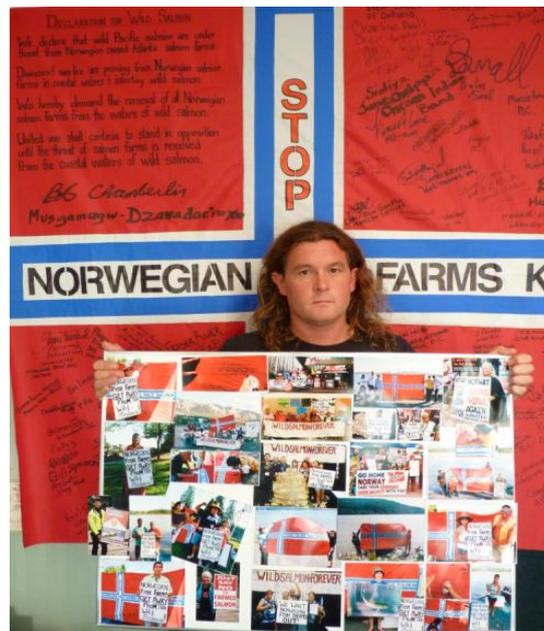


Press Update – 2 November 2012

“Flying the Flag”/“Cohen Report”/“Curb Fish Farm Impact”/“Loggerheads”

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“[Salmon farmers put brave face on chilling report](#)” (Campbell River Mirror, 1 November)

“[Salmon farmers support Cohen Commission report](#)” (BCSFA, 1 November)

“[Scottish firm withdraws salmon application](#)” (South Coast Today, 1 November)

[“Salmon company to say thanks to supporters on Mull”](#) (The Oban Times, 1 November)

[“Wild Salmon Campaigner, Staniford Files Cross-Appeal in Cermaq Case”](#) (Gorilla Radio, 1 November)

[“Cohen press conference”](#) (You Tube, 31 October)

[“New sea lice rules proposed: Aquaculture companies would have to report on treatment, monitoring”](#) (CBC News, 31 October)

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Green Around the Gills, 2 November 2012

Flying the Flag for Wild Salmon in Scotland & Ireland!



From November 2nd to 30th, Don Staniford of [GAAIA](#) and Elena Edwards of [Wild Salmon First](#) will be touring salmon farms in Scotland and Ireland. The itinerary includes a public hearing on the Isle of Mull (5th) as well as public meetings in Armadale on Skye (8th), [Ullapool](#) (12th), Harris (15th) and Bantry Bay (23rd). Protests are planned in Edinburgh (21st) and Dublin (29th) - for the itinerary in full see [online here](#).



Communities opposed to salmon farms will be asked to sign a '[Declaration for Wild Salmon](#)' and a 'Stop Norwegian Fish Farms Killing Wild Salmon' flag which will be delivered next year to Norway. Over 70% of salmon farming production in both Ireland and Scotland are controlled by Norwegian multinationals led by the world's #1 salmon farming company Marine Harvest.



Watch a [video report](#) explaining more on the visit:



Watch [online here!](#)

Elena Edwards, a campaigner for [Wild Salmon First](#) visiting from Canada, said: "May the global voices for wild salmon unite to deliver the message to Norway that Norwegian salmon farms are not welcome and must go!"



"The flag and declaration will be travelling to Scotland and Ireland to support efforts to stop Norwegian owned salmon farms from killing wild salmon," continued Edwards. "The more names on the flag the stronger the message which will be brought to Norway next year. Your voice matters!"



For more background including regular updates and an itinerary visit [online here](#)

The itinerary includes:

Scotland (2-21 November)

2nd & 3rd: Isle of Arran

4th: Oban

5th: Isle of Mull

6th: Firth of Lorne

7th: Loch Sunart & Loch Linnhe

8th: Isle of Skye (public meeting at Sabhal Mòr Ostaig in Armadale)

9th: Isle of Skye

10th & 11th: Loch Alsh, Loch Shildaig and Loch Ewe

12th: Wester Ross & Loch Duart (public meeting in Ullapool - download poster [online here](#))

13th: Loch Roag & Lewis

14th - 16th: Harris

17th & 18th: Loch Duart & Sutherland

19th: Perth

20th & 21st: Edinburgh

Ireland (22-30 November)

22nd: Belfast to Limerick

23nd: Bantry Bay

24th: Aran Islands/Galway Bay

25th: Connemara
26th: Clew Bay
27th: Clare Island & Donegal Bay
28th: Mulroy Bay & Lough Swilly
29th & 30th: Dublin

More details via: <http://donstaniford.typepad.com/my-blog/2012/11/flying-the-flag-for-wild-salmon-in-scotland-ireland-.html>

The Vancouver Sun/Times Colonist, 1 November 2012

Fish farmers, critics see support in report

Judith Lavoie

Salmon farmers in B.C. said Wednesday they are confident research will prove their fish are healthy and pose no risk to wild stocks.

The three-volume Cohen Commission report concludes many factors are contributing to the decline of Fraser River sockeye runs, but recommends more research into the role of salmon farms and suggests the industry could see a freeze, or closure, of some areas.

"The recommendations around further research, especially around the Discovery Islands area, were not unanticipated. ... We would be willing to do the research in order to satisfy lingering concerns," said Clare Backman, Marine Harvest Canada spokesman.

"We believe the risk is low to zero. We have done a lot of work on fish health," he said.

Although there are numerous farm sites in the Discovery Islands, run by three companies, only nine farms are currently operating, Backman said.

Stewart Hawthorn, Grieg Seafood B.C. managing director and B.C. Salmon Farmers Association board member, said Justice Bruce Cohen wants to apply precautionary principles and salmon farmers are happy to go along.

"We know that the fish on our farms are healthy and Justice Cohen has acknowledged the impressive data we made available," Hawthorn said. "We are committed to protecting the marine environment and our iconic wild salmon, and we support the call for further research in this small farming area."

However, biologist and activist Alexandra Morton, who has researched diseases on fish farms and fought against expansion of the industry, was celebrating the report.

"He is saying they should prohibit salmon farms on Fraser River sockeye migration routes.

That's huge," she said.

"What I gather from this is that there's not enough research from DFO to make any conclusive remarks, but he says mitigation should not be delayed in the absence of certainty."

Information on farm diseases, released at the Cohen hearings, is pointing to viruses percolating on the farms, Morton said.

Every British Columbian should now lean on their MPs to follow through on the recommendations, Morton said.

There should also be pressure on MLAs as many licences are coming up for provincial renewal and the province recently approved a new farm in Clay-oquot Sound, she said.

Agriculture Minister Norm Letnick said Cohen's report is under review by provincial staff.

"I am looking forward to understanding all the different stressors he has identified and to further dig into what he has identified with sockeye migration routes, and in particular the Discovery Islands and how the precautionary principle for the Discovery Islands should be rolled out," Letnick said.

The Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs is urging government to immediately act on wild salmon protection.

"DFO is in a conflict of interest and needs to immediately freeze fish farming and put the wild salmon policy into effect," said UBCIC vice-president Chief Bob Chamberlin.

"A historic, foundational piece of the B.C. economy has been cast adrift amid government indifference, disease transfer and other impacts from open net cage fish farms in the Broughton Archipelago," said Chamberlin, who is also Musgamagw Dzawada'enuxw Tribal Council chairman.

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip, UBCIC president, said Prime Minister Stephen Harper has eviscerated protective legislation and must not now ignore the call by Cohen to ensure sustainability.

Kelly Roebuck of Living Oceans, part of a coalition that made presentations to the Cohen Commission, is pleased a number of their recommendations on habitat damage and aquaculture were apparently accepted.

But Watershed Watch Salmon Society fisheries biologist Stan Proboszcz is disappointed the report stops short of recommending transition to closed containment and that there is not a general order to get all farms off migration routes.

"Since the hearings ended, new pathogen results suggest elevated risks to wild salmon and these pathogens may be linked to open net-pen farms," he said.

"This risk would be mitigated by immediately removing the farms from the migration routes of wild salmon."

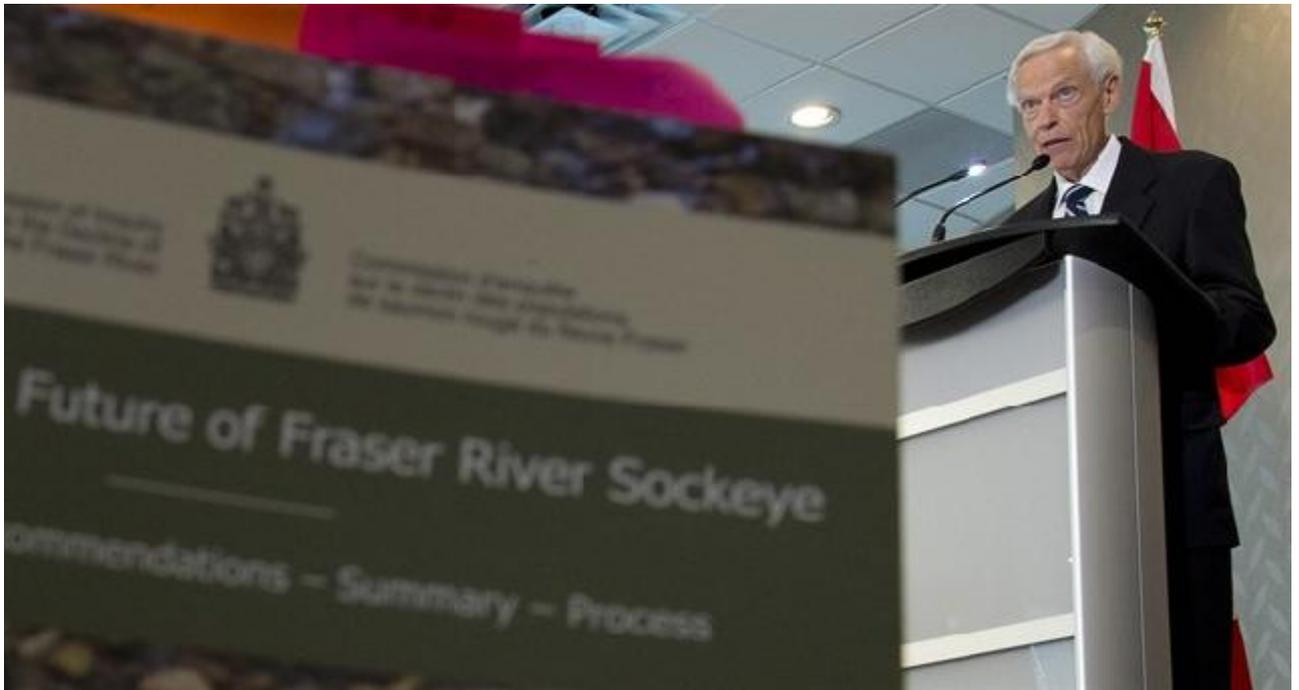
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The Canadian Press, 1 November 2012

Politicians call for action to save B.C. sockeye after release of report

Keven Drewes



Commissioner Bruce Cohen addresses the media regarding the findings of the Cohen Commission into declining salmon on the Fraser River during a news conference in downtown Vancouver, B.C. Wednesday, Oct. 31, 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS/Jonathan Hayward

VANCOUVER - Federal MPs from both the NDP and Liberals seized on a report Thursday about the dramatic decline of the Fraser River sockeye fishery, raising the issue in the House of Commons and demanding the government take immediate action.

Lawrence MacAulay, member of Parliament for Cardigan, P.E.I., and the Liberal fisheries critic, said he is planning on introducing a motion to the federal fisheries committee to study the report and even call the report's author as a witness.

B.C. Supreme Court Justice Bruce Cohen released his report, "The Uncertain Future of Fraser River Sockeye," Wednesday, following almost a year and a half of public hearings.

While Cohen found no "smoking gun" responsible for the decline, he pointed to factors like contamination and development along the river, ocean conditions and climate change, although he said much remains unknown and more scientific research is needed.

He also said Fraser River sockeye faced a "likelihood of harm" from disease and pathogens on farms, especially in the Discovery Islands, located northeast of Campbell River, B.C., between Vancouver Island and the province's mainland.

MacAulay said what Cohen has to say is also important because of the amount of time the inquiry took and its estimated cost of \$26 million.

"He needs to come here and indicate clearly how important it is that these recommendations are implemented," said MacAulay in an interview. "That's what I want to have happen."

Fin Donnelly, the NDP's West Coast fisheries's critic and MP for New Westminster-Coquitlam, said he doesn't want to see the report sit on a shelf, collecting dust.

Donnelly said sockeye salmon are at the heart of the province's culture and economy, something that's often overlooked in Central Canada.

"I think you can give credit to the prime minister for calling that inquiry, but we need to have a clear commitment from the minister that they will enact these recommendations, and we're definitely not hearing that," he said. "The actions go the opposite way."

In the House, Fisheries Minister Gail Shea said the government wants to look over the report carefully, considering the amount of time Cohen spent investigation the disappearance of the salmon.

"We must do our due diligence and read the report carefully, speak with our stakeholders and our partners about the next step," she said, noting the federal government has been "supporting, building and conserving" the province's salmon for several years.

Cohen focuses 11 of his 75 recommendations on the province's salmon-farming industry, addressing issues like government management, the locations of open net-pen farms and the need for more research.

He said the recommendations even though little scientific research exists related to the interaction between wild sockeye and farmed salmon, noting farms can potentially introduce exotic diseases and make other diseases worse.

"Disease can cause significant population declines, and, in some situations — for example, if a disease were to wipe out a vulnerable stock of Fraser River sockeye — such effects could be irreversible," wrote Cohen.

"I therefore conclude that the potential harm posed by salmon farms to Fraser River sockeye salmon is serious or irreversible."

The BC Salmon Farmers Association responded to the report Thursday, noting the issue of warming water temperatures was called the "elephant in the room" by Cohen.

"These recommendations are all about protecting wild salmon, which is central to the work that we do each day on our farms," said Clare Backman, an association spokesman, in a statement. "We're confident that our farms are not a risk to wild salmon and support more research to confirm that."

Cohen said the minister should prohibit open net-pen farms in the Discovery Islands, on the central B.C. coast, unless he or she is satisfied those farms pose at most a minimal risk to migrating sockeye, the report said.

The inquiry was called by the government in November 2009, when only 1.4 million of an estimated 10 million sockeye returned to B.C.'s rivers and streams.

The final report spans 1,191 pages in English and 1,378 pages in French, in which Cohen makes 75 recommendations, 11 of which focused on the province's salmon-farming industry.

Note to readers: This is a corrected story. A previous version identified Justice Bruce Cohen as a provincial court judge.

<http://www.thestarphoenix.com/news/national/Report+into+decline+sockeye+fishery+critical+salmon+farming/7480789/story.html>

Connacht Tribune, 1 November 2012

State agencies at loggerheads over Aran fish farm

By Bernie Ní Fhlatharta

The state-controlled Bord Iascaigh Mhara (BIM) has been criticised for rejecting a report compiled by another state body over a proposed fish farm off the Aran Islands.

The Inland Fisheries of Ireland (IFI) is worried that a fish farm on such a large scale could seriously threaten wild fish with sea lice infestation – a by-product of most fish farms.

BIM say that they never received the IFI submission, which they say explains why it is not included on their website. All submissions made on the EIS report about the proposed fish farm were handled by the Dept of Agriculture. The IFI accept that their submission missed the October 2 deadline by a day. However, the report can be re-submitted during the current public consultation process which closes on December 12.

Suzanne Champion, Head of Business Development at IFI, said they were “shocked and disappointed” that their extensive submission had been rejected by BIM or that its findings were not posted on BIM’s website.

She explained that BIM had been late in supplying them with copies of the EIS report and that despite them being a day late, BIM was aware they were compiling a submission and she believes that it should have been included with the first public consultation round.

“But we are now re-submitting our report for the current public consultation period and we expect our findings to be posted on the BIM website,” she said.

The IFI, has serious concerns about the size of the proposed fish farm off Inis Oirr – BIM has applied for a licence to operate a 15,000 ton capacity salmon farm where 3.6 million fish will be grown to full size to produce 30,000 tonnes of farmed salmon annually.

The report, compiled by CEO Dr Ciarán Byrne outlines that while moving a fish farm into a deep sea location was preferable than having it near the mainland or near the mouth of a river, he was still concerned about the bigger chances of farmed fish escaping and spreading sea lice, which they and others working in the fishing industry had done their best to control.

See full story in this week's Connacht Tribune.

<http://www.galwaynews.ie/28573-state-agencies-loggerheads-over-aran-fish-farm>

Alexandra Morton, 1 November 2012

Cohen Report



"I therefore conclude that the potential harm posed to Fraser River sockeye salmon from salmon farms is serious or irreversible"

[Download the full report](#)

Cohen made 75 recommendations and RECOMMENDATION #3 is:

DFO's obligations in relation to net-pen salmon farms

3 The Government of Canada should remove from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' mandate the promotion of salmon farming as an industry and farmed salmon as a product.

He cites potential for "conflict of interest," "that DFO will impose less onerous fish health standards on salmon farms, than it would if its only interest were the protection of wild salmon" and he states "There is a risk DFO will be less rigorous in enforcing the Fisheries Act against the operators of salmon farms." Powerful words!

In Recommendation 14 Cohen warns that salmon farm licenses should only be for one year:

Limiting salmon farm production and licence duration

14 Beginning immediately and continuing until at least September 30, 2020, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans should ensure that the maximum duration of any licence issued under the Pacific Aquaculture Regulations for a net-pen salmon farm in the Discovery Islands (fish health sub- zone 3-2) does not exceed one year;

DFO does not issue new licences for net-pen salmon farms in the Discovery Islands (fish health sub-zone 3-2); and

DFO does not permit increases in production at any existing net-pen salmon farm in the Discovery Islands (fish health sub-zone 3-2).

Justice Cohen is the first person of authority to present salmon farming as an activity so dangerous to wild salmon that salmon farms should "cease to operate" if risk to wild salmon is more than minimal:

RECOMMENDATION 18:

If at anytime between now and September 30, 2020, the minister of fisheries and oceans determines that net-pen salmon farms in the Discovery Islands (fish health sub-zone 3-2) pose more than a minimal risk of serious harm to the health of migrating Fraser River sockeye salmon, he or she should promptly order that those salmon farms cease operations.

A lot of salmon feedlots are included in sub-zone 3-2:



While industry [claims](#) this will only affect 9 farms, a close look at the map above from the DFO website puts the number of farms affected closer to 20. Salmon farm spin at work.

In a crucial series of recommendations 15-17, Cohen recommends the siting criteria for salmon farms require a serious and continuous update to protect wild salmon migration routes, something that was never even considered when the Province of BC gave salmon farms their rental agreements to the seafloor.

15 *The Department of Fisheries and Oceans should explicitly consider proximity to migrating Fraser River sockeye when siting salmon farms.*

16 *After seeking comment from First Nations and stakeholders, and after responding to challenge by scientific peer review, the Department of Fisheries and Oceans should, by March 31, 2013, and every five years thereafter, revise salmon farm siting criteria to reflect new scientific information about salmon farms situated on or near Fraser River sockeye salmon migration routes as well as the cumulative effects of these farms on these sockeye.*

17 *The Department of Fisheries and Oceans should apply revised siting criteria to all licensed salmon farm sites. Farms that no longer comply with siting criteria should be promptly removed or relocated to sites that comply with current siting criteria.*

This means Fraser River First Nations must be asked if they agree to allow salmon they have specific rights to swim through salmon farm effluent. It also means ALL the salmon farm leases that are up for Provincial tenure renewals have to be examined for wild salmon migration routes. Many First Nations are under pressure to respond to renewals of these tenures by November 15, 2012. Is Premier Clark going to ignore the \$26 million dollars tax-payers have paid to find out that salmon farms on wild salmon migration routes might be causing "irreversible damage." I would venture a guess that yes, this information will be ignored unless we are heard. I have created a place for you to be heard.

www.change.org/NoSalmonFarmLeases



The report is grabbing headlines such as:

[Commission presses Ottawa to curb fish-farm impact on sockeye](#)

[Report calls for freeze on fish farms off Vancouver Island](#)

[Report into decline of B.C.'s sockeye fishery critical of salmon farming](#)

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Cohen Commission report makes 75 recommendations on the future of Fraser River sockeye salmon

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http://alexandramorton.typepad.com/alexandra_morton/2012/11/cohen-report.html

The Common Sense Canadian, 1 November 2012

Rafe: Cohen Commission Report Rightly Targets Salmon Farms, Precautionary Principle

Written by [Rafe Mair](#)



Justice Bruce Cohen unveils his final report in Vancouver

There are several things that jumped out at me with the [Cohen Commission Final Report, released yesterday](#).

The first is that my faith in Bruce Cohen as expressed on CBC's Early Edition right after his name was announced has been fully justified. I said then that I knew the man, had fought in court with the man, that he was a superb lawyer and judge and that those who thought he could be pushed around just because he happened to be a very nice guy to boot would be pleasantly surprised.

Hell of a good job, Bruce, I'm proud of you.

Here is my first prediction - the Fraser Institute-led Op-ed page in the Vancouver Sun will very soon have a weasily op-ed piece from Mary Ellen Walling of the [Salmon Farmers Association](#).

Alexandra Morton has been thoroughly vindicated and ought to get the Order Of Canada immediately. Only we who know Alex know what she's been through with the DFO and Provincial governments slandering her and blocking her every move with lies and distortions.

Commissioner Cohen tested, as I said he would, his mandate to the utmost. It's here we should note that he was only empowered to look at Fraser River sockeye, not the hundreds of

thousands of other salmon impacted by fish farms.

It will be observed - as it already has been - that he found no “smoking gun”. Of course he didn’t because there probably isn’t one - the sockeye run more risks than just fish farms. What I also observed on the Early Edition that morning is that there are many causes of salmon loss on their journey into the ocean and back but that one thing will surely come out - fish farms are a major suspect and since we could deal with them we should. This is clearly the finding of the Cohen Commission.

Let’s look at an obvious finding in the report and one that the Commissioner must have felt awkward finding what should be so easy to see - **DFO has a clear conflict of interest being mandated to protect wild salmon and still for the fish farmers at the same time.** How any minister could fail to see that is beyond me.

I cannot in the time I have today deal with all of the report, but let me emphasize what all who want to save our salmon must repeat, tiresomely if necessary: **THE OPERATIVE POLICY IS THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE.**

This means that the onus of proving no harm will follow is placed on the shoulders of him whom proposes an undertaking.

If this principle had been followed in the beginning none of this would have happened.

It’s not that no one knew about this principle because it’s been the law of the land for decades.

Henceforth every single proposed invasion of the environment must be subject to this rule.

Why should people like Alexandra Morton have to lose their homes and go broke when, if the Precautionary Principle had been enforced, she could do what she came to Canada to do - study Orcas?

Looking very bad today is also [John Cummins](#), the leader of the vanishing BC Conservatives whose one-track mind can’t accept anything that doesn’t involve abolishing the native fishery.

You can be sure that the government of Canada and the Clark government will do nothing. And here it is that our system of so-called parliamentary government is so flawed by reason of party discipline - not one Liberal MLA nor Conservative MP will press for implementation of Commissioner Cohen’s recommendations. It is because of this that every time those who care about the environment win, they end up losing - the Kemano Completion Program is a good example.

[This report](#) must be the bottom line of all protests for our environment and those it sustains. Our rallying cry should be, “Mr. Justice Bruce Cohen and the precautionary principle!” so that people who care can centre on this fundamental maxim and force the governments to do what they have been told to do.

This should be a great day for all who care and it will be so if we bring unyielding pressure, including in the voting booth.

<http://thecanadian.org/item/1793-rafe-mair-cohen-commission-report-sockeye-rightly-targets-salmon-farms>

Huffington Post, 1 November 2012

The Results Are In: Wild Salmon Need Action Now

Gwen Barlee (Policy Director, Wilderness Committee)

Yesterday was a good day for wild salmon in British Columbia. After many months of delay Justice Bruce Cohen released his long-awaited report on the decline of the once mighty Fraser River sockeye.

[Justice Cohen's report](#) was triggered by the 20-year [decline of the Fraser River sockeye run](#) culminating in the 2009 collapse. Ten million sockeye salmon were forecast to come back that year, but just 1.3 million returned. The public was stunned; and the resulting outcry led the federal government to create a commission of inquiry that fall to investigate the collapse.

On Wednesday afternoon, Cohen released his [final report](#) to the public. After 160 witnesses, 14,000 pages of transcripts, 2,100 exhibits and numerous delays, D-day was finally here.

I attended the press conference. Sitting cheek to jowl in a cramped conference room in downtown Vancouver with scores of journalists, [environmentalists](#), First Nations, fishers and former DFO officers, people swapped notes and traded best guesses before Cohen came to the podium. Would his report be meaningful? Would Cohen make tough recommendations to protect wild salmon?

Cohen didn't disappoint.

Essentially, his report told the Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) to get back in the business of [protecting wild salmon](#). Cohen called for better science, for real enforcement of existing laws and policies, such as DFO's Wild Salmon Policy, and improved habitat protection. He instructed DFO to rid itself of its conflicting mandate to protect wild salmon while at the same time promoting the aquaculture industry.

At the press conference he repeatedly stated that, "DFO's first priority must be the health of wild stocks." He flagged problems with Bill C-38, the federal government's budget bill, which was actually dedicated to rolling back environmental laws -- including gutting the Fisheries Act. He also cautioned and expressed concern that recently, one third of DFO's habitat protection staff in B.C. had been laid off.

The report was notable for finding no "smoking gun," no single cause for the dramatic decline in the 2009 Fraser River sockeye runs. Climate change and warming waters were a major concern to the health of wild salmon, as was the issue of open-net cage fish farms.



spawning sockeye salmon makes its way up the Adams River in Roderick Haig-Brown Provincial Park near Chase, B.C. (The Canadian Press/Jonathan Hayward)

On fish farms Cohen remarked, "I therefore conclude that the potential harm posed by salmon farms to Fraser River sockeye salmon is serious or irreversible." Cohen didn't stop there, further commenting that, "In my view salmon farms should not be permitted to operate unless it is clear that they pose no more than a minimal risk to the Fraser River sockeye salmon."

Cohen proceeded to recommend a freeze on open-net cage fish farms around the Discovery Islands, where Fraser River sockeye migrate past a gauntlet of these industrial feed lots. He also found that salmon farms have the potential to "introduce exotic diseases and to exacerbate endemic diseases," and recommended that DFO revisit, revise and improve fish farm siting criteria.

Significantly, Cohen recommended that if the impacts from fish farms in the Discovery Islands are found to be of more than "minimal risk of serious harm" to migrating sockeye salmon that the farms should be promptly shut down.

In total the Cohen report made 75 substantial recommendations to improve the sustainability of the Fraser River sockeye. The recommendations are meaningful and based on expert advice, on the public interest and the viability of B.C.'s coastal ecosystem.

While I wish Cohen had gone further and recommended the complete closure of all open-net cage fish farms on BC's coast -- due to the mounting scientific evidence showing that fish farms can be incubators for sea lice and disease outbreaks, which negatively impact wild salmon stocks -- I understand that this bold action was beyond his mandate.

The Cohen report is a gift; a well-researched and valuable tool by which to recover wild salmon, not only the Fraser River sockeye runs, but salmon populations across B.C. But its recommendations must be implemented, funded and enforced.

The ball is now in the court of the federal government. If Ottawa truly values wild salmon, they will shut down all open-net cage fish farms in B.C. and move with determination to fully implement all of the recommendations of the Cohen report. British Columbians need to let federal decision-makers know that anything less will not be tolerated. Justice Cohen has done his job -- now we need to do ours.

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Commission presses Ottawa to curb fish-farm impact on sockeye

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The event that caused Prime Minister Stephen Harper to order a judicial inquiry into salmon management was so catastrophic it sent a shock wave throughout British Columbia: In the fall of 2009, sockeye salmon almost vanished from the Fraser River.

After decades of decline, the most productive salmon river on the planet – a river that once had a run of 100 million sockeye – had suddenly been reduced to just one million spawners.

On Wednesday, Bruce Cohen, the B.C. Supreme Court justice appointed three years ago by Mr. Harper to conduct the inquiry, said he was unable to find “the smoking gun” in the mystery of what caused the collapse.

But Judge Cohen left no doubt that he thinks the government can save and restore the Fraser’s once-prolific runs – if it invests in research, limits the impact of fish farms, contains diseases in hatcheries, and rededicates the Department of Fisheries and Oceans to protecting wild salmon and wild salmon habitat.

In a massive three-volume [document](#), Judge Cohen called for a freeze on fish-farm development in the Discovery Islands, says farms should not be located near salmon migration routes, and raises the possibility that salmon farming could be banned completely if research shows the industry poses an unacceptable risk to wild stocks.

Mr. Cohen also said the federal government should take the responsibility for managing fish farms away from the DFO, saying the department is caught in a conflict when it is asked to promote fish farms on the one hand, and protect wild salmon on the other.

“In my view salmon farms should not be permitted to operate unless it is clear that they pose no more than a minimal risk to the Fraser River sockeye salmon,” Mr. Cohen said in a press conference.

He said predation, infectious diseases, contaminants, climate change and other factors contributed to the collapse of the Fraser’s fabled sockeye runs. But he said much more scientific research is needed, and he called on the government to start that work now, and not put it off because of budget concerns.

“Some individuals, I suspect, hoped that our work would find the ‘smoking gun’ – a single cause that explained the two-decade decline. The idea that a single event or stressor is responsible for the 1992-2009 decline in Fraser River sockeye is appealing but improbable,” he states in the report.

“Throughout the hearings I heard that sockeye experience multiple stressors that may affect their health and their habitats. ... Regrettably, that is as far as the evidence takes me. Filling the knowledge gaps will be a major endeavour.”

Environmentalists hailed the document as a major breakthrough that could point the way to reviving B.C.’s beleaguered salmon stocks if the report’s key recommendations are followed.

“Essentially what he is saying is that the Department of Fisheries and Oceans needs to get back into the business of protecting wild salmon in British Columbia,” said Gwen Barlee, a director of the Wilderness Committee.

Otto Langer, a former DFO employee and outspoken conservationist, said he was surprised and pleased by the report. “This is as good as it gets,” he said. “I think fingers were adequately pointed at DFO and at the fish farmers and I don’t think we could have expected any better.”

Tim Leadem, a lawyer who represented a coalition of environmental organizations during the hearings, said Judge Cohen acknowledged the importance of their concerns.

“He recognizes from a conservation perspective that Fraser River sockeye are iconic to British Columbians ... and I think if we want to keep sockeye swimming in our waters we would be wise to heed most of the recommendations in his report,” he said.

But fish farmers were wary, saying it will take time to understand the full implications of the report, which calls for a freeze on development in the Discovery Islands until more research is done.

“We need a bit more time because we’ve just seen this report. There’s 75 detailed recommendations. There’s over 1,100 pages of report there. But what the report says is that in one area, the Discovery Islands, that there’s a particular concern around so let’s do some more research,” said Stewart Hawthorn, managing director of Greig Seafood BC Ltd.

“We’ve always been focused on science and research,” he said. “And really, he’s not saying stop [fish farming], which is great, he’s saying let’s do some more research.”

Judge Cohen, who held 18 months of judicial hearings, in which more than 150 witnesses testified, was highly critical of the federal government for ringing in legislation to amend the Fisheries Act while his inquiry was under way. “The Government of Canada suspended several processes pending the results of this inquiry,” wrote Mr. Cohen. “It is regrettable that the legislative amendments, especially those related to the Fisheries Act, could not also have waited until the Government of Canada had the opportunity to consider this report.”

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Campbell River Mirror, 1 November 2012

Salmon farmers put brave face on chilling report



“We need this industry,” says Campbell River Mayor Walter Jakeway seen here chatting with B.C. Salmon Farmers Association communications manager Colleen Dane on a tour of the Marine Harvest Okisollo farm off the northern tip of Quadra Island.

Brian Kieran/The Mirror

By [Brian Kieran - Campbell River Mirror](#)

The Campbell River-based B.C. Salmon Farmers Association (BCSFA) is putting a brave face on the chilling findings of the Cohen Commission, while environmentalists celebrate what they see as a significant blow to fish farming in the area of the Discovery Islands.

BCSFA board member Clare Backman told the Mirror Thursday the association “does not see the report as investment chilling.”

“There is a big difference between what we read and what the commentators are saying,” he said. “There is no science of fish farm harm, but there is a lot of evidence of public concern. We see this as an opportunity to work with the federal government, the regulators and the NGOs (non-governmental organizations) to satisfy those concerns.

“Our members are committed to farming responsibly and that commitment will continue as we move forward in light of these recommendations,” Backman added. “It’s important that we continue with the important social and economic role we play in the coastal communities of B.C. while protecting our natural environment.”

Another BCSFA board member, Stewart Hawthorn, said: “We know that the fish on our farms are healthy and Justice Bruce Cohen has acknowledged the impressive data we made available. We are committed to protecting the marine environment and our iconic wild salmon and we support the call for further research in this small farming area.”

But the recommendations in the final report of the Commission of Inquiry into the Decline of the Fraser River Sockeye go way beyond a call for more research. Former B.C. Supreme Court Justice Cohen has called for a freeze on new salmon farms in the Discovery Islands.

Even though celebrity biologist Alexandra Morton described her testimony before the commission more than a year ago as “a depressing experience,” it appears that Justice Cohen agreed with the position she espoused that precaution should trump evidence.

In a blog blast to her followers Thursday, she shared the “good news” and “incredibly strong wording” in the report. She wrote: “The Cohen report (states that) salmon farms have the potential to import exotic viruses and amplify endemic ones. There should be an immediate freeze on farm salmon production on the Fraser sockeye migration route. DFO should be relieved of their duty to promote salmon farms.”

During the Cohen hearings more than a year ago, Morton maintained that “the pattern of the Fraser sockeye collapse...is so stark I do not know how anyone could avoid applying the precautionary principle to this situation immediately. Only the sockeye that closely passed salmon farms collapsed.”

In her blog Morton warns: “The Province of B.C. is in the process of renewing many salmon farm leases. If B.C. offers this industry long term leases, Justice Cohen’s recommendations and our \$26 million (commission budget) will be wasted.”

Campbell River Mayor Walter Jakeway is not amused. “You don’t learn anything from a moratorium,” he told the Mirror. “It is not the answer. Salmon farming is a huge part of our economic base. We need to let the industry grow and if there are problems solve them.”

The Campbell River Chamber of Commerce was taking a more cautious approach. President Colleen Evans said: “This is such an important sector. We need to better understand the implications of the report. It’s all about finding a balance.”

B.C. Agriculture Minister Norm Letnick said the government will review Cohen’s report closely. He said the province wants to ensure there is a healthy sockeye salmon run and to play whatever role it can “to make that happen.” But NDP environment critic Rob Fleming called the report a “very clear rejection” of the Harper Conservatives’ approach to gut the scientific and research capacity of fisheries management on the coast.” Conservative Party leader John Cummins dismissed the Cohen report as a “complete and utter waste” of taxpayer dollars.

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BC Salmon Farmers Association, 1 November 2012

Salmon farmers support Cohen Commission report

The final report of the Cohen Commission into the Decline of Fraser River Sockeye lays solid ground for protecting the future of the iconic salmon run, said BC’s salmon farmers today.

Among the 1200 pages and 75 recommendations detailed in the final report, items regarding aquaculture noted that:

- Farming is allowed to continue in all areas of British Columbia – including the Discovery Islands.
- New farms are allowed in appropriately sited and planned areas.
- The quality and quantity of our farmers’ information and data collection is impressive.
- More research on farmed/wild interactions in the Discovery Islands area should be undertaken and production levels be capped in this area at current levels during this period.
- The wild salmon policy apply to our farm practices – which our operations already exceed the standards of.

These are all things that we as farmers are supportive of.

“These recommendations are all about protecting wild salmon, which is central to the work that we do each day on our farms,” said Clare Backman, Board Member of the BCSFA. “We’re confident that our farms are not a risk to wild salmon and support more research to confirm that.”

Commissioner Cohen emphasizes in his report that there was no single cause for the poor 2009 return of Fraser River Sockeye, but he draws attention to topics that are either at issue or that need further information to understand any potential impact. Warming water temperatures was called the “elephant in the room,” while the risk of enhancement hatchery fish was also highlighted as serious risk.

“As farmers and British Columbians, it’s imperative to us that the marine environment be protected,” Stewart Hawthorn, Board Member of the BCSFA. “Commissioner Cohen highlighted the data we already collect to monitor our environmental impacts as impressive and we expect that information will continue to be helpful as we move forward.”

The BCSFA represents salmon farm companies and those who provide services and supplies to the industry. Salmon-farming provides for 6,000 direct and indirect jobs while contributing \$800-million to the provincial economy each year.

For more information visit www.salmonfarmers.org

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Please note: To arrange an interview either by phone or in person, contact Colleen Dane, Communications Manager at (250) 203-1532.

<http://www.salmonfarmers.org/salmon-farmers-support-cohen-commission-report>

South Coast Today, 1 November 2012

Scottish firm withdraws salmon application

Snow Island Salmon Inc. advised the province the company is withdrawing its salmon farm lease in Beaver Harbour on the Eastern Shore, according to a news release from the Department of Fisheries and Aquaculture.

The lease is one of three 18-hectare sites in HRM previously applied for by the subsidiary of Loch Duart, a Scottish-based salmon producer. The others are Shoal Bay and Spry Bay.

"Environmental and economic development concerns are being carefully considered," for the other applications said Fisheries and Aquaculture Minister Sterling Belliveau.

The Beaver Harbour application is being withdrawn by Snow Island based of its proximity to wild salmon populations, according to the release.

Shane Borthwick, vice-president operations, Snow Island, said about the withdrawal, "Snow Island, in conjunction with government, conservation groups and the scientific community, is working to further understand wild salmon migration routes along the Eastern Shore."

\$700,000 wild salmon investment protected

Sue Scott, spokesperson for the Atlantic Salmon Federation, told SCT that ASF appreciates the leadership by the company to withdraw this application and its stated recognition of the potential adverse impacts of salmon farming on wild Atlantic salmon.

"We hope that government takes note and puts on hold all expansion until the impacts of salmon aquaculture on the environment are fully understood, consultation with stakeholders and communities take place, and all salmon farming is environmentally-responsible," said Scott.

The Beaver Harbour site apparently threatened the efforts of the Nova Scotia Salmon Association and ASF on West River Sheet Harbour where an intensive migration program to counteract the effects of acid rain is underway. Since 2005, Scott told SCT, non-profit groups have spent more than \$700,000 to restore pH values of West River Sheet Harbour to the very acceptable range of between 5.5 and 6.0.

"The river now supports a much increased Atlantic salmon smolt run," she added.

A public meeting in February in the area resulted in strong opposition to the large salmon farms, which have been controversial in other Nova Scotia communities, including St. Mary's Bay, Port Mouton and Shelburne.

Belliveau said in the news release that, "This government is committed to science-based decisions that strike the right balance between environmental concerns and allowing the industry to develop in a sustainable way." The issue of science has been a controversial one for Belliveau. His department has repeatedly refused to disclose what science they possess regarding the effects on habitat and other species and, in an interview in the documentary Salmon Wars, Belliveau admits that the science he continually refers to is held by federal agencies and has never been in the possession of his department.

The Cohen Commission Report release Wednesday discussed the probable negative effect of salmon farms on the wild stocks and, among its 75 recommendations, urged that the government take a "precautionary approach" to protecting wild salmon.

Loch Duart promotes itself as a progressive company, selling "high quality salmon from the Highlands of Scotland."

The firm has not received a warm welcome in the community. In a letter to Loch Duart from the Association for the Preservation of the Eastern Shore, officers of that group told the firm that "80-90% of the citizens of the Eastern Shore are against Loch Duart coming here."

"Many citizens have researched Loch Duart online and are aware of its terrible record," continued the letter. "They have learned that Loch Duart is in no way better than any other salmon farm although they always claim to be. They are among the companies with most extensive use of toxic chemicals in all of Scotland. It's also widely known that Loch Duart Ltd has an appalling track record on escapes. The people of the Eastern Shore do not want Loch Duart despoiling their pristine coastline, polluting their coastal waters and spoiling their sustainable fisheries and industries."

Aquaculture activist Don Staniford has referred to Loch Duart's "[sustainable salmon scam](#)" in blogs and internet postings. In the past weeks, there have been rumblings on the Eastern Shore that Loch Duart may be considering pulling out of the project.

The application withdrawal is the second of its kind this year. In February, Cooke Aquaculture withdrew a lease application for a massive, 1,000,000-million fish industrial

salmon farm in the outer Shelburne Harbour after 700,000 fish at an adjoining site were slaughtered due to an infectious salmon anemia (ISA) outbreak there. The intire harbour was subsequently quarantined.

Calls to Snow Island were not returned by press time.

Editor's Note: Because salmon farming is rapidly becoming a larger news issue on the South Coast, SCT will be increasing its editorial coverage of the industry and the issues surrounding this phenomenon.

<http://www.southcoasttoday.ca/content/scotish-firm-withdraws-salmon-application>

Read more via “Loch Duart – The Toxic Salmon Company”

The Oban Times, 1 November 2012

Salmon company to say thanks to supporters on Mull

THE PUBLIC hearing for a proposed fish farm off the Isle of Mull will be used to say 'thank you' to local supporters.

The Scottish Salmon Company (SSC) has welcomed the opportunity to present its plans for a new salmon farm at Gometra at a public meeting on November 5.

Recommended

The application for the farm was recommended for approval by the council planning officer and referred to a public meeting because of 'local interest'.

At the event, which will be held at Dervaig Village Hall, SSC will present its proposals including 'the need for development and the company's environmental credentials'.

Stewart McLelland, SSC's chief executive officer, said he also sees the public meeting as an 'opportunity to express his thanks to local supporters'.

He added: 'Many islanders have recognised the social and economic benefits salmon farming brings to the area and we have been overwhelmed by the local support for our plans at Gometra.'

'We are committed to delivering economic, environmental and social sustainability and I welcome the opportunity to demonstrate this at the public meeting.'

'Over the course of the application process, SSC has made new friends on Mull and we hope to continue to develop our business in such a way as to bring advantages to the island community.'

But Roc Sandford, who owns and farms the Isle of Gometra, said the fish farm would 'devastate the experience of living on the island' and if it was constructed he would 'fight until it is taken away'.

He said: 'If this ill-sited salmon farm goes ahead, it will compromise our truly fragile and remote community's lifeline access to schools and A&E, especially in foul weather when it blocks our coast hugging route to Mull in the lee of Gometra. I cannot believe Argyll and Bute planning committee would be irresponsible enough to put our lives at risk in this way. I understand councillors are not planning to visit the community before taking a decision on the proposal.'

'The SSC's landscape and visual impact assessment, on which SNH based their unusual decision to drop objections on landscape grounds, is misleading, missing out as it does the three principal landscape receptors from any rigorous analysis.'

'I have drawn SNHs attention to this, and I trust they will request a rerun.'

<http://www.obantimes.co.uk/>

Intrafish, 1 November 2012

Staniford files cross appeal against Mainstream case ruling

Anti-salmon farming critic claims his statements were not meant to defame Mainstream alone, but rather, the entire salmon farming industry.

 IntraFish Media

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Don Staniford has filed a cross appeal against Madame Justice Adair's ruling in the defamation case that Mainstream Canada's brought against him.

Adair ruled against Mainstream in his final decision, but he included some statements against Staniford in his findings.

Two weeks after the Sept. 29 decision, Mainstream went public with its plans to appeal the decision, making any negative statements against Staniford included in the ruling more problematic for Staniford than if the decision had gone unchallenged.

Stanford is now contesting several findings in the ruling, such as the judge's finding that Staniford's defamatory publication was meant to disparage of the plaintiff's character.

He also opposes the finding that the publications at issue were "of and pertaining to" the plaintiff as opposed to the fish farming industry.

<http://www.intrafish.com/global/news/article1358323.ece>

Gorilla Radio, 1 November 2012

[Wild Salmon Campaigner, Staniford Files Cross-Appeal in Cermaq Case](#)

1. Cross-Appeal Filed Vs Cermaq!

by GAAIA

Don Staniford has now filed a cross-appeal in the ongoing legal battle Vs. the Norwegian giant Cermaq (download [online here](#)).

Court of Appeal File No: CA040316
Supreme Court File No. S111908
Supreme Court Registry: Vancouver

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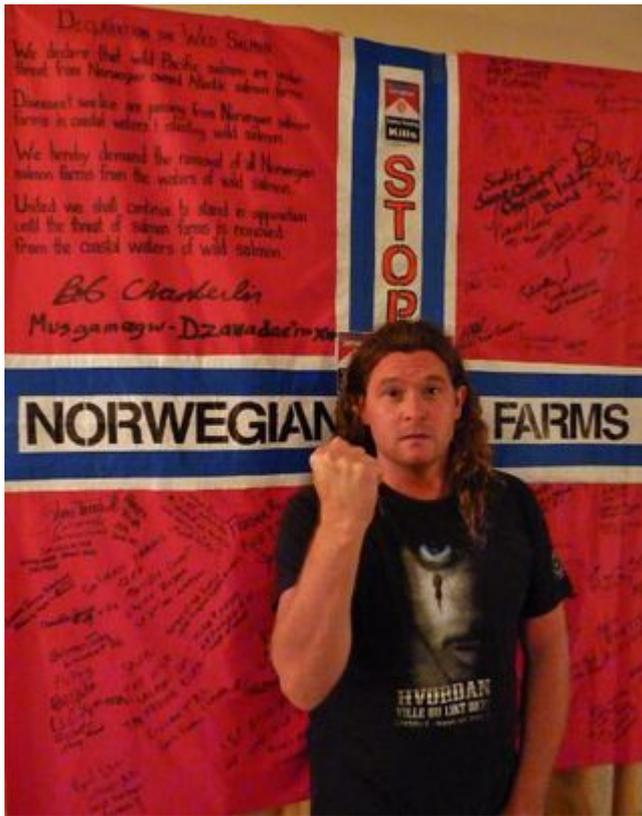
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"You can't appeal the truth," said Staniford speaking from the UK where he is set to embark on a tour of Norwegian-owned salmon farms in [Scotland & Ireland](#). "The Norwegian Government's shameless attempt to abuse the Canadian courts to muzzle global criticism of the salmon farming industry is doomed to failure."



"The longer Cermaq pursues this SLAPP suit the more the entire industry is tarred with the same brush and caught in the cross-fire. The fact is that salmon farming kills all around the world and, like cigarettes, should carry a global health warning. Cermaq should stop fighting a losing legal battle and start relocating disease-ridden salmon farms away from wild salmon. For the sake of our global ocean, our children's health and the health of our environment, we should stub out salmon farming from the face of the blue planet."

Read more via <http://gorillaradioblog.blogspot.co.uk/2012/10/wild-salmon-campaigner-staniford-files.html#!/2012/10/wild-salmon-campaigner-staniford-files.html>

You Tube, 31 October 2012

Cohen Press Conference



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CBC News, 31 October 2012

New sea lice rules proposed

Aquaculture companies would have to report on treatment, monitoring



*The Atlantic Canada Fish Farmers Association says some of the information is proprietary.
(CBC)*

The New Brunswick government is proposing changes to the province's Aquaculture Act that would require companies to report on their sea lice treatment and monitoring programs.

Under the draft regulation, companies would have to submit a report each week showing whether a sea lice treatment is planned, where the site is located and what pesticide will be used.

The proposed amendments would also regulate how and when sea lice counts are done, including reporting the number of cages and fish sampled, as well as the life stage of the lice.

There are no formal sea lice rules currently in place for the aquaculture industry, which brings in hundreds of millions of dollars every year to the provincial economy and accounts for nearly 20 per cent of the workforce in Charlotte County.

But Pamela Parker, executive director of the Atlantic Canada Fish Farmers Association, says aquaculture companies are already voluntarily reporting the information and have started releasing some of the non-proprietary information publicly.

'We feel that we are very much transparent.'—*Pamela Parker, Atlantic Canada Fish Farmers Association*

"So we feel that we are very much transparent," said Parker.

"However, again, to have this information be relevant, you have to provide a broader base of information that then gets into the personal financial statements of the owners of these companies. And we have to remember that these are privately-owned and operated companies."

The association is also working with the Atlantic Veterinary College to create a database for the information being collected, which will help it analyze the efficacy of treatment and management strategies and track climate change by water temperatures, said Parker.

Environmentalists want more openness

Still, the provincial government wants to formalize what, when and how the companies report on sea lice.

The public has until Nov. 28 to comment on the draft regulation, which is posted on the provincial government's website.

Matthew Abbott, the Fundy Baykeeper with the Conservation Council of New Brunswick, contends the proposed changes are a step in the right direction, but he would like to see even more openness in the industry.

"It's been our position that information on sea lice numbers, on disease, and on pesticide use should be publicly available because these are public waters, and since salmon farms aren't contained — they're nets where pesticides, disease, and sea lice can come and go — the public should have access to the information of what's happening on farms," Abbott said.

Last month, the province's access-to-information commissioner upheld a decision to deny a Right to Information request on sea lice counts at individual salmon farms in the Bay of Fundy.

Environmentalist Larry Lack, who filed the request, has argued the decision effectively privatizes part of the ocean.

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