

July 19, 2005

Mr. Robert Sisler
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: HERITAGE SALMON LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT BARKLEY BAY (LWBC # 1401284)**

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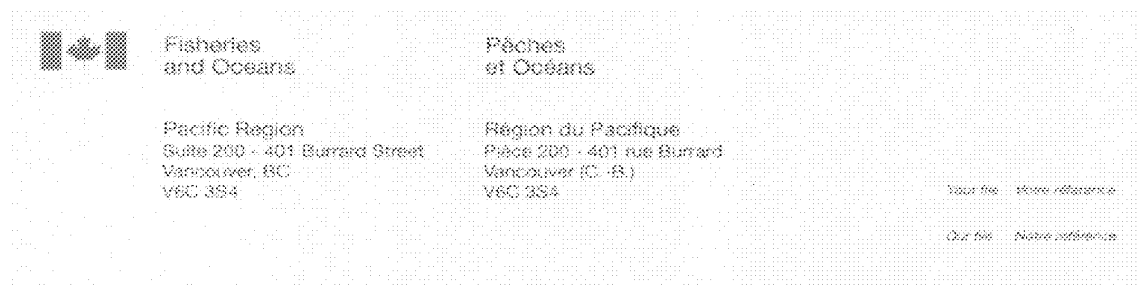
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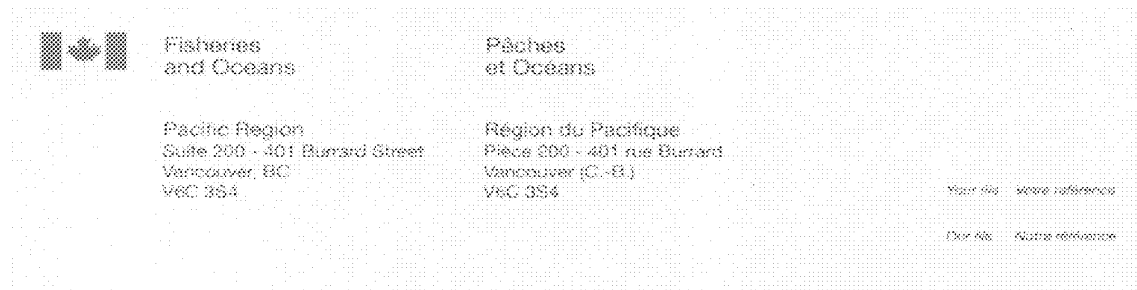
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AT HARDY BAY (LWBC # 1401561)**

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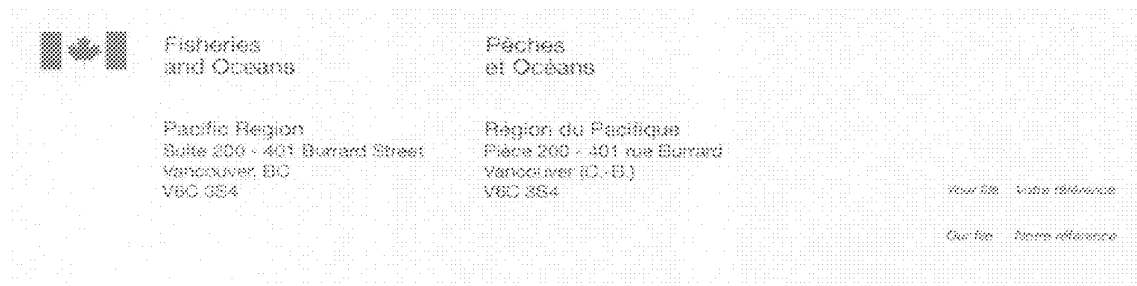
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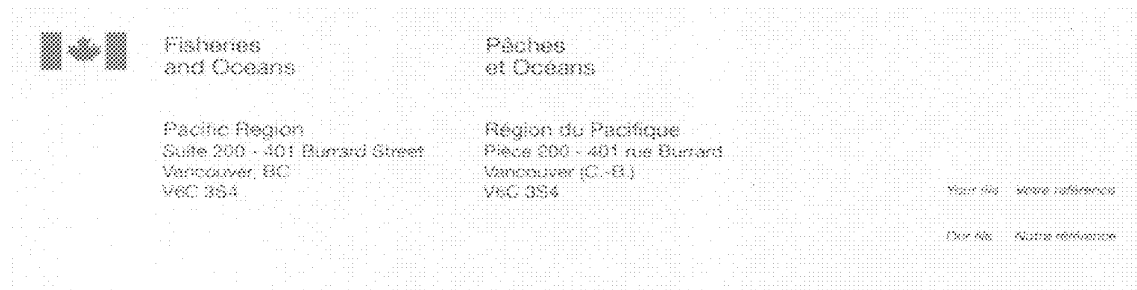
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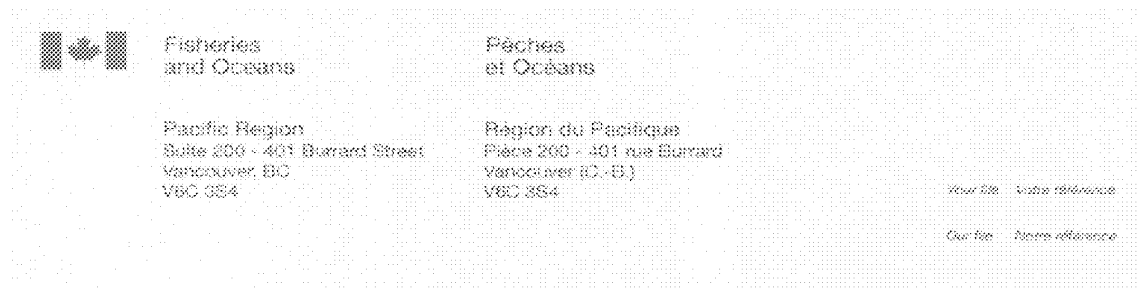
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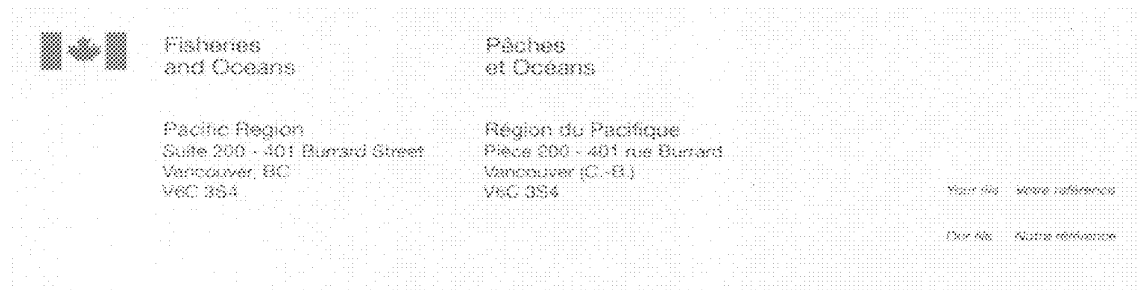
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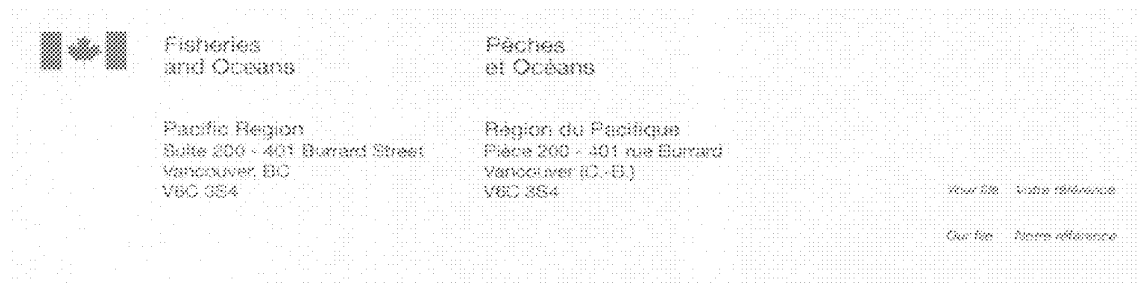
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**SUBJECT: CREATIVE SALMON COMPANY LTD. EXISTING FINFISH
AQUACULTURE SITE AT INDIAN BAY (LWBC # 1401621)**

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As such, it is the opinion of DFO-OHEB that the identified project (on-going operation of an existing finfish aquaculture operation), as proposed, is not likely to result in significant adverse effects on fish and fish habitat providing the following mitigation measures are carried out:

1. The proponent, Creative Salmon Company Ltd., shall ensure that all work associated with the subject project complies with the requirements of the *Federal Fisheries Act*, and all other applicable legislation, guidelines, and best management practices.
2. Only those structures applied for in the Commercial Aquaculture Management Plan have been approved. Any additional residences, net washing facilities, etc.

that are required to service this site must be reviewed for effects to fish habitat under separate application.

3. All debris and deleterious materials generated by the proponent shall be collected and disposed of at appropriate upland locations in accordance with all applicable legislation, guidelines, and best management practices.
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- The province of BC has committed to applying the DEPOMOD particle tracking model to the existing aquaculture site based on current configurations and production levels. This application of the model will serve to ground-truth the predictions of organic loading that it provides, and will establish a baseline data set for assessing effects of any future changes to the existing operations.

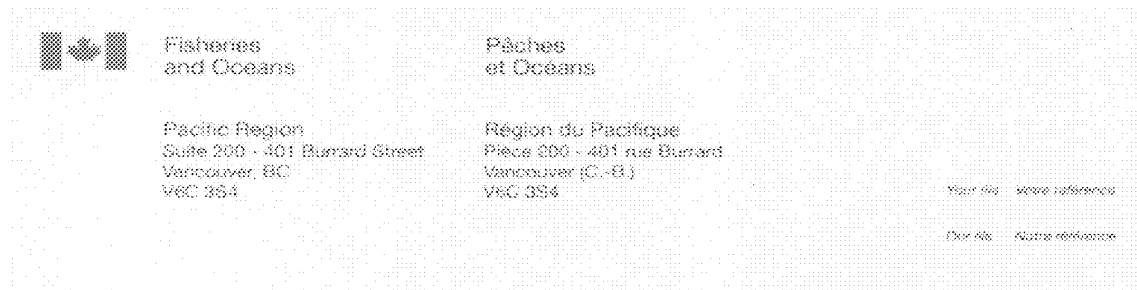
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Yours sincerely,

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July 19, 2005

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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: CREATIVE SALMON COMPANY LTD. EXISTING FINFISH
AQUACULTURE SITE AT EAGLE BAY (LWBC # 1401643)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MARINE HARVEST EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
 AT DUNSTERVILLE BAY (LWBC # 1401659)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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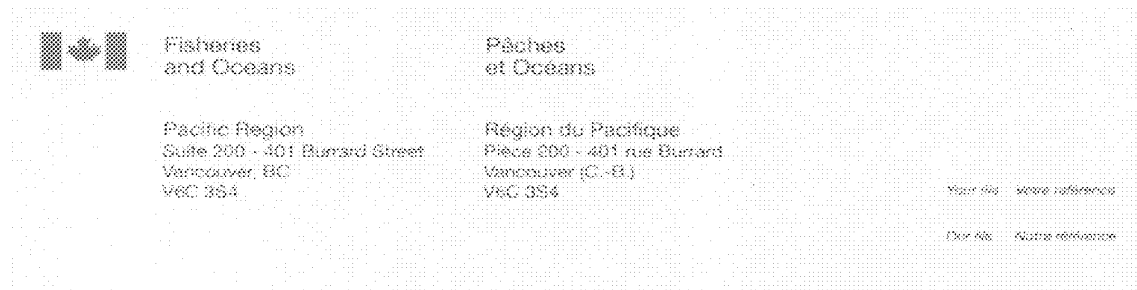
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
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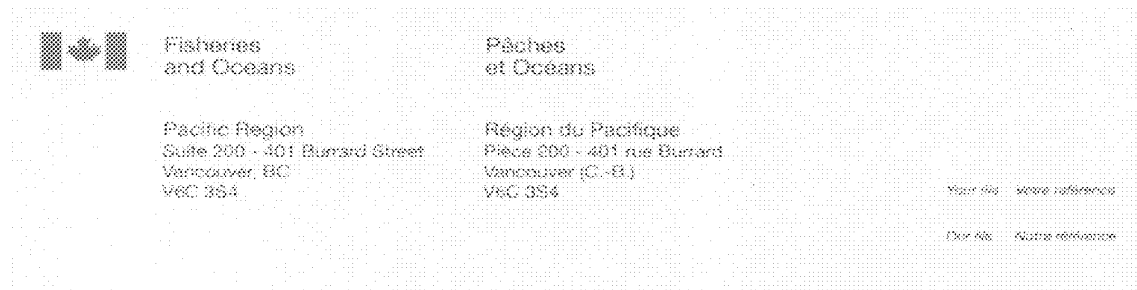
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: PAN FISH CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT LEE'S BAY (LWBC # 1401949)**

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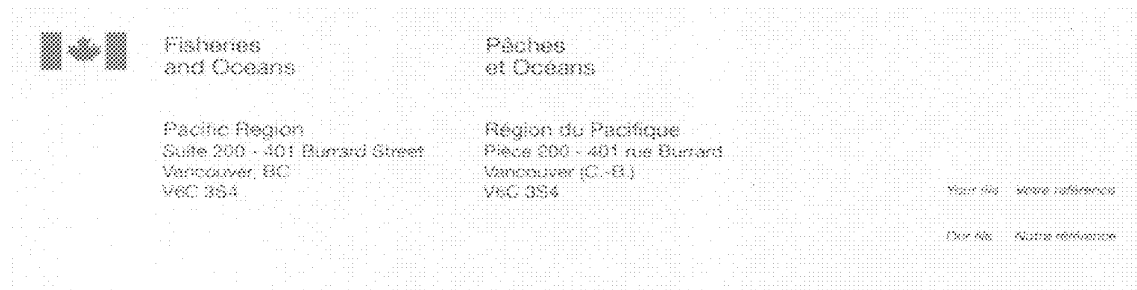
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MAINSTREAM CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT CORMORANT SITE (LWBC # 1401974)**

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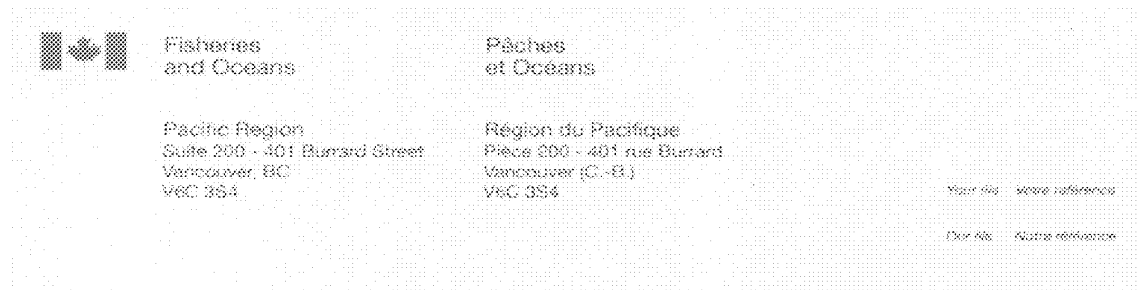
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**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT PORT ELIZABETH (LWBC # 1403104)**

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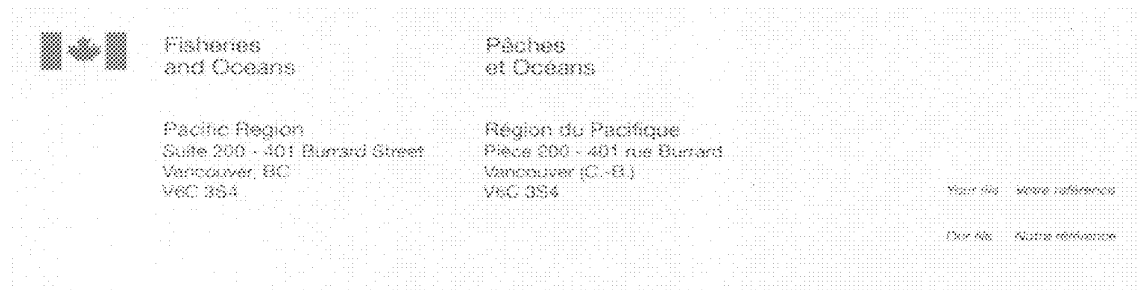
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MARINE HARVEST EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT SONORA POINT (LWBC # 1403144)**

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As such, it is the opinion of DFO-OHEB that the identified project (on-going operation of an existing finfish aquaculture operation), as proposed, is not likely to result in significant adverse effects on fish and fish habitat providing the following mitigation measures are carried out:

1. The proponent, Marine Harvest, shall ensure that all work associated with the subject project complies with the requirements of the *Federal Fisheries Act*, and all other applicable legislation, guidelines, and best management practices.
2. Only those structures applied for in the Commercial Aquaculture Management Plan have been approved. Any additional residences, net washing facilities, etc. that are required to service this site must be reviewed for effects to fish habitat under separate application.

3. All debris and deleterious materials generated by the proponent shall be collected and disposed of at appropriate upland locations in accordance with all applicable legislation, guidelines, and best management practices.
4. It is understood that by proceeding with the subject works, the proponent and their agent(s) and/or contractor(s) shall have indicated that they understand, accept and have agreed to all conditions. In this regard, a copy of Fisheries and Oceans Canada mitigation measures are to be provided to any contractors prior to work commencing and are to be retained on site at all times when the subject works are underway.
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In addition to the above specific mitigation measures, the following measures will be key in ensuring that any potentially adverse effects on fish and fish habitat will be mitigated:

- Through the *BC Finfish Aquaculture Waste Control Regulation*, all marine finfish sites are subject to provincial management and monitoring requirements. These requirements include monitoring of benthic habitat impacts and set out specific thresholds for impacts and associated corrective measures.
- DFO and the province of BC have reached an agreement to share ongoing monitoring and site management information, to ensure that specific mitigation related to fish and fish habitat is carried out, and to continue to improve joint management of the aquaculture industry.
- The province of BC has committed to applying the DEPOMOD particle tracking model to the existing aquaculture site based on current configurations and production levels. This application of the model will serve to ground-truth the predictions of organic loading that it provides, and will establish a baseline data set for assessing effects of any future changes to the existing operations.
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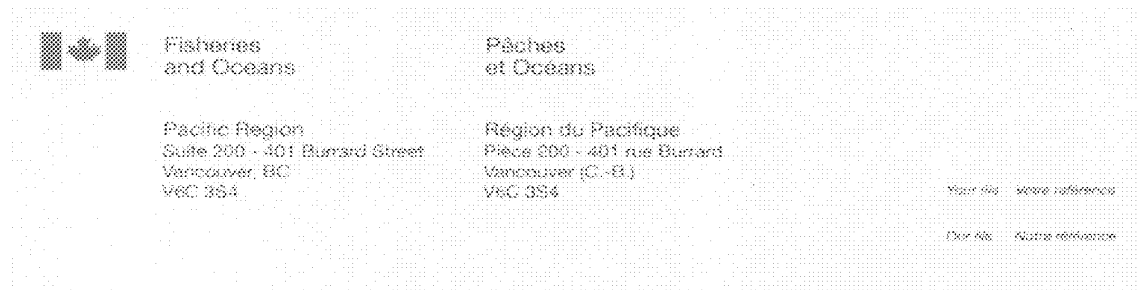
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: OMEGA PACIFIC HATCHERY INC EXISTING FINFISH
AQUACULTURE SITE AT JANE BAY (LWBC # 1403261)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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that are required to service this site must be reviewed for effects to fish habitat under separate application.

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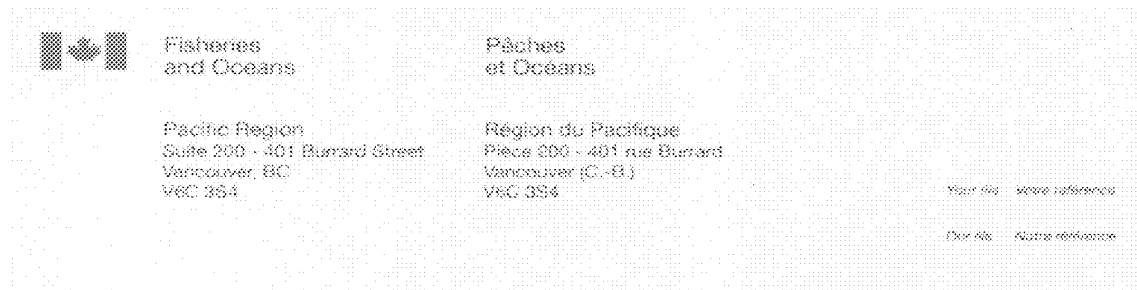
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MAINSTREAM CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT RANT POINT (LWBC # 1403262)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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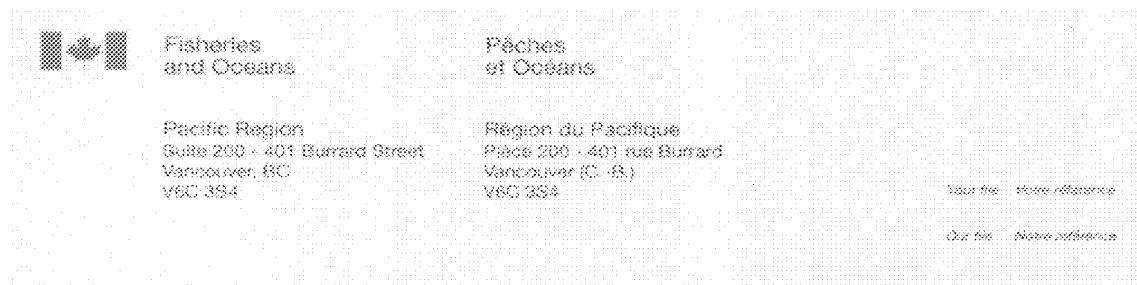
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: HERITAGE SALMON LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT VENTURE POINT (LWBC # 1403267)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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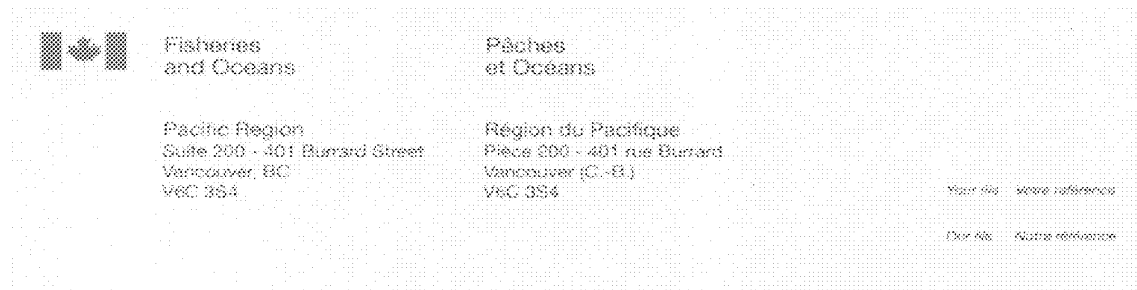
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MAINSTREAM CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT DIXON BAY (LWBC # 1403293)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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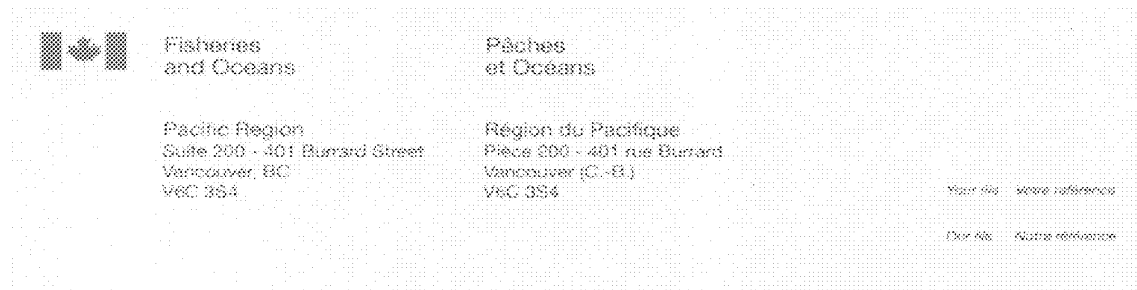
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT THURLOW POINT SOUTH (LWBC # 1403300)**

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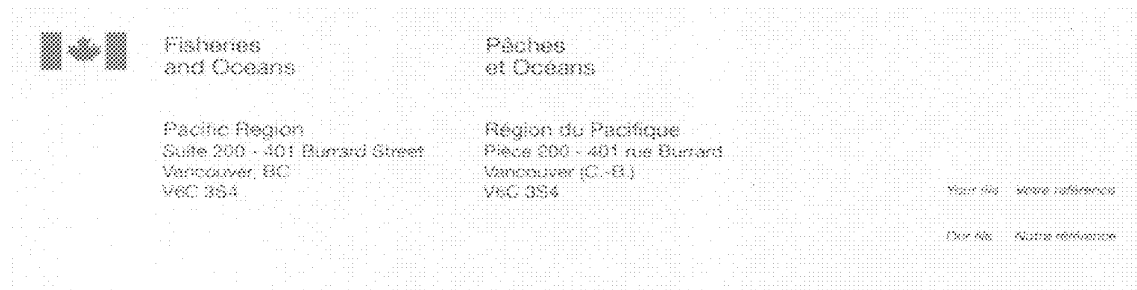
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT BROUGHAM POINT (LWBC # 1403301)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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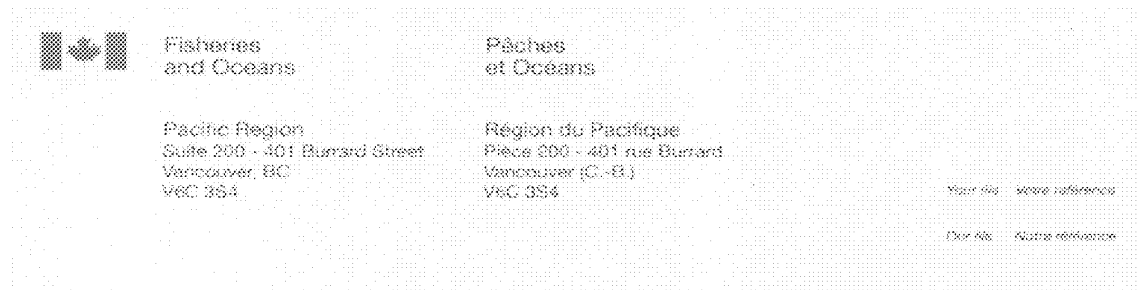
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT BLUNDEN PASS (LWBC # 1403313)**

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In addition to the above specific mitigation measures, the following measures will be key in ensuring that any potentially adverse effects on fish and fish habitat will be mitigated:

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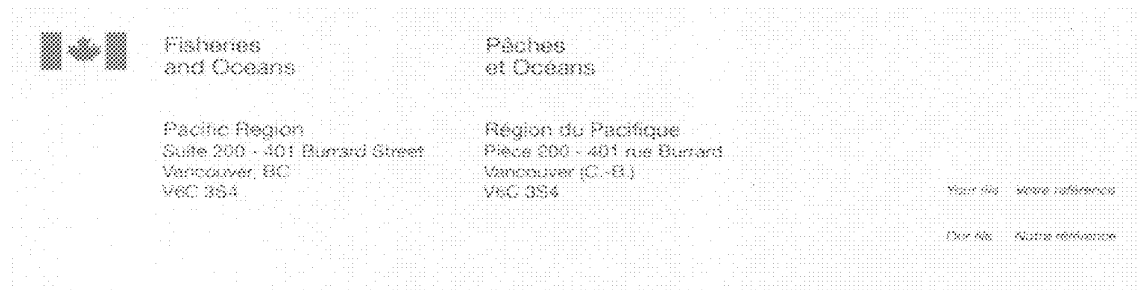
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT SARGEANT PASS (LWBC # 1403328)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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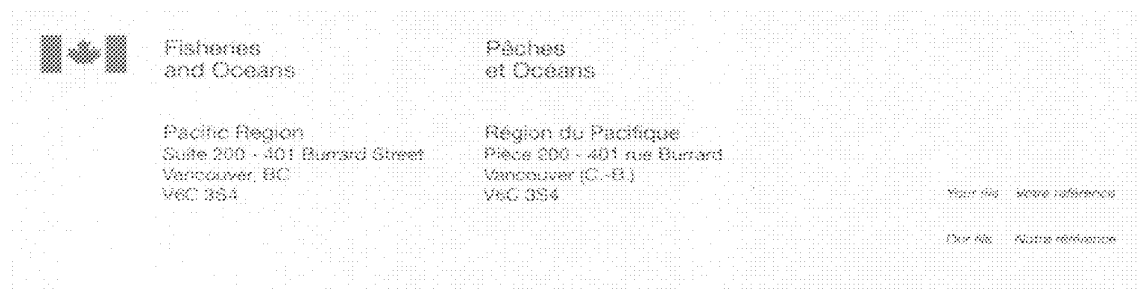
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MAINSTREAM CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT BAWDEN POINT (LWBC # 1403647)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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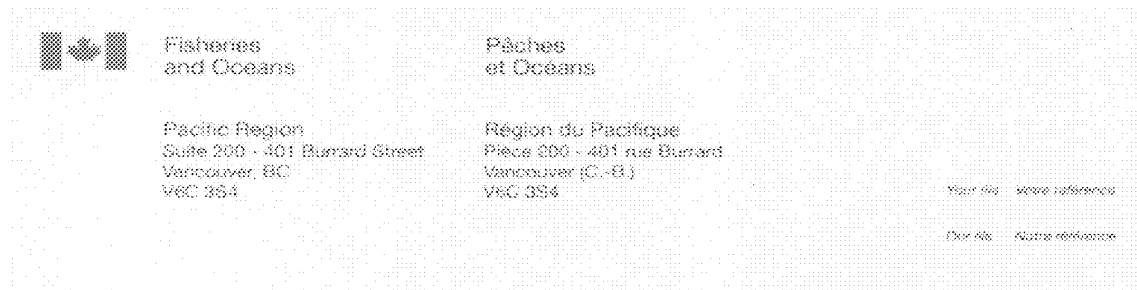
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: PAN FISH CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT MAYNE PASS (LWBC # 1403715)**

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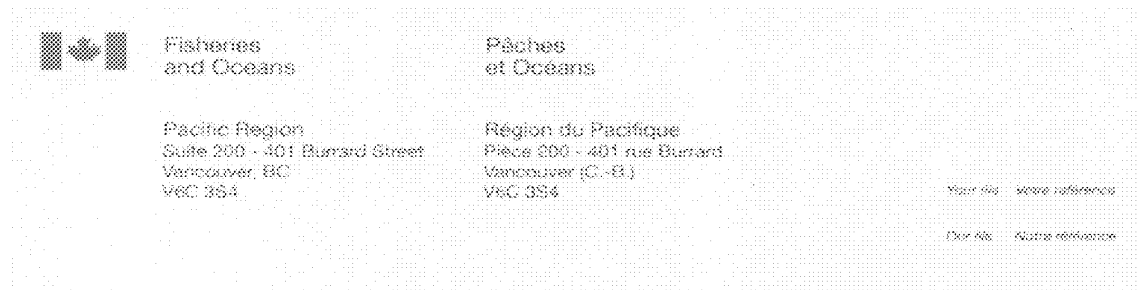
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT MAHATTA EAST (LWBC # 1403748)**

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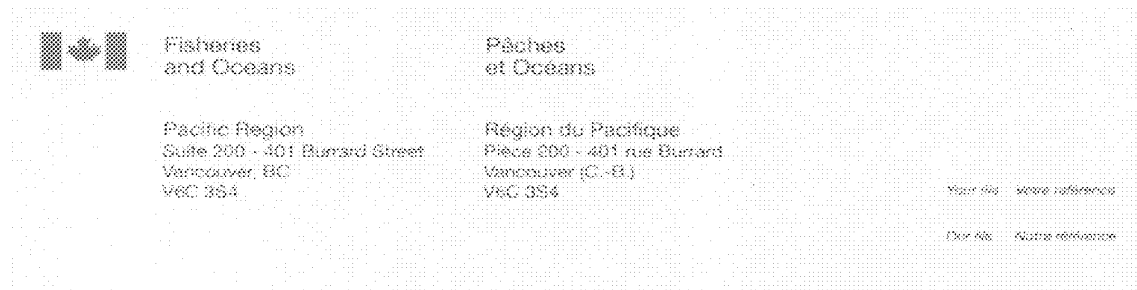
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MARINE HARVEST EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT CONVILLE POINT (LWBC # 1403859)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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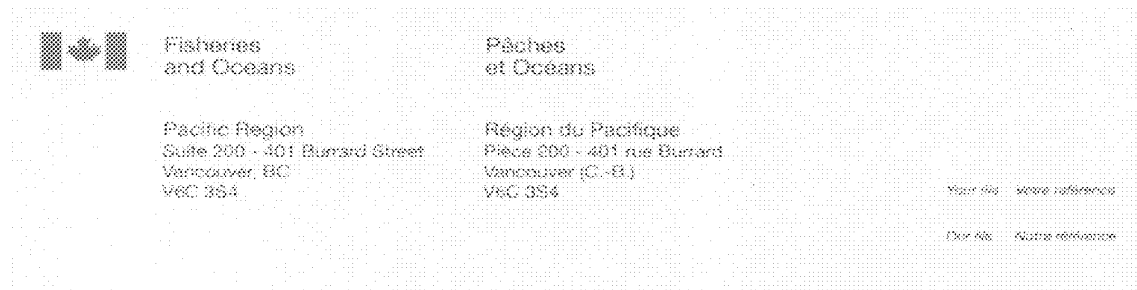
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: HERITAGE SALMON LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT CLIFF BAY (LWBC # 1403929)**

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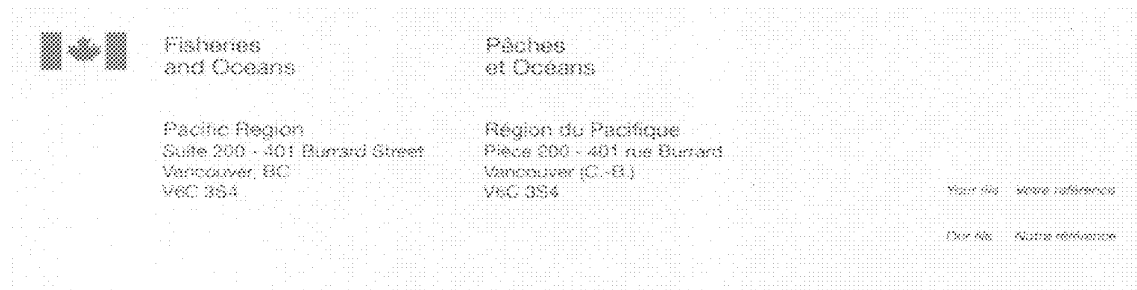
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MAINSTREAM CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT FORTUNE CHANNEL (LWBC # 1403941)**

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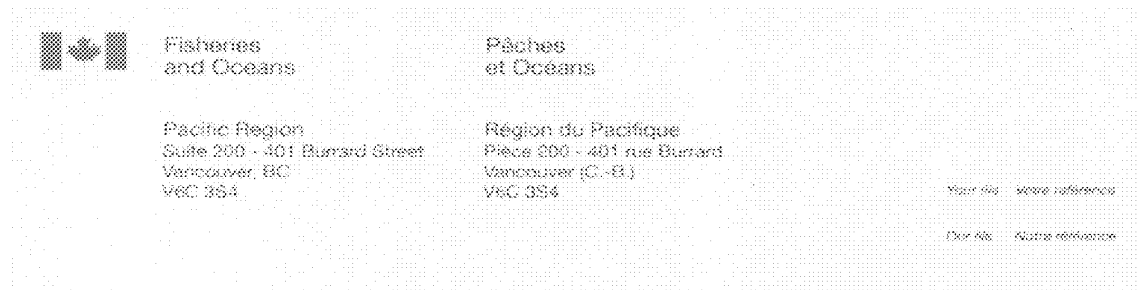
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MAINSTREAM CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT BARE BLUFF (LWBC # 1403979)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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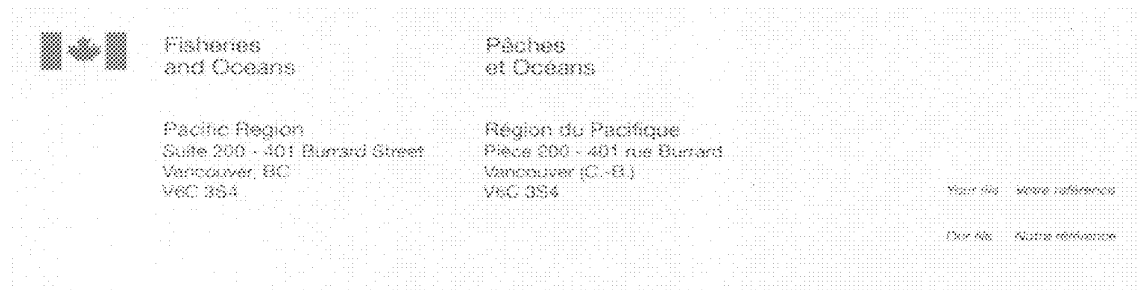
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MAINSTREAM CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT BEDWELL (EASTSIDE) (LWBC # 1403980)**

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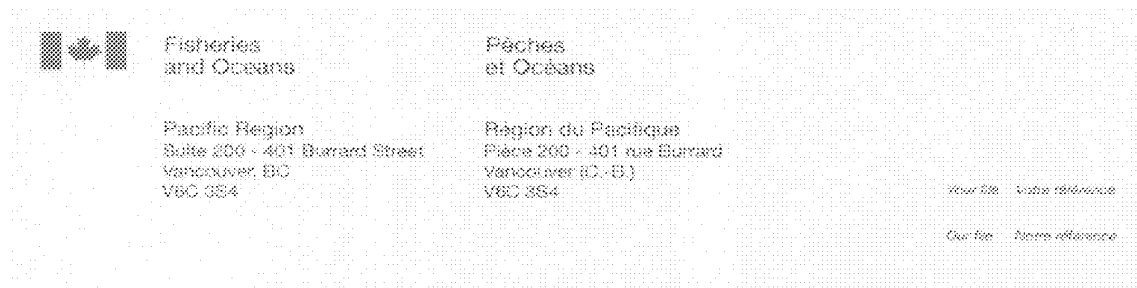
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: PAN FISH CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT RAYNOR GROUP (LWBC # 1404089)**

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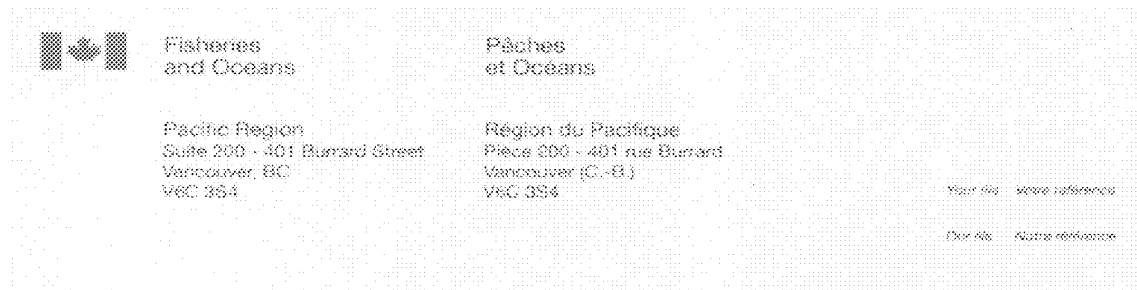
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: PAN FISH CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT SHELTER PASS (LWBC # 1404091)**

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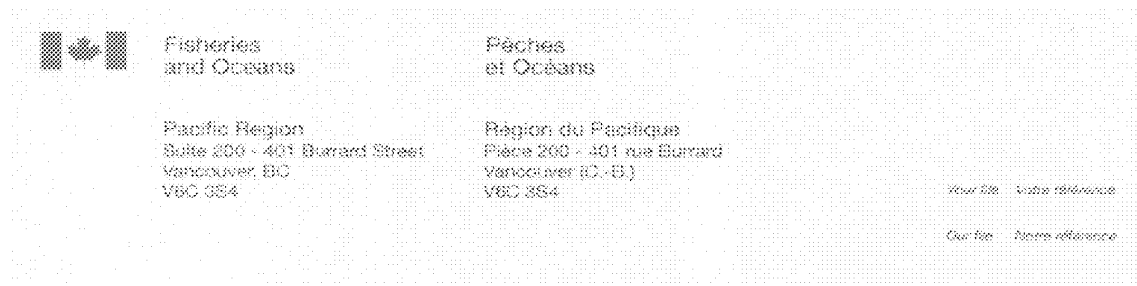
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: HERITAGE SALMON LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT SIR EDMUND BAY (LWBC # 1404179)**

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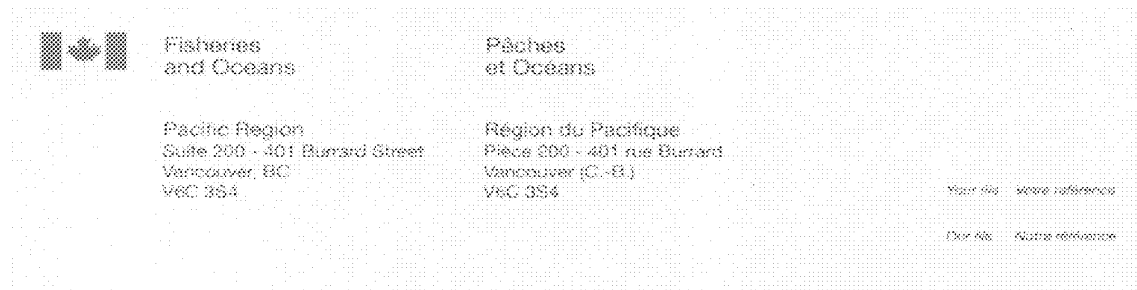
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
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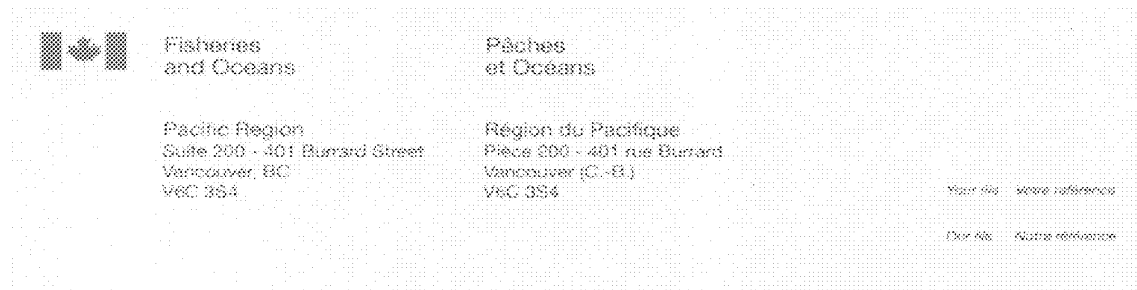
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT UPPER RETREAT PASS (LWBC # 1404379)**

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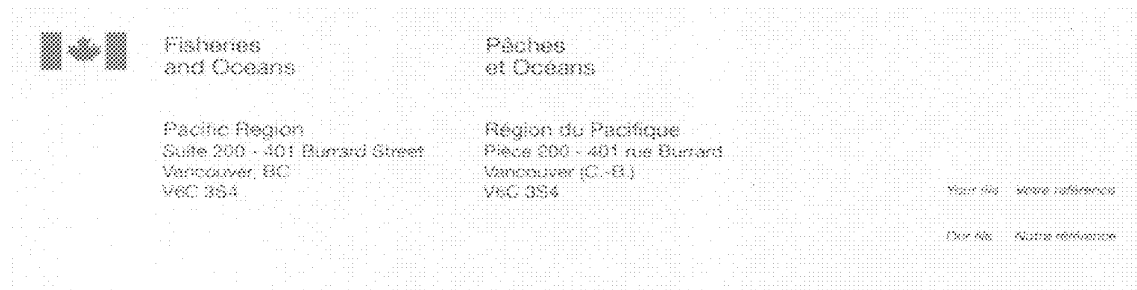
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT MIDSUMMER ISLAND (LWBC # 1404380)**

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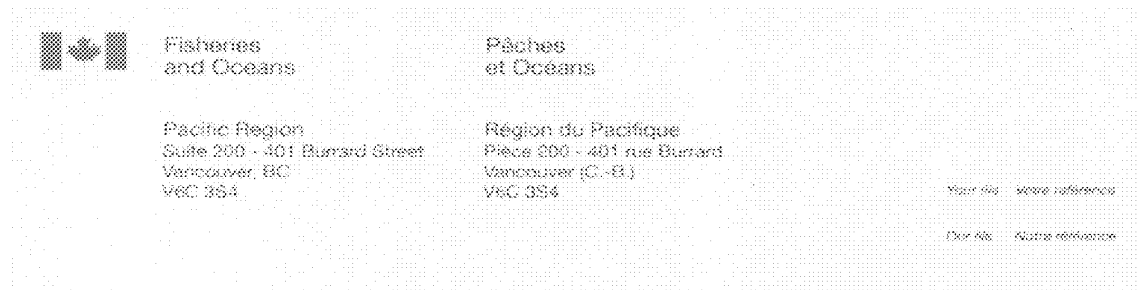
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**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
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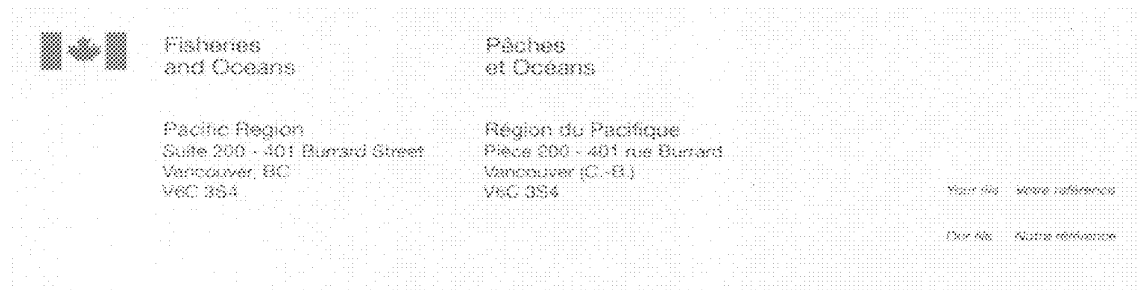
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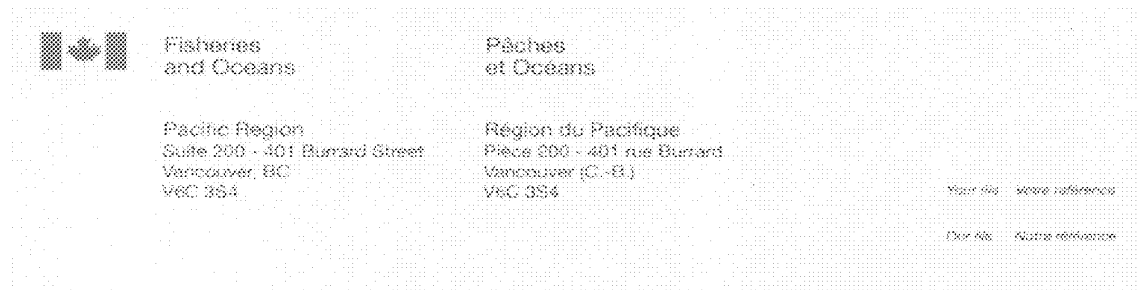
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

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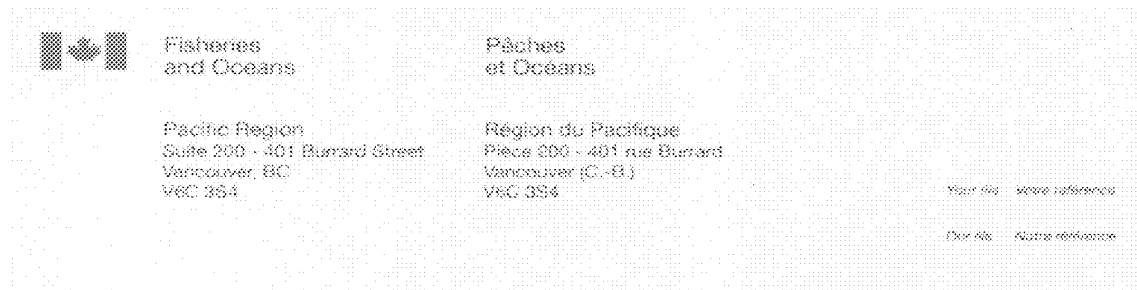
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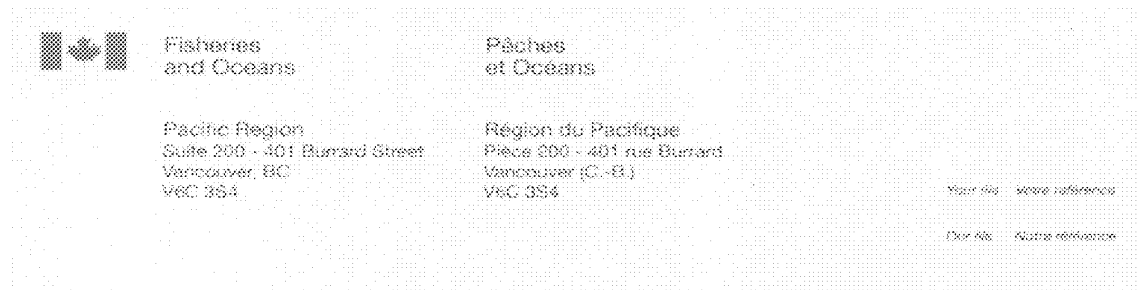
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

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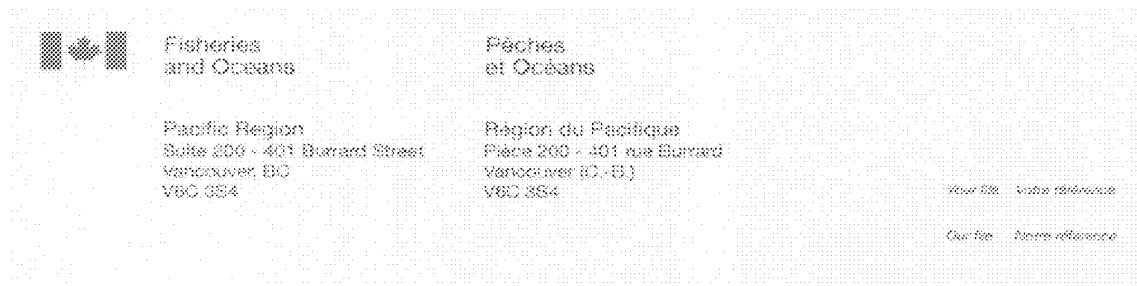
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

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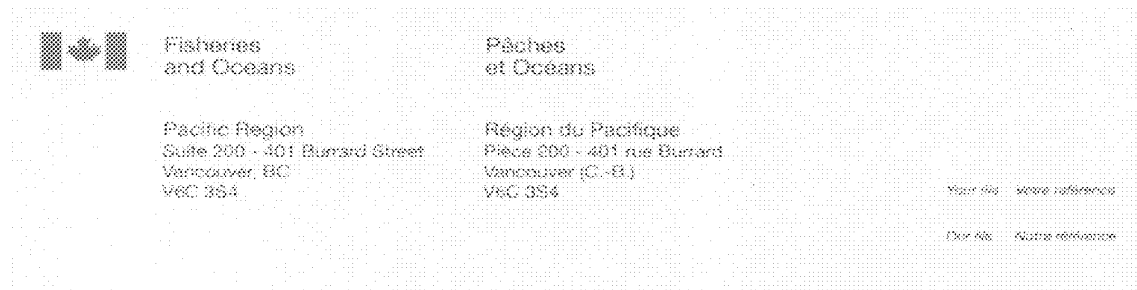
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AT AMAI INLET (LWBC # 1405005)**

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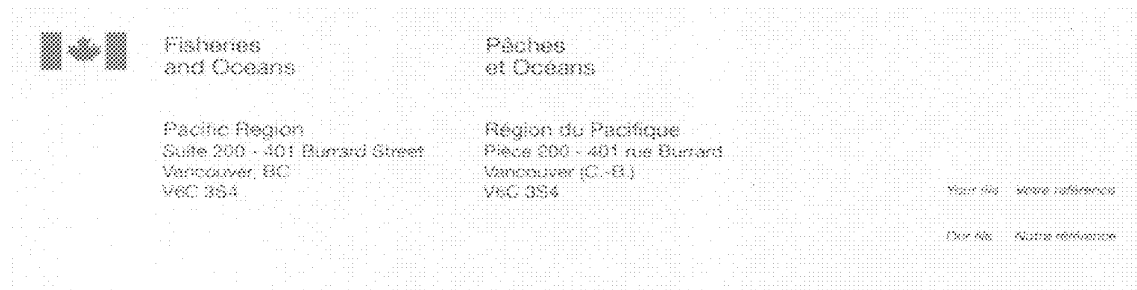
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SITE AT GLACIER FALLS (LWBC # 1405180)**

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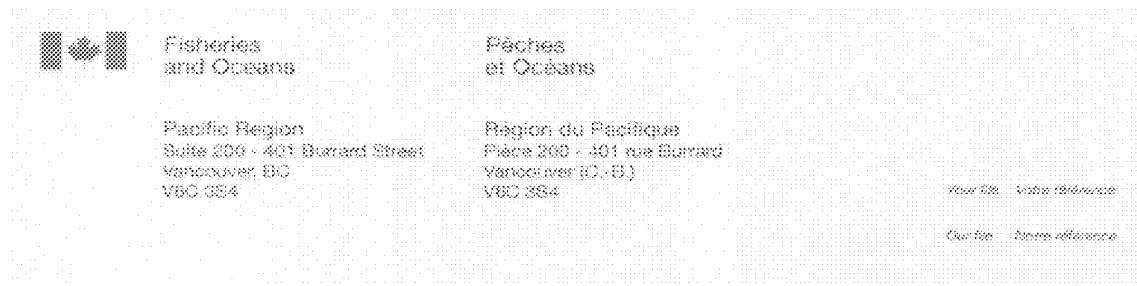
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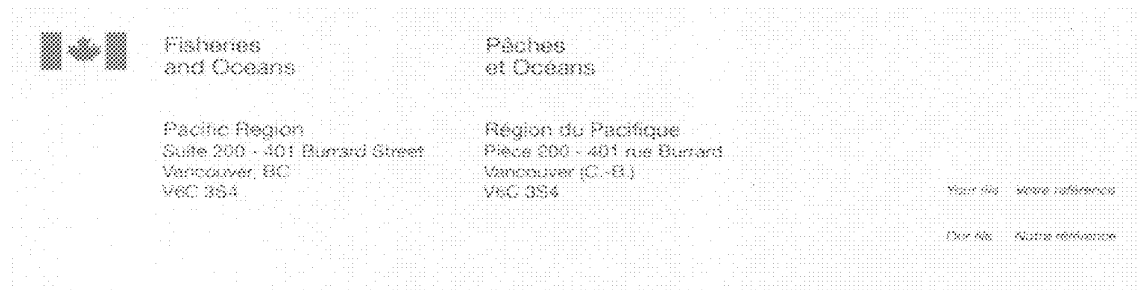
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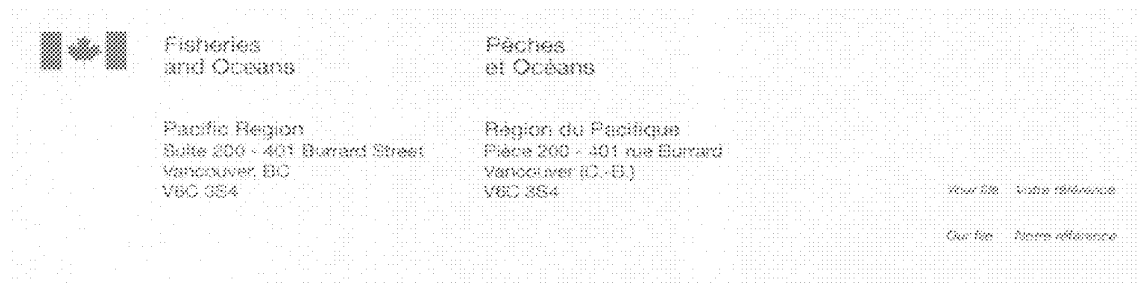
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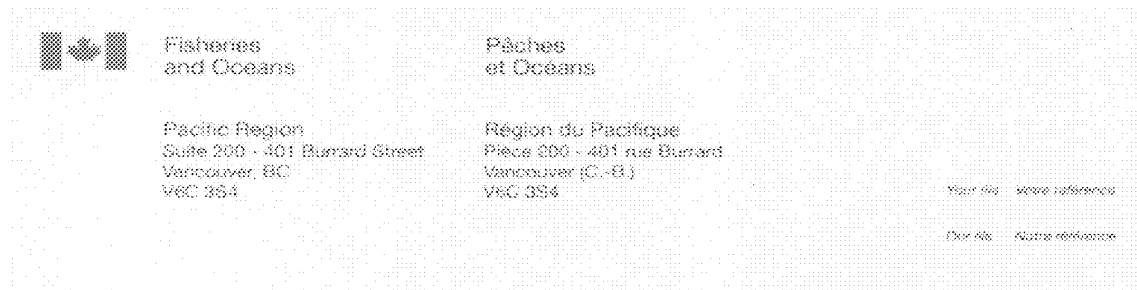
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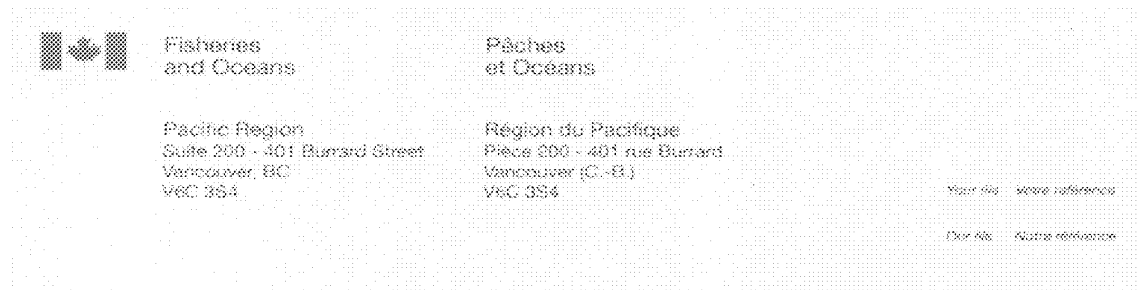
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

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AQUACULTURE SITE AT BARNES BAY (LWBC # 1405542)**

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As such, it is the opinion of DFO-OHEB that the identified project (on-going operation of an existing finfish aquaculture operation), as proposed, is not likely to result in significant adverse effects on fish and fish habitat providing the following mitigation measures are carried out:

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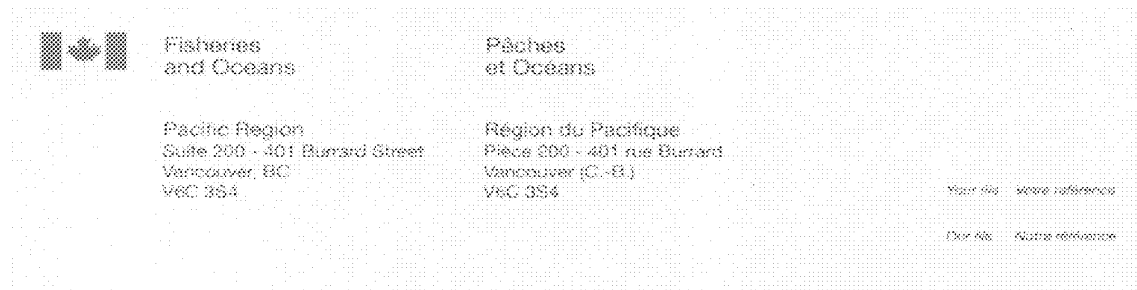
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: HERITAGE SALMON LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT MAUDE ISLAND (LWBC # 1405739)**

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
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MARINE HARVEST EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
 AT YOUNG PASS (LWBC # 1405768)**

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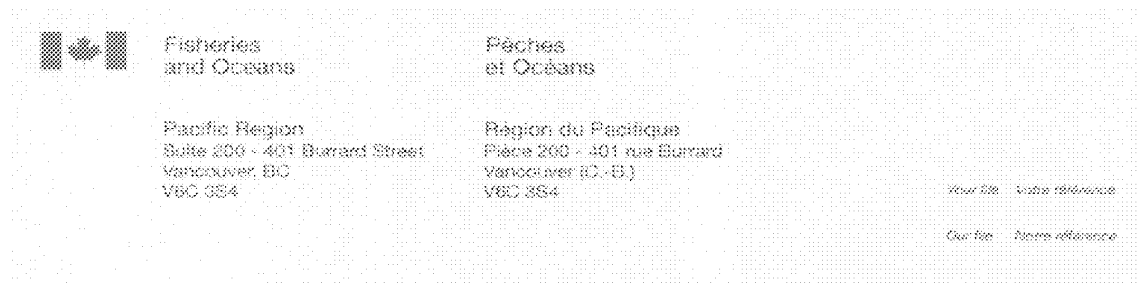
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MAINSTREAM CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT ROSS PASSAGE (LWBC # 1405933)**

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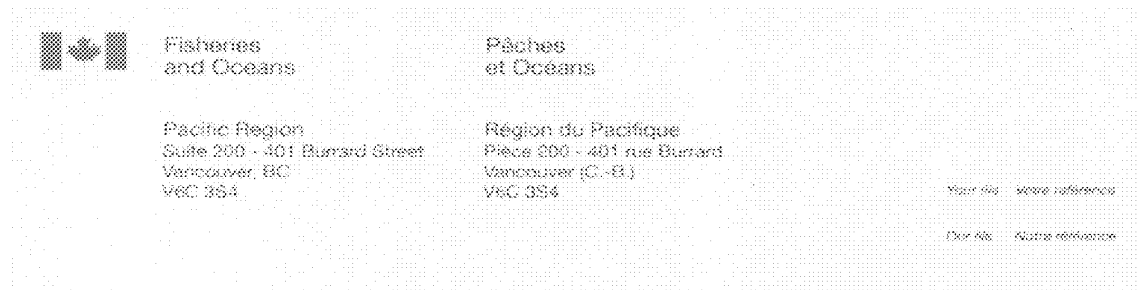
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: CREATIVE SALMON COMPANY LTD. EXISTING FINFISH
AQUACULTURE SITE AT BAXTER ISLETS (LWBC # 1405980)**

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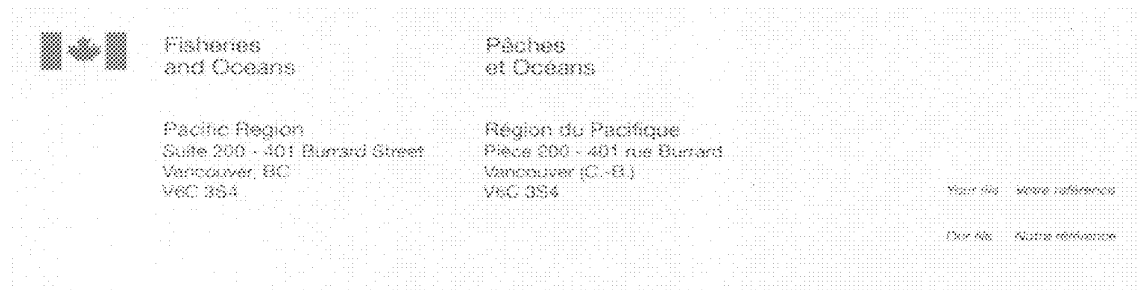
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MARINE HARVEST EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT CYRUS ROCKS (LWBC # 1406292)**

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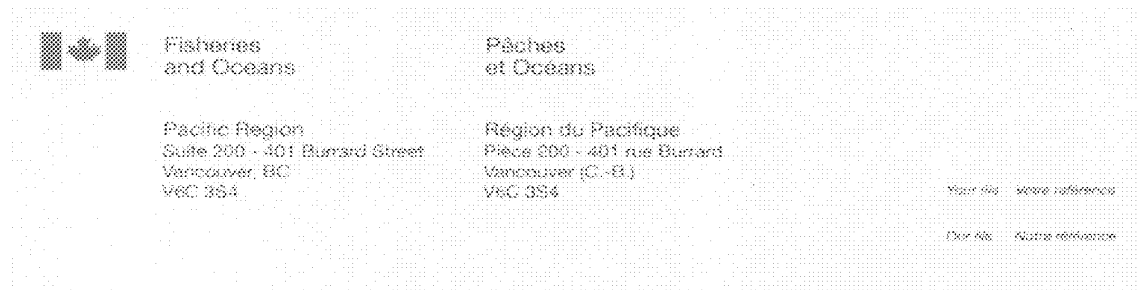
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: HERITAGE SALMON LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
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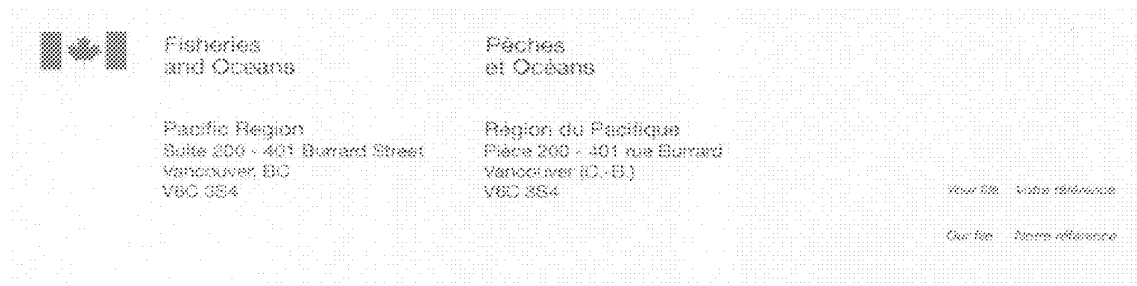
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: PAN FISH CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT SHAW POINT (LWBC # 1406628)**

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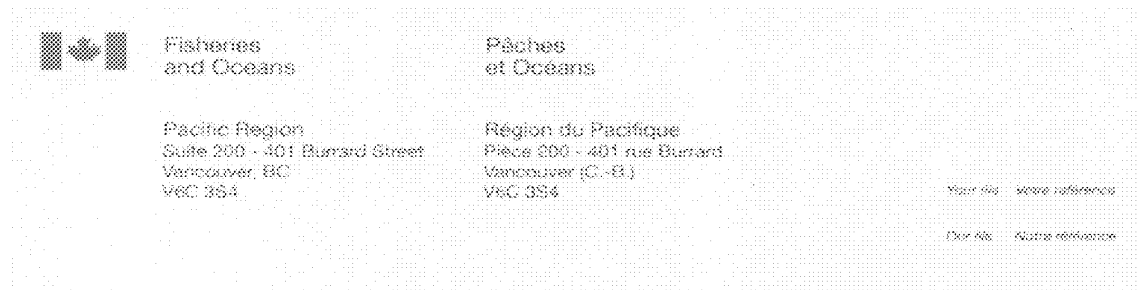
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MAINSTREAM CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT BINNS ISLAND (LWBC # 1406648)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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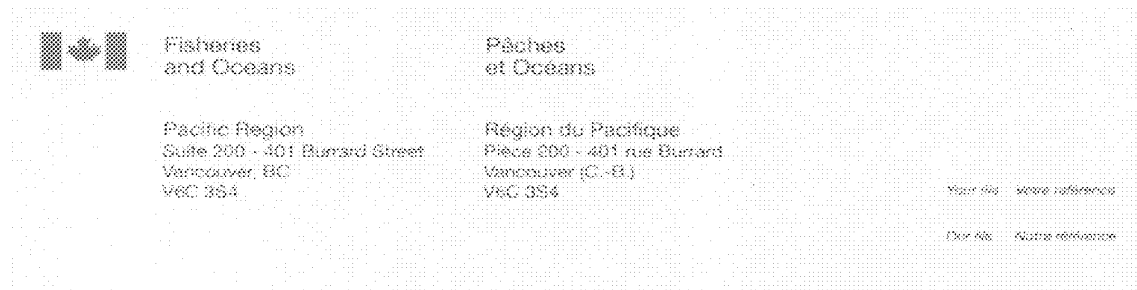
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: HERITAGE SALMON LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT BURDWOOD ISLAND (LWBC # 1406650)**

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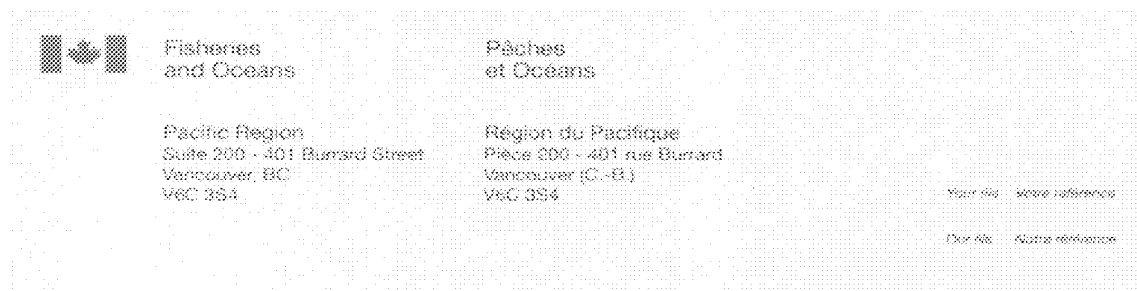
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT POTTS BAY (LWBC # 1406655)**

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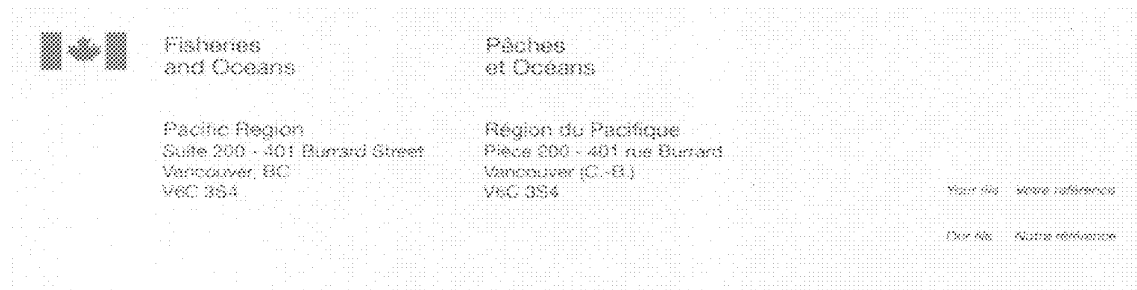
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MARINE HARVEST EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT SOUTH SHELTER (LWBC # 1406837)**

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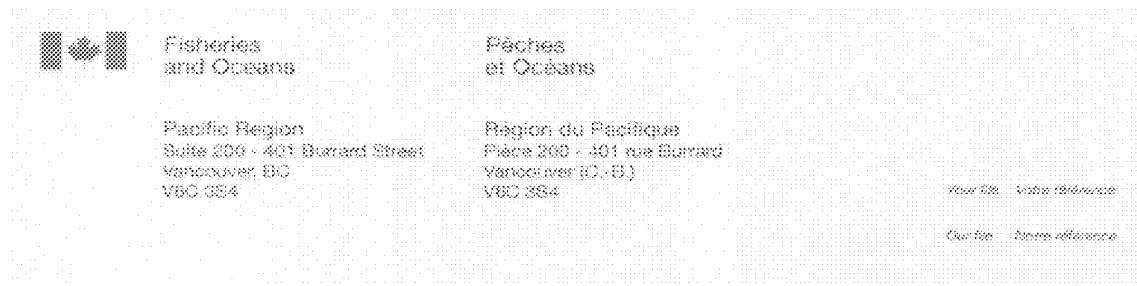
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT MONDAY ROCKS (LWBC # 1406960)**

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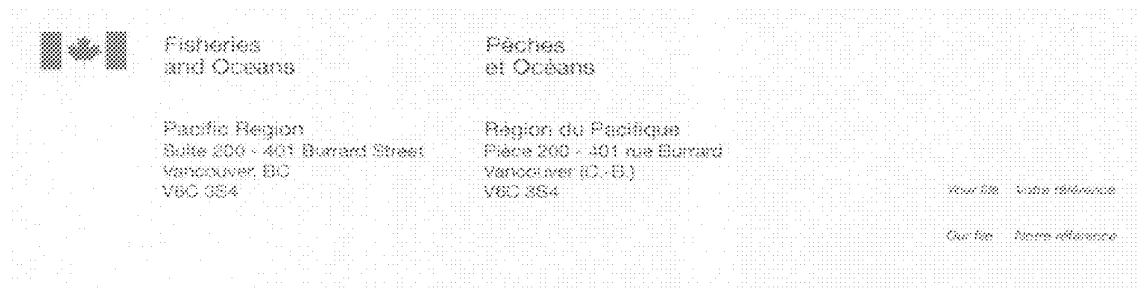
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**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
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
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: PAN FISH CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
 AT DOYLE ISLAND (LWBC # 1407325)**

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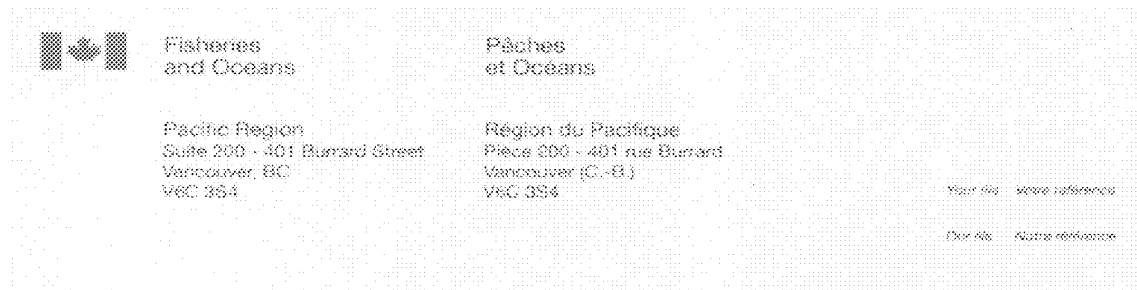
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July 19, 2005

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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: PAN FISH CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT DUNCAN ISLAND (LWBC # 1407326)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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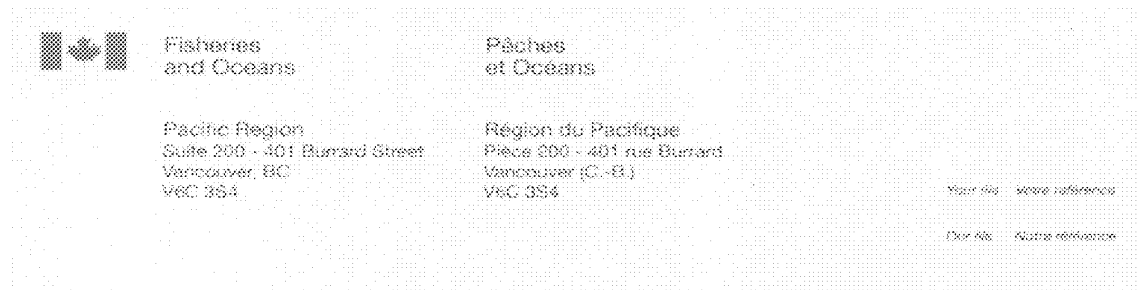
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MAINSTREAM CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT MCINTYRE LAKE (LWBC # 1407342)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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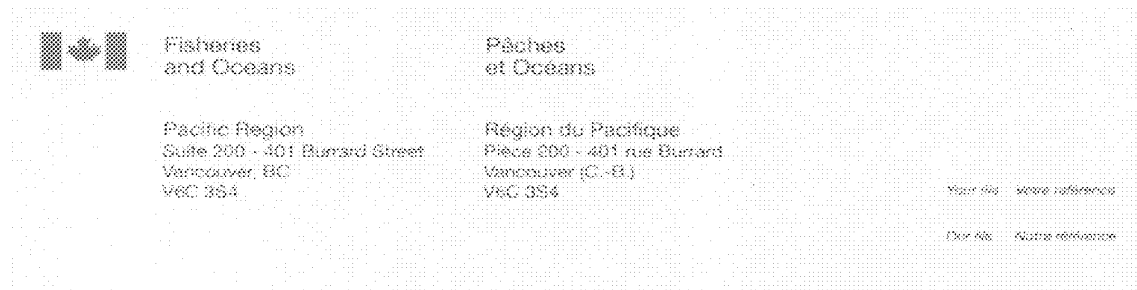
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT THORPE POINT (LWBC # 1407385)**

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
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: PAN FISH CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
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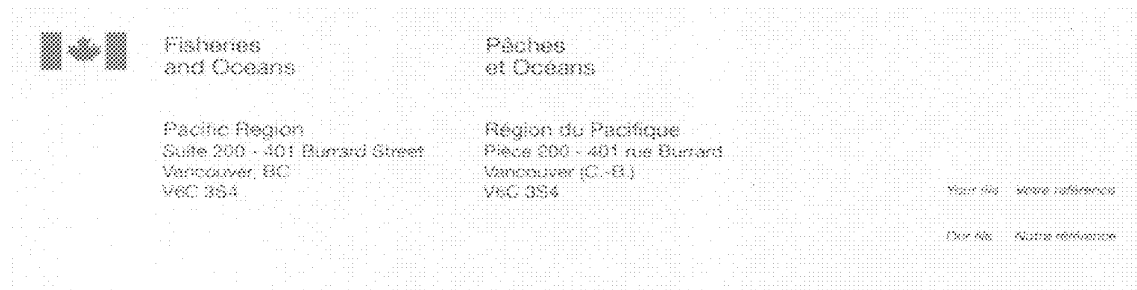
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: HERITAGE SALMON LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT SIMMONDS POINT (LWBC # 1407730)**

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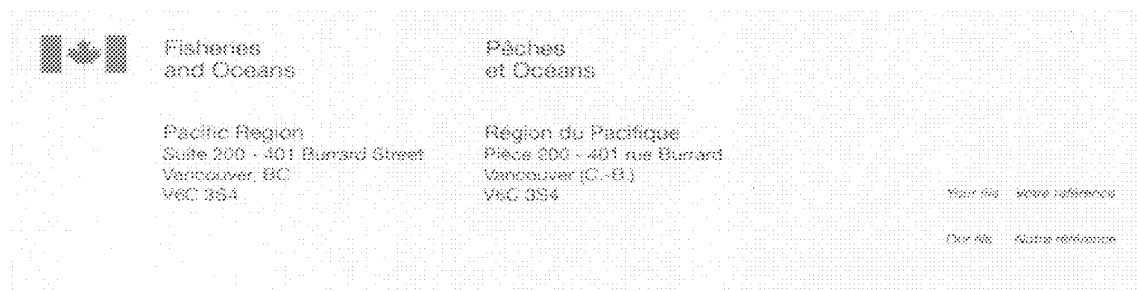
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: HERITAGE SALMON LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT WEHLIS BAY (LWBC # 1407731)**

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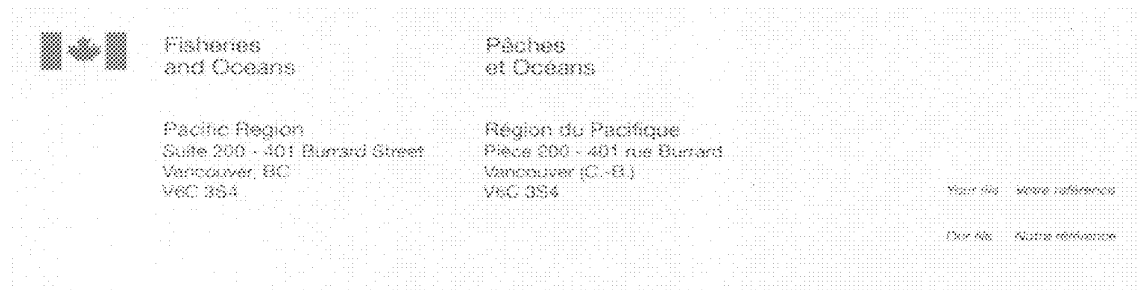
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: PAN FISH CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT CLEAGH CREEK (LWBC # 1407743)**

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As such, it is the opinion of DFO-OHEB that the identified project (on-going operation of an existing finfish aquaculture operation), as proposed, is not likely to result in significant adverse effects on fish and fish habitat providing the following mitigation measures are carried out:

1. The proponent, Pan Fish Canada, shall ensure that all work associated with the subject project complies with the requirements of the *Federal Fisheries Act*, and all other applicable legislation, guidelines, and best management practices.
2. Only those structures applied for in the Commercial Aquaculture Management Plan have been approved. Any additional residences, net washing facilities, etc. that are required to service this site must be reviewed for effects to fish habitat under separate application.

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In addition to the above specific mitigation measures, the following measures will be key in ensuring that any potentially adverse effects on fish and fish habitat will be mitigated:

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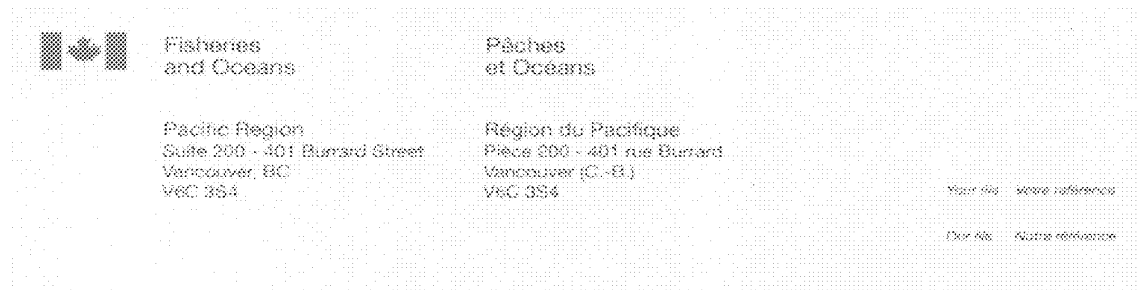
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: PAN FISH CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT SHELTER BAY (LWBC # 1407748)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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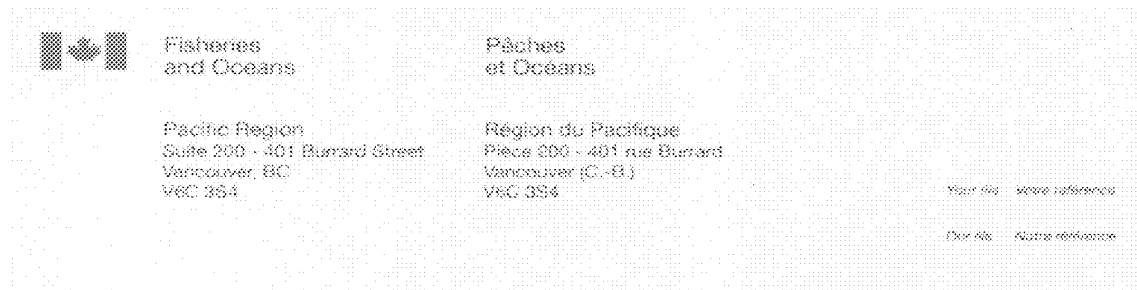
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: HERITAGE SALMON LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT BRENT ISLAND (LWBC # 1407983)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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1. The proponent, Heritage Salmon Ltd., shall ensure that all work associated with the subject project complies with the requirements of the *Federal Fisheries Act*, and all other applicable legislation, guidelines, and best management practices.
2. Only those structures applied for in the Commercial Aquaculture Management Plan have been approved. Any additional residences, net washing facilities, etc. that are required to service this site must be reviewed for effects to fish habitat under separate application.

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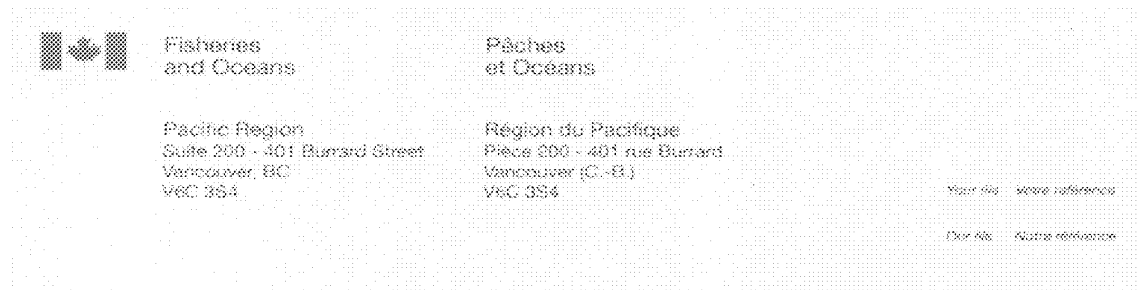
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: CREATIVE SALMON COMPANY LTD. EXISTING FINFISH
AQUACULTURE SITE AT MCCALL ISLETS (LWBC # 1408125)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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1. The proponent, Creative Salmon Company Ltd., shall ensure that all work associated with the subject project complies with the requirements of the *Federal Fisheries Act*, and all other applicable legislation, guidelines, and best management practices.
2. Only those structures applied for in the Commercial Aquaculture Management Plan have been approved. Any additional residences, net washing facilities, etc.

that are required to service this site must be reviewed for effects to fish habitat under separate application.

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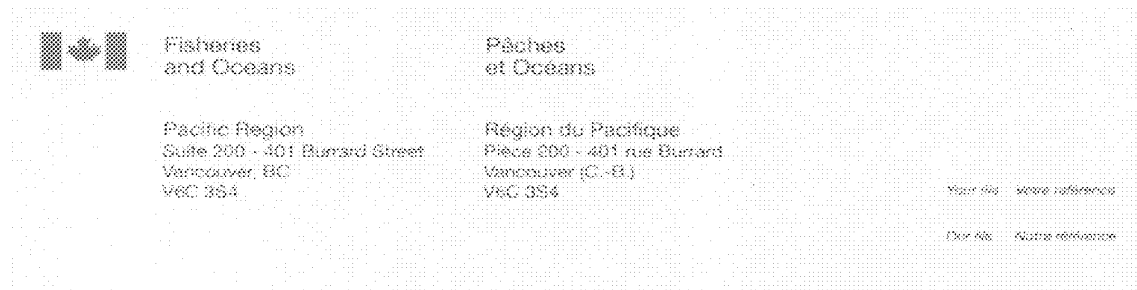
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MAINSTREAM CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT WEST SIDE (LWBC # 1408492)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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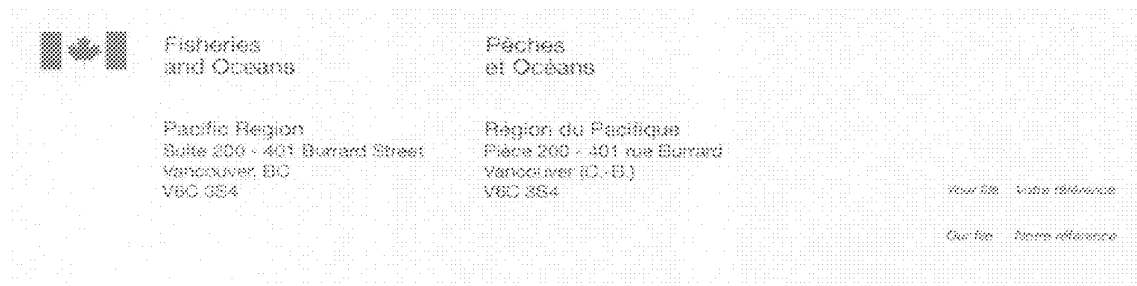
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT LARSEN ISLAND (LWBC # 1408560)**

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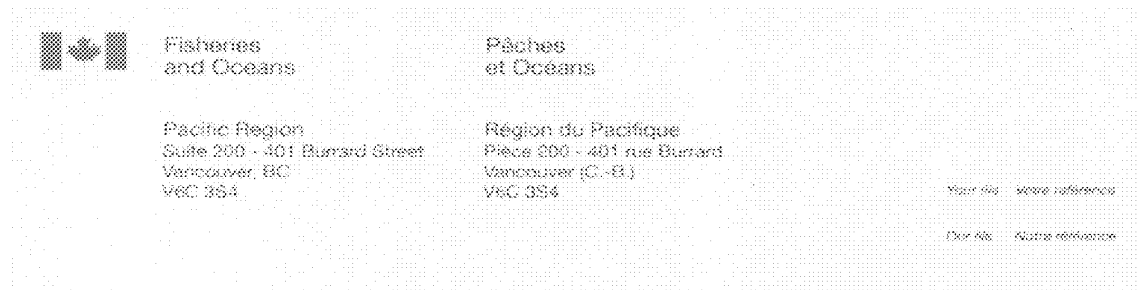
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MARINE HARVEST EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT CHARLIES PLACE (LWBC # 1409081)**

Pursuant to our responsibilities as a Federal Authority under Section 12(3) of the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act* (CEAA), this letter is to advise you that Fisheries and Oceans – Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch (DFO-OHEB) has completed the review of the above noted application for an existing finfish aquaculture operation. Please be advised that for the identified project, Fisheries and Oceans Canada is not a Responsible Authority as defined by Section 5 of CEAA. The specialist advice expressed below pertains exclusively for the identified project to potential effects on fish and fish habitat.

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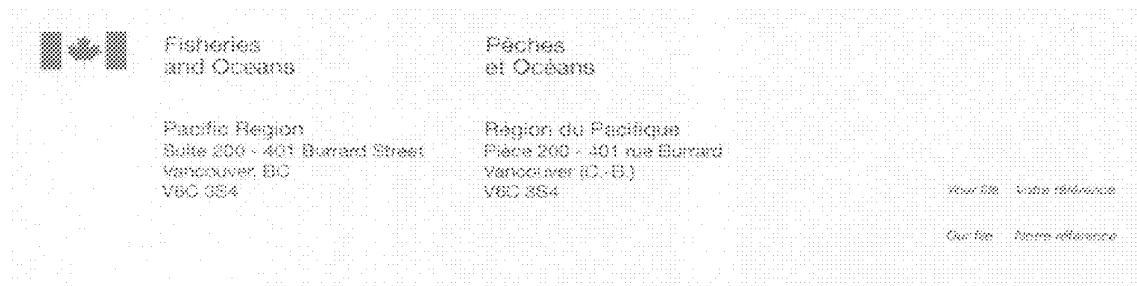
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AQUACULTURE SITE AT VANTAGE POINT (LWBC # 2402095)**

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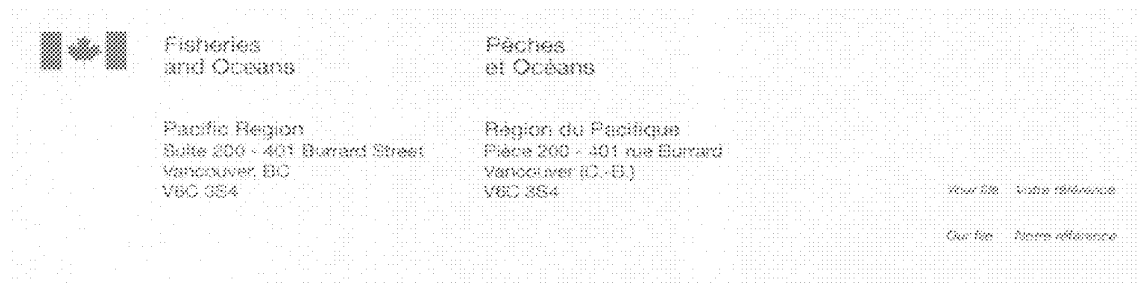
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: TARGET MARINE PRODUCTS LLP EXISTING FINFISH
AQUACULTURE SITE AT KUNECHIN PT (SALTEN) (LWBC # 2402424)**

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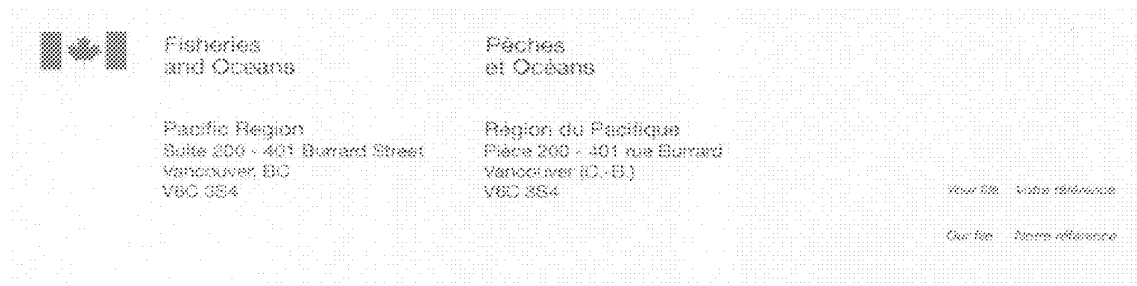
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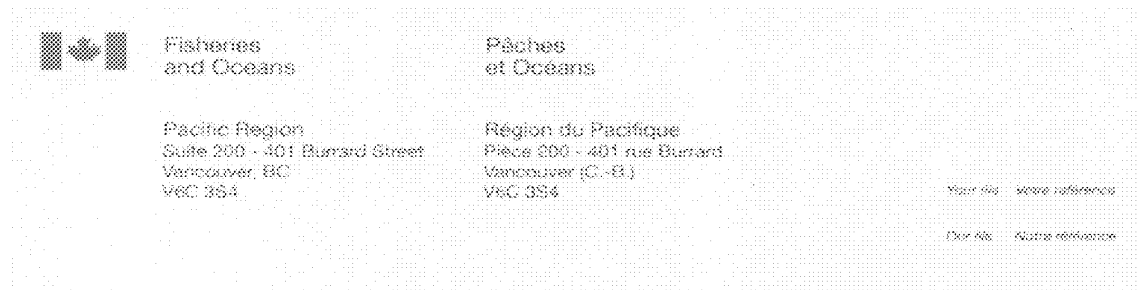
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

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AQUACULTURE SITE AT SITE 13 (LWBC # 2402591)**

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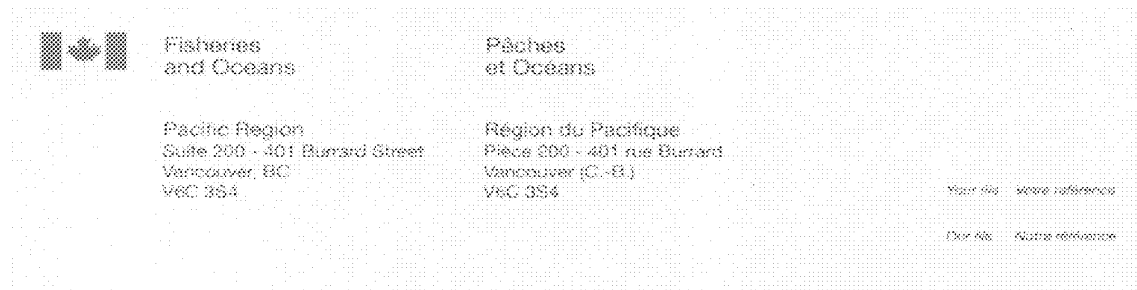
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AQUACULTURE SITE AT NEWCOMBE (LWBC # 2402738)**

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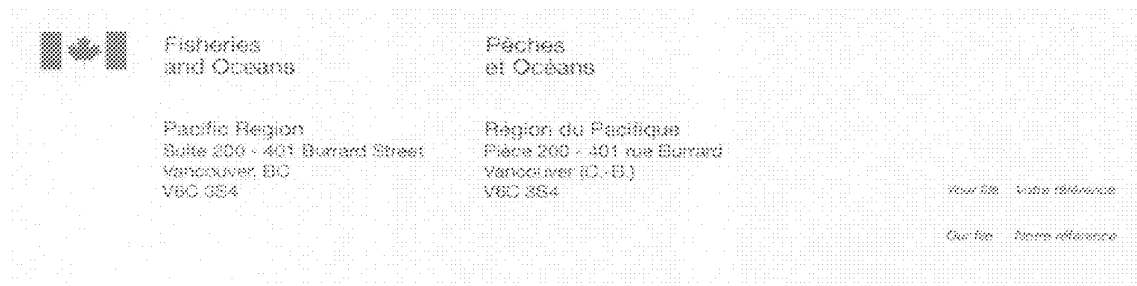
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: PAN FISH CANADA EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
AT GLACIAL CREEK (LWBC # 2402751)**

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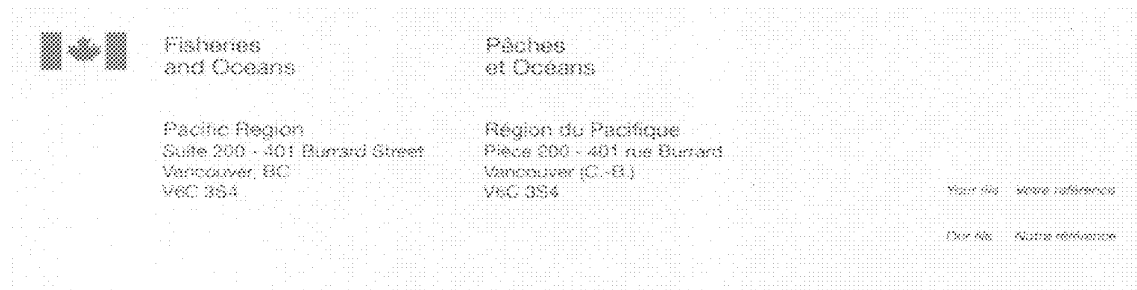
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: STOLT SEA FARM LTD. EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE
SITE AT OWEN PT (FREDERICK ARM) (LWBC # 2402924)**

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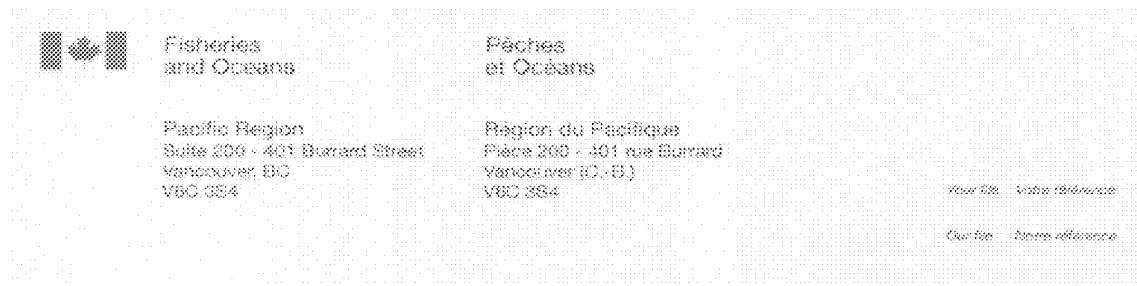
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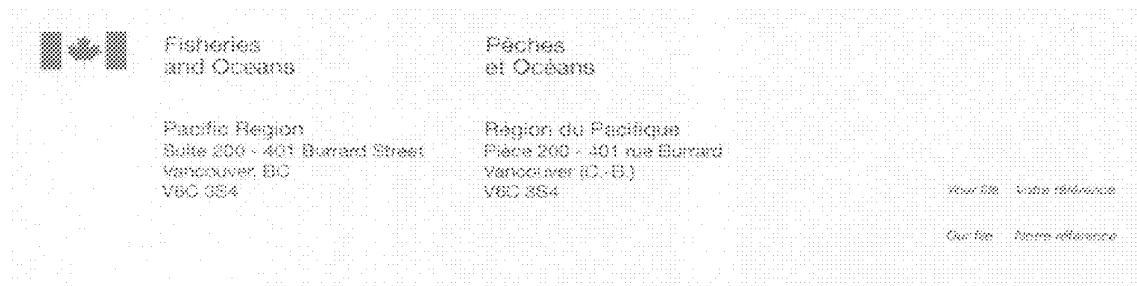
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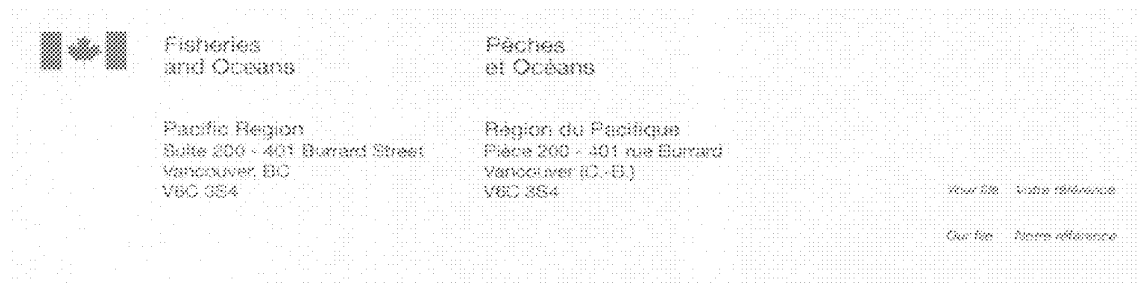
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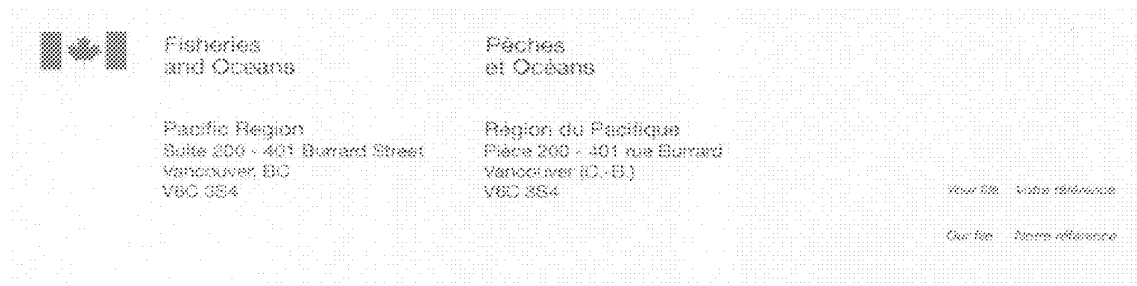
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

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
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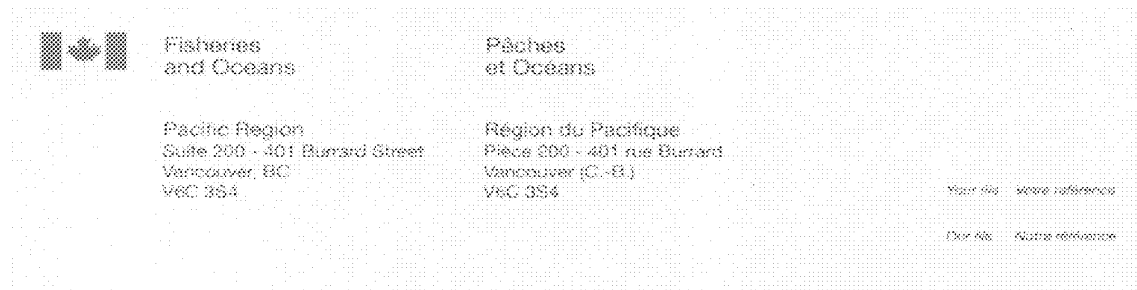
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
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Dear Mr. Sisler:

**SUBJECT: MARINE HARVEST EXISTING FINFISH AQUACULTURE SITE
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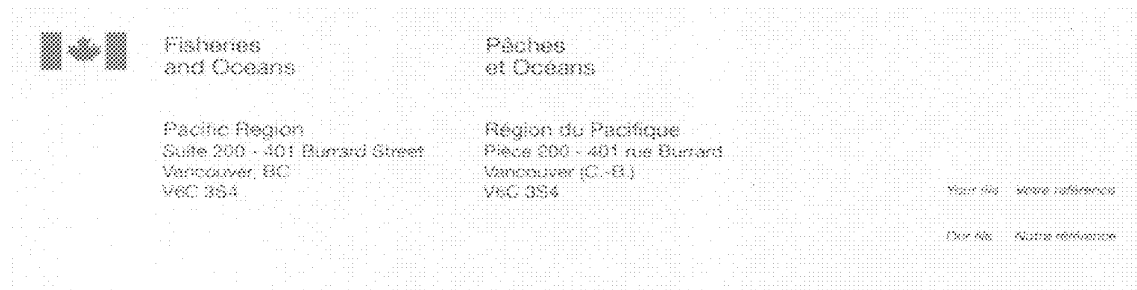
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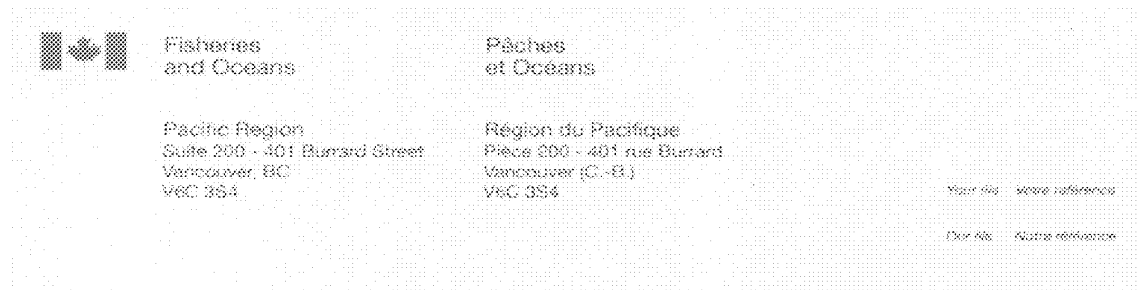
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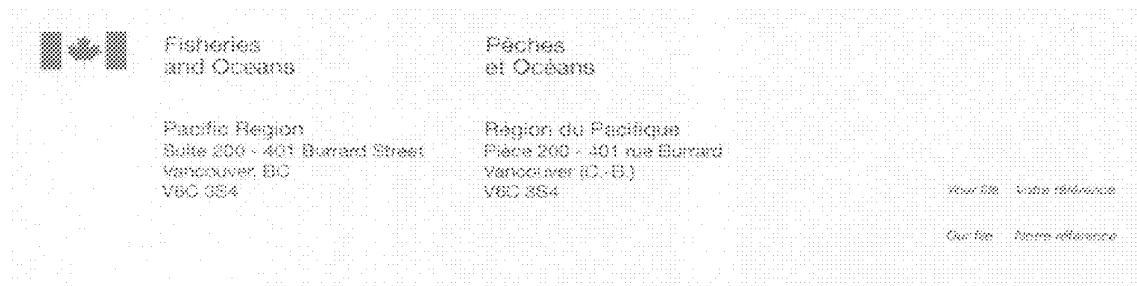
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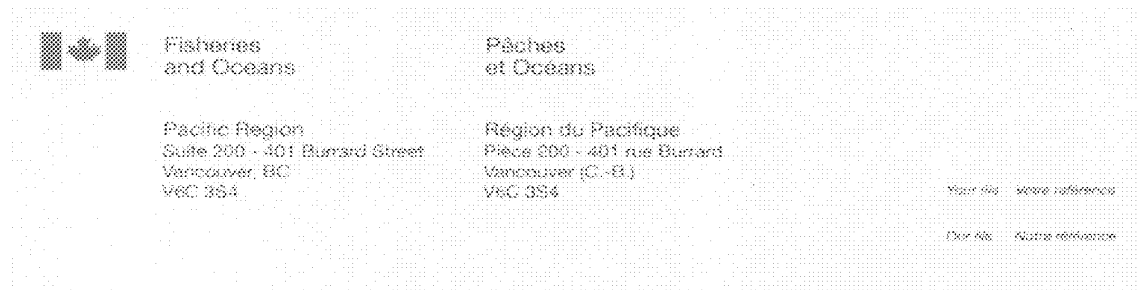
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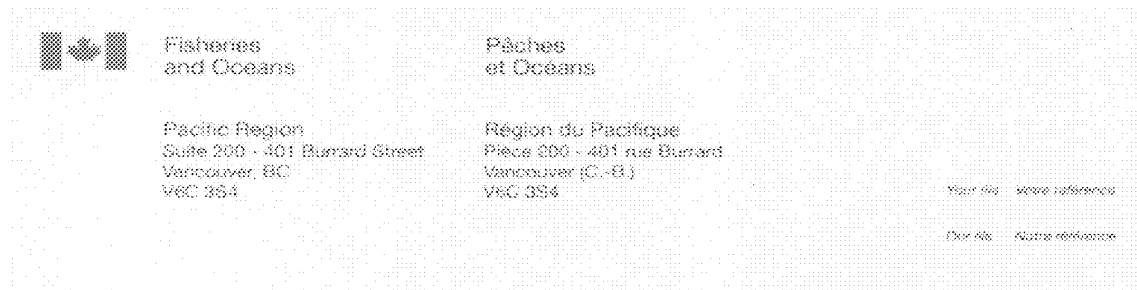
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