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Sent: September-01-11 7:41 AM
To: Judah Harrison; Tim Leadem
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Subject: RE: Cohen, Conservation Coalition request for information re public funding of aquaculture

Further to the Conservation Coalition's request as noted above:

DFO has additional funding to regulate aquaculture in B.C. as of December 2010

Here is the announcement from when Canada signed the agreement to take over regulation from the Province:

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/media/npres-communique/2010/np-pr11-eng.htm>

This information is contained in a presentation available on the DFO website:
DFO is establishing a comprehensive new program to manage the sector in BC

- \$8.3 million in new money has been provided to DFO as ongoing resources.
- In addition, the federal government has allocated \$5 million to address one time start up costs for the program.
- Funds will be used establish operations in Vancouver and in various Island communities with approximately 55 new staff to be taken on

Here is a list of funded Aquaculture Collaborative Research & Development Program (ACRDP)
<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/science/enviro/aquaculture/acrdp-pcrda/projects/projects-eng.asp?cp=1®ion=p&rcount=>

Here is the Aquaculture Innovation and Market Access Program (AIMAP) announcement from August 3, 2011

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/media/npres-communique/2011/np-pr06-eng.htm>

And, further, here is the AIMAP announcement from August, 2010

<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/media/npres-communique/2010/np-pr09-eng.htm>

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Mitch:

Further to our email exchange below, we have yet to receive any information from you in response to our request, supported by Commission Counsel, for public funds provided to the aquaculture industry. If Canada intends to provide us with any information in this regard, please do so today, as we intend to raise the issue with Mr. Thomson tomorrow.

Regards,

Judah Harrison

From: Taylor, Mitch [mailto:Mitch.Taylor@justice.gc.ca]

Sent: August-03-11 4:51 AM

To: Judah Harrison; Tim Leadem

Cc: Tim Leadem; Martland, Brock; Grant, Kathy; Spiegelman, Jonah; Miller, Jeff; Chen, Helen; Spiegelman, Jonah; Miller, Jeff; Chen, Helen; Taylor, Mitch; Cohen Commission Email Record

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I am informed that we can readily provide some information and will do so. We are not going to undertake extensive research to generate information, and document production does not require an unreasonable and overly burdensome level of research or the creation of new material not already in existence. We will provide information that is available, but it may not have all the detail you ask for and will not necessarily be comprehensive. Specificially, we do not propose to research websites that you can do as much as we could.

Mitch Taylor

From: Judah Harrison [mailto:jharrison@ecojustice.ca]

Sent: Tuesday, August 02, 2011 6:24 PM

To: Taylor, Mitch; Tim Leadem

Cc: Tim Leadem; Martland, Brock; Grant, Kathy; Spiegelman, Jonah; Miller, Jeff; Chen, Helen; Spiegelman, Jonah; Miller, Jeff; Chen, Helen

Subject: RE: Information Request re Public Funding of Aquaculture

Mitch:

In response to your questions, our research was primarily focused on documents contained within Ringtail. Nonetheless, we have done relatively thorough internet searches for the various public funding programs. Of the programs we requested information on, the only one for which we were able to find relatively comprehensive information is AIMAP, at least as of 2008 (see: <http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/aquaculture/sustainable-durable/index-eng.htm>). So long as you are able to confirm the accuracy of DFO's AIMAP website, we do not seek additional documentation on this program, particularly as a result of the recent revision in our request. For the remaining government programs we identified, we have found piecemeal references to the amount/types of projects that the program funds, but nothing as comprehensive as the AIMAP budgets cited above.

Further, we are primarily interested in the funding of finfish aquaculture, particularly salmonid, and do not seek information respecting shellfish aquaculture.

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Further on this,

Could you let me know what research you have done on the appropriate government web sites to answer your questions and why does that research not answer your questions, and

Could you clarify what aquaculture you are referring to. Are you only referring to salmonid aquaculture, finfish aquaculture, or all aquaculture.

From: Taylor, Mitch

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Subject: RE: Information Request re Public Funding of Aquaculture

I am not aware to what extent the information you seek is easily accessible or whether it would require extensive research. I have asked for information on what's involved. I will let you know. I am not inclined to have government officials engage in extensive new research to answer your question, especially at this point in the commission. We have much other work to do. With that, again, I have asked what's available and/or can be done and will respond.

Mitch Taylor

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Subject: FW: Information Request re Public Funding of Aquaculture

Mitch, Jonah:

With regards to our request last week for information on public funding of aquaculture, we would be willing to revise the request to facilitate you meeting it. For instance, we would be willing to alter the scope of the request in terms of timelines. Most important for us is to provide that Commissioner with an accurate assessment of the amount of public monies, over a defined time-period, which is being put towards enhancing a competitive aquaculture industry.

I note that paragraph 96 of the Aquaculture Regulation PPR references \$70 million of funding to the industry, citing two government programs: SAP and PSA. Based on our research, and as reflected in our letter of last week, we believe that additional programs also provide(d) public monies to the industry over the same time period. Perhaps you could simply identify the additional sources of public monies put towards the industry during that same time period that are not referenced in the PPR and, to the extent possible, give particulars of those programs.

Please let me know if I can revise my request to assist you meeting it.

Regards,

Judah Harrison

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