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The Honourable Bruce Cohen
Commissioner
Commission of Inquiry into the Decline
of Sockeye Salmon in the Fraser River
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Dear Commissioner Cohen:

I write in response to your letter of August 24, 2011, in which you set out your recommendations for additional funding the Aquaculture Coalition for the 2011-2012 fiscal year.

In considering your proposal, I note that it respects the global funding levels established for the 2011-2012 fiscal year, and is consistent with the terms and conditions of the Contribution Program. I also note that it is based on your conclusion that the participation of the Aquaculture Coalition on topics related to aquaculture was appropriate.

Accordingly, I am pleased to accept your recommendations as set out in your letter and the attachments thereto.

I would note that, with this approval, the total un-encumbered funds remaining for participant funding is approximately \$51,000 of the \$3.1 million that had been established by the Government as a maximum limit in the 2011-2012 fiscal year. As I mentioned in my letter of June 9, 2010, the Government expects that this limit will be respected. I would be grateful if you were to consider any future requests for additional funding with this in mind.

I trust that this is satisfactory and I wish you well in your continuing work.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Wayne G. Wouters".

Wayne G. Wouters

Canada The word "Canada" in a serif font, with a small Canadian flag logo to its right.



August 24, 2011

Via Fax: 613 957 5729

Mr. Wayne G. Wouters
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Dear Mr. Wouters:

Re: Aquaculture Coalition

Recommendation for Changes to Participant Funding Arrangements under the Contribution Program for Cohen Commission

On 12 May 2010 (as amended 19 May 2010), I recommended that certain participant standing groups be granted funding for legal fees in order to participate in the Inquiry (the "initial Recommendation"). On 9 June 2010, you advised that the Government of Canada had granted funding as I had recommended, in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Treasury Board Contribution Program, to a maximum limit of \$3,423,200. During the 2010-11 fiscal year, I recommended, and the Government of Canada approved, in respect of a few participant groups, adjustments to the Initial Recommendation, none of which resulted in an increase in cost to the Contribution Program.

On 8 March 2011, I recommended and the Government of Canada approved further adjustments under the Contribution Program for the past fiscal year (2010-11), as well as additional funding for the current fiscal year (2011-12).

At the time of my 8 March 2011 recommendation, Commission Counsel estimated 70 days would be required to conclude the Inquiry's hearings. I recommended that each funded participant receive a specific amount of funding based on the estimated hearing days and their direct interest in specific topics, as outlined in the Standing Ruling.

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On 2 August 2011, I received an application from the Aquaculture Coalition requesting additional funding for 2011-12. This coalition has now expended 70 percent of its allocated funding in certain categories of work. It seeks additional funding for its senior counsel, Gregory McDade, QC.

In considering this application, I note that my previous recommendation for funding for this group in the 2011-12 fiscal year assumed the group would only be actively engaged in the hearing days allocated to "aquaculture." However, the coalition points out, and I accept, that its interests in aquaculture have been and are engaged in other hearing topics, such as "disease," the "marine environment," and "DFO priorities and summary." As well, this participant group has been involved in a number of unforeseen process-related matters such as motions and application. Mr. McDade's participation in hearings beyond the strict "aquaculture" hearings and in procedural motions has been appropriate and focused on his client's interest. I am, therefore, prepared to recommend 165 additional hours of funding for senior counsel, composed of 75 hours in "attendance at hearing" and 90 hours of "preparation time."

I enclose a table setting out the recommended changes and a "Supplementary Recommendation for Recipient Funding Checklist."

I look forward to your reply concerning this recommendation.

Yours truly,



Bruce Cohen
Commissioner

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Aquaculture Coalition, SALM-CA-08
Fiscal Year 2010/11

Revised Sept 26/11

Activity	Hours for Senior Counsel	Hours for Junior Counsel
Preparation for hearings; Interviews; Meetings and other occasions deemed necessary by the Commissioner; Preparation of submissions; Review of materials	103	373
Attendance at hearing	51	17
Application for Standing	10	0
Release of interim report	5	0
Release of final report	0	0
Total:	169	390

Fiscal Year 2011/12

Activity	Hours for Senior Counsel	Hours for Junior Counsel
Preparation for hearing; Interviews, Meeting and other occasions deemed necessary by the Commissioner; Preparation of submissions; Review of materials	209	300
Attendance at hearing	134	31
Release of interim report	0	0
Release of final report	0	0
Total:	343	331

Fiscal Year 2012/13

Activity	Hours for Senior Counsel	Hours for Junior Counsel
Preparation for hearing; Interviews, Meeting and other occasions deemed necessary by the Commissioner; Preparation of submissions; Review of materials	0	0
Attendance at hearing	0	0
Release of interim report	0	0
Release of final report	5	0
Total:	5	0