

**From:** Power, Joanne E. <Joanne.Power@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, December 1, 2009 10:53 AM  
**To:** Porter, Edward <Edward.Porter@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: A Morton's comment on egg imports

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Hi Ed - Wouldn't CFIA be responsible to ensuring that there's no disease before the eggs are imported? Should they be responding to that? Maybe I'm confused on the question.

*Joanne E. Power*

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**From:** Wong, Cindy  
**Sent:** December 1, 2009 12:52 PM  
**To:** Power, Joanne E.; Porter, Edward  
**Subject:** FW: A Morton's comment on egg imports

FYI - I'll be working on a briefing note regarding salmonid egg imports to BC as a result of the below correspondence. If you have any insight as to what our counterparts in Washington currently follow, I welcome your comments.

Thanks,  
Cindy

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**From:** Thomson, Andrew  
**Sent:** December 1, 2009 8:25 AM  
**To:** Wong, Cindy  
**Subject:** Re: A Morton's comment on egg imports

Would like to have a bullet or two on what wash state does. If their import practices are the same or if they allow out of country imports.

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Andrew Thomson  
Director - Aquaculture Management Division  
Sent from my Wireless Device

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**From:** Wong, Cindy  
**To:** Thomson, Andrew  
**Sent:** Mon Nov 30 20:39:24 2009  
**Subject:** Re: A Morton's comment on egg imports

Sure - will work on this first thing tomorrow. Pls let me know the outcome of your meeting with the RDG.

Aquaculture Management Division  
Sent via my Blackberry device

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**From:** Thomson, Andrew  
**To:** Wong, Cindy  
**Cc:** Francis, Kelly  
**Sent:** Mon Nov 30 20:07:52 2009  
**Subject:** Fw: A Morton's comment on egg imports

FYI

Per my email to Sharon.

We will need a briefing note to the rdg on the current policies on egg importation, and any proposed changes with the CFIA hand over. Please work with Kelly Francis and the ITC to draft asap.

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**From:** Sprout, Paul  
**To:** Richards, Laura; Thomson, Andrew  
**Cc:** Gwin, Judy  
**Sent:** Mon Nov 30 19:48:45 2009  
**Subject:** FW: A Morton's comment on egg imports

For your information, I wil ask my office to set up quick call tomorrow on this issue. Paul

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**From:** Brian Riddell [mailto:briddell@PSF.CA]  
**Sent:** November 30, 2009 2:50 PM  
**To:** XNCR, Min  
**Cc:** Sprout, Paul; Cody, Dan  
**Subject:** A Morton's comment on egg imports

Like you, I received today an extensive letter from Alexandra Morton that continued the discussion on salmon farming on our coast. Normally I would not add more e-mail to your office but Ms. Morton makes a comment that is very serious given the current situation with ISA around the world. I was not aware of your previous correspondence on this topic, but if there was ever an application of the precautionary principle ... this should be it! Your staff can tell you of the enormous impact of that virus and that is not present in BC. Actually, the Departmental protocols for importation of live eggs and fish has been very effective in not allowing the introduction of new diseases into BC waters. But, the comment in Alex's letter that is very troubling to me was:

"there is no "strong evidence" that it travels in eggs (3-11-2009)"

Assuming the context of this quote is correct, then it is clearly contrary to Canada's commitment to the precautionary principle ... a lack of "strong evidence" can not be used as an excuse. If introduced, this disease could easily run through wild Pacific salmon populations and we could not treat it or stop it. If there is any doubt about how this disease is spread then there should not be any movement of eggs into Canada. What is particularly disturbing about this issue is that the BC salmon farming industry has sufficient brood stock and if they wish to improve their growth performance through increase genetic diversity, they can create that within BC broodstocks that the companies presently have. If they need to restore diversity, it is an issue they created themselves and they should resolve without placing wild salmon at any further risk! In terms of simply wise management of Canadian resources, this one is easy; and onus of proof must be on the proponents and government until there is no risk from ISA associated with importation.

I am sure you understand and that I need not continue ... I chose to emphasize Ms Morton's point as the risk to wild Pacific salmon is real and unnecessary.

Your friend,

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