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Ms. Vivian Krause
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Dear Ms. Krause:

Re: Sea Lice Research by the Centre for Mathematical Biology

In response to your letter to President Samarasekera of November 4, 2009, requesting clarification of research findings by members of the Centre for Mathematical Biology, my office carefully considered the material which you made available and reviewed your prior complaint. Since you stated in your letter that the Centre for Mathematical Biology “may have falsely reported some of its research findings and its funding sources....”, “may have deliberately misled policy makers and the public....”, and “may have manufactured the sea lice controversy as part of a marketing campaign....” we needed to determine if this involved a new complaint under the Research and Scholarship Integrity Policy or whether it was essentially the same issue as your complaint of February 12, 2008.

The Complaint Guidance Committee in its 2008 report concluded that the complaint should be dismissed since there was no evidence of misconduct or conflict of interest. I have determined that your letter of November 4, 2009, does refer to the same research and thus a decision has already been rendered on the matter and it will not be revisited.

With regard to your request; the University of Alberta has no need to clarify the findings of peer reviewed research done by its researchers which are available to the public in recognised scientific journals. That is precisely where evidence, methodologies, and conclusions should be discussed by those conducting research.

The statements made in paragraph one of your letter and quoted above, indicate that you have not accepted the decision to dismiss the previous complaint and these statements potentially impugn the reputations of the scientists involved. The University is committed to the principle of academic freedom and stands behind the published work of its scholars. I will take very seriously any suggestion that impropriety occurred.

The complaint has been dismissed and any further correspondence on this same matter will be considered vexatious.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C. Amrhein', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Carl G. Amrhein
Provost and Vice-President (Academic)

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