

May 27, 2015

Dear Premier Christy Clark,

We, the undersigned, are convinced by the published scientific evidence that open-net salmon farms are a threat to BC's Wild Pacific Salmon. Taxpayers foot the bill for a \$37 million Federal Inquiry that concluded diseases from open-net salmon farms threaten the survival of wild sockeye salmon. Over a decade of science warns that sea lice from open-net salmon farms kill juvenile pink salmon and can depress their populations. Coho, sockeye and chum salmon are also at risk.

Despite all this, the federal government is set to move forward with an unprecedented expansion of the industry in British Columbia, with new sites and massive increases in production at existing sites. We are calling on you to stop this. You are the "landlord" of this industry.

We support the 100,000—plus people that have signed a petition asking you not to allow the salmon farming industry to expand and with this letter, we add our support to their call for meaningful and decisive action. You and the Government of British Columbia have the ability to disallow the issuance of open-net salmon farm Licenses of Occupation. We need you to exercise your ability to halt this expansion now.

Wild salmon are the cornerstone of our beautiful province. They sustain our healthy ecosystems. They bring in revenue that dwarfs the open-net salmon farming industry. But most importantly, they're a part of our culture. They're a part of us.

As it is your duty to this province and to future generations, we call on you to stop the expansion of the open-net salmon farming industry. You have the power.

Respectfully,

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