
From: Alan Leshner
Subject: **Re: Hites et al. (2004) and Krkosek et al. (2007) published in SCIENCE**
Date: March 28, 2010 12:13:06 PM PDT
To: Vivian Krause
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Dear Ms. Krause --

I have now discussed this issue with a variety of my colleagues and have concluded that, so far as we can tell, our well-regarded peer review process was followed meticulously and that no one violated our rigorous conflict of interest policies. If someone wishes to submit a technical comment to Science questioning these papers they are, of course, free to do so using our normal editorial practices. As I am the Executive Publisher, and not on the editorial side of the journal, I would not, of course, be involved in that discussion and decision as to whether to publish that comment or not.

Thank you for taking the time to write.

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>>> Vivian Krause <vivian.krause@mac.com> 2/18/2010 3:16 PM >>>
Dr. Leshner,

As outlined in the attached letter, I am writing to ask the American Association for the Advancement of Science to please clarify the actual findings of two studies published in SCIENCE: Hites et al. (2004) and Krkosek et al. (2007). On the basis of the information that I have presented in the attached documents and at www.fair-questions.com, it appears to me that in both cases the findings have been selectively and inaccurately reported in a manner that falsely reflects the actual findings. At the time that these papers were published in SCIENCE, I believe that the Editor-In-Chief, Dr. Donald Kennedy, may have had conflicting or competing interests.

In the interest of fairness, I have copied the parties mentioned in this letter.

As the controversy over farmed salmon and salmon farming has become a matter of public interest, my letter to you is an open letter. I have posted it at my web-site: www.fair-questions.com.

I will call your office on Thursday, 25 February 2010 at about 1 pm EST to request an opportunity to speak with you about this.

At your convenience, you can reach me at vivian.krause@mac.com or in Vancouver at 604.618.8110.

Sincerely,
Vivian Krause

Attachments:

1. Letter to Dr. Alan I. Leshner, CEO & Executive Publisher of SCIENCE
2. Research on Contaminants in Farmed Salmon: Science or Marketing? (23 pages)
3. Sea Lice Research: Science or Marketing? (22 pages)
4. The so-called "Canada's Seafood Guide" which indicates that regular consumption of farmed salmon poses a "health threat" because of PCBs.
5. The Seafood Watch Guide of the Monterey Bay Aquarium which indicates that consumption of farmed salmon should be limited due to concerns about mercury of other contaminants.
http://www.montereybayaquarium.org/cr/cr_seafoodwatch/content/media/MBA_SeafoodWatch_NationalGuide.pdf
6. The Pure Salmon campaign poster titled, "Enough to make you sick," which cites Hites et al. (2004).
http://www.puresalmon.org/nyt_ad.pdf
7. E-mail from the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, 18 July 2007.
8. E-mail from Dr. Mark Lewis, The University of Alberta, 16 November 2007
9. Letter to the Editor-In-Chief of SCIENCE, 12 December 2007.
10. Letter from the General Counsel of the University of Alberta, 30 April 2008.
11. Letter to the President of the University of Alberta, 4 November 2009.
12. Pages compiled from U.S. tax returns (IRS-990-PF) and from the on-line database of the David and Lucile Packard Foundation which show grants for a total of \$75,278,176 for projects to influence the seafood market, "reform" aquaculture and demarket farmed salmon (124 pages).