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Sent: Tuesday, March 30, 2010 3:40 PM
To: Bevan, David <David.Bevan@dfo-mpo.gc.ca>
Subject: RE: Meeting with Marine Harvest Canada

FYI - DM reviewed the note.

Thank you.

From: Bevan, David
Sent: March 30, 2010 3:20 PM
To: Dansereau, Claire; King, Matthew
Cc: Lavergne, Christine; Swerdfager, Trevor
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Marine Harvest Canada used the meeting to provide the Minister with information. They are very concerned that the Cohen Inquiry could be heavily influenced by ENGOs who will raise a number of factors from sea lice and bottom impacts to human and fish health concerns in an effort to stop Aquaculture growth or even stop the Industry . They provided a DECK refuting the ENGO arguments. They spoke specifically about sea lice and action being taken to avoid impacts on wild stocks, DFO research into lice sockeye interactions and the lack of evidence that the problems with Fraser river Sockeye were related to Aquaculture. They suggested to the minister that DFO should proceed with introduction of a new Aquaculture Act, use science to develop our regulations and not respond to ENGO pressure, that DFO communicate more proactively and be very active in responding to the Cohen inquiry and finally that DFO should adopt policies to allow sites to move closer to the open sea to reduce environmental impacts and controversy (out of sight out of mind)