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Honourable Keith Ashfield
Minister of Fisheries and Oceans
200 Kent Street
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Dear Minister Ashfield,

It was very nice to see you in Ottawa last week at the Canadian Aquaculture Alliance meetings and reception. The information provided by DFO and CFIA to inform Canadians and our markets about the follow up on the ISA investigation is much appreciated.

As you know approx 5,000 samples of our farmed salmon have been tested for the virus and all have proven to be negative. We are in the process of reviewing our previous test results with CFIA. As well we are cooperating fully with them to provide them with access to our ongoing fish health information and any test results.

As a part of our ongoing due diligence and follow up regarding the ISA testing, we would like to offer that additional samples be taken from every salmon farm in British Columbia to test for the virus. We are in contact with CFIA to arrange for the samples to be taken.

Thanks again for taking the time to meet with us and we look forward to continuing our work to build a sustainable salmon farming business in British Columbia.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mary Ellen Walling".

Mary Ellen Walling
Executive Director

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