

Subject: RE: Cecil Island

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Hello,

The summary of work that was done prior to and following your contact with us is as follows:

DFO partnered with the Ministry of Environment and collectively visited the site on three separate occasions around the time of your observations. Fish had been harvested out of the site in June 2008. The company conducted benthic monitoring within 30 days of peak biomass as required and also submitted additional video monitoring upon request of the Ministry of Environment, which was taken at the location of concern. Staff from the Ministry of Environment went to the site on July 7, 2008 (prior to your complaint) and conducted an audit, where benthic grab samples were taken and results were compared to those generated by industry. DFO Fishery Officers attended the site during the last week of July 2008. Ministry of Environment and DFO staff went to Cecil on September 9/10, 2008 and again took grab samples and video at multiple locations, including locations you provided to Bernie Taekema at the Ministry of Environment.

Video data and benthic grab samples indicated compliance with the Finfish Aquaculture Waste Control Regulations, as did past reports from 2004 and 2006. During the three visits we collectively undertook, there were no further bubbles seen, nor any information we could find to explain your observations.

Sincerely,

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Subject: Cecil Island

Hello

In July 2008 I contacted DFO about bubbles rising from just outside the salmon feedlot in Greenway Sound called Cecil.

I was told at the time that it was just bubbling from the mussels falling away from the nets. This seemed unlikely as they were very oily.

I am writing to ask for the report from any investigation you might have done at this site.

Did you determine why there were oily bubbles rising from the sea floor near the Cecil Island farm?

Alexandra Morton