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Sue; In previous discussion about the content of a policy on wild salmon we have discussed how to handle aquaculture. I have argued that we should not highlight the aquaculture industry as a key "threat" to wild salmon that deserves special attention, and have generally opposed any specific discussion of aquaculture. I have recently attended the annual meeting of the BC Aboriginal Fisheries Commission, and my views on how to handle aquaculture in the WSP context have been "shaped" by the experience. It has become clearer that we should not just ignore aquaculture, but need to address the very visceral opposition to it by many First Nations. I intend to find a place to include a brief discussion on aquaculture by describing the existing policy (ie that aquaculture is a sustainable industry that if properly sited and regulated, will not have adverse affects on salmon). In drafting this, it would be helpful if you could provide me with a copy of the policy that has been approved by the department. Finally, you owe me one for representing the interests of the aquaculture sector in your regrettable absence from the BCAFC meeting. I can assure you that it is a debt not easily repaid!