
From: Rebecca Rimel <rrimel@pewtrusts.org>
Subject: RE: Aquaculture "reform" funded by U.S. non-profit foundations
Date: March 25, 2010 12:25:43 PM PDT
To: Vivian Krause
Cc: Paul Brest , Carol Larson , Steve McCormick

Dear Ms. Krause:

Thank you for taking the time to share your thoughts regarding our efforts to encourage the salmon aquaculture industry to adopt more environmentally sound practices.

The Pew Charitable Trusts is proud of its longstanding record of applying the best available science to the many environmental challenges facing our ocean ecosystems. We have funded research examining the environmental and potential human health effects of salmon farming, and it is important to note that this research is rigorously peer-reviewed and published in prestigious journals such as Science. It was therefore hard to understand the claim in your open letter that the findings are "flagrantly unsubstantiated."

It is true that Pew has supported advocacy to reduce the impact on ocean ecosystems of farming salmon and other aquatic species. We also have a long track record of working to end overfishing, protect marine habitat and preserve biodiversity. The aim of these initiatives is neither to harm nor to promote one form of seafood production over another, but rather to try to ensure that seafood production, from whatever source, is environmentally sustainable. Our Pew Environment Group is working to preserve ocean ecosystems, not just in Alaska and British Columbia, but globally. We are pleased to support first class science to inform important policy decisions and provide critical information that is needed to better protect the marine environment.

Sincerely,

Rebecca W. Rimel

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From: Vivian Krause [<mailto:vivian.krause@mac.com>]
Sent: Thursday, March 18, 2010 2:55 PM
To: pbrest@hewlett.org; Cathy Winter; Steve McCormick; Marisa Etter
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To: Mr. Paul Brest, President, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation

Ms. Carol S. Larson, President & CEO, The David & Lucile Packard Foundation

Mr. Steve McCormick, President, The Gordon & Betty Moore Foundation

Mrs. Rebecca Rimmel, President & CEO, The Pew Charitable Trusts

As a member of the public, I am writing to express my concern about how your foundations appear to me to be thwarting aquaculture and swaying the global seafood market away from farmed fish.

I can see how this benefits the communities and companies that profit from sales of "wild" fish but I do not see how this helps to protect wild stocks, the environment or public health - which is what your foundations purport to do.

I have written an open letter to you and posted it at my blog:

<http://fairquestions.typepad.com/fishfarmfuss/2010/03/hewlett-packard-more-pew-appeal.html>

You are welcome to comment. In particular, if anything that I have stated is factually incorrect, or if any important points have been missed, please let me know.

I will call your offices early next week in order to request an opportunity to speak with you.

You may reach me in Vancouver at 604.618.8110 by e-mail.

Sincerely,
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