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To: premier@gov.bc.ca  
Subject: Salmon Farms

Dear Madam Premier,

My name is Lorne Gilchrist and I am writing to you to express my concern over mounting evidence on the negative impact of in ocean salmon farms on wild salmon. While some say the evidence is not conclusive, I disagree. However, it seems to me that prudence should rule here and conclusive or not, salmon farms should move to dry land operation with appropriate disposal of waste until final and conclusive scientific results can be reached, politics aside.

This approach will certainly cost money but should not reduce jobs as construction work will temporarily replace lost operating positions. As stated, this exercise would be costly; however, if it is proven to have been unnecessary, we will still have our wild salmon (at least from a fish farm impact point of view). Should it be proven to be exactly the right thing to have done, then we have saved our wild salmon and a very large part of BC heritage.

To simply let this issue drag out unaddressed MAY facilitate the elimination of our wild salmon and those animals that survive on them (i.e. Killer whales / Orcas).

As a "born here" BC coastal resident I would wholeheartedly support the prudent move, even at significant cost, to error on the safe side. That said, it appears evidence to support such a move is mounting at an increasing rate as people are "allowed" to disclose research.

This issue is not one for the political arena as the consequences of being wrong are unthinkable.

Respectfully submitted for your consideration.

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