayor Darren Inkster, Sechelt
Mayor Stewart Alsgard, Powell River
Mayor John Ruttan, Nanaimo
Mayor Rob Hutchins, Ladysmith
Mayor John Fraser, Tofino
Mayor Ken MacRae, Port Alberni
Mayor Eric Rusher, Ucluelet
Mayor Phil Kent, Duncan
Mayor Jack Mussallem, Prince Rupert
Mr. Richard Harry, Executive Director, Aboriginal Aquaculture Association
Ms. Leanne Brunt, Positive Aquaculture Awareness
Mrs. Mary Ellen Walling, Executive Director, B.C. Salmon Farmers Association
Mrs. Ruth Salmon, Executive Director, Canadian Aquaculture Industry Association

Attachments:

1. Sea Lice Research by Krkosek et al. (2007): Science or Marketing? Dated 4 November 2009.
2. The Demarketing of Farmed Salmon: Funding Analysis. Dated 4 November 2009.

Additional Information Available:

1. Form letter from Dr. David Suzuki to Vivian Krause, 20 May 2002
2. Open letter to Dr. David Suzuki, 11 May 2007
3. Open letter to Dr. David Suzuki, 15 October 2007
4. Open letter to the Editor-In-Chief of *SCIENCE*, 12 December 2007
5. Open letter to Dr. David Suzuki, 11 April 2009
6. Open letter to Dr. David Suzuki, 14 May 2009
7. Open letter to Dr. David Suzuki, 21 May 2009
8. Open letter to Dr. David Suzuki and Krkosek et al., 11 June 2009
9. Reply from Alexandra Morton to Vivian Krause, 11 June 2009 - 15 June 2009
10. Reply from Dr. David Suzuki to Vivian Krause, 15 June 2009
11. Open letter to Dr. David Suzuki and Krkosek et al., 18 June 2009
12. Open letter to Dr. David Suzuki and Krkosek et al., 22 September 2009
13. Pages from U.S. Tax Returns (990-PF) and from the on-line database of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation showing \$US 63,301,634 granted for seafood market intervention, aquaculture "reform" and the demarketing of farmed salmon.
14. Pages from U.S. Tax Returns (990-PF) and information from the U.S. Center for Consumer Freedom showing grants for \$US 10,246,638 to the David Suzuki Foundation from American sources.
15. Correspondence with the David Suzuki Foundation since 1 December 2006
16. Correspondence with Tides Canada Foundation since 17-25 May 2007
17. Correspondence with the David and Lucille Packard Foundation since 3 July 2007
18. Correspondence with the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation since 3 July 2007
19. Correspondence with Dr. Mark Lewis and Dr. Martin Krkosek, 2 - 22 November 2007
20. Correspondence with Dr. Gupta, CEO of MITACS 10-12 December 2007
21. Correspondence with the office of the Editor-In-Chief of *SCIENCE* 12-18 December 2007

¹ http://www.math.ualberta.ca/~mlewis/research1/LRG_research/sls.html

² <http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/>

³ http://www.puresalmon.org/pdfs/king_norway_letter.pdf