

INCONCLUSIVE: Infectious Salmon Anaemia Virus in BC Salmon

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We would like to caution Canadians and people around the world from jumping to conclusions regarding the recent reports that ISA has been found in British Columbia salmon. Proper techniques and accepted protocols in the testing and reporting of these findings were not followed. The results from these tests are far from conclusive.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency and Fisheries and Oceans Canada have finally tracked down tissue samples from the 48 sample fish used by Simon Fraser University Statistician, Dr. Rick Routledge and Alexandra Morton to determine the presence of ISA in BC salmon.

CFIA will conduct conclusive tests on these tissue samples. These tests will take 3 or 4 weeks to complete.

Fisheries and Oceans Canada conducts regular testing in British Columbia for a wide variety of pathogens, including ISA. Over the past 2 years, over 500 wild and farmed salmon in British Columbia have been tested by Fisheries and Oceans Canada and there has never been a confirmed case of ISA in British Columbia salmon – farmed or wild.