

NOTICE OF LICENCE EXPIRY - BRITISH COLUMBIA SALMON FARMS

ATTENTION: MOWI, CERMAQ, GRIEG and CREATIVE, salmon farm operation licence holders

Take Notice that:

1. Pursuant to your 109 written temporary licences granted for operation of open-net salmon farms in the coastal waters of British Columbia by the federal government of Canada, they **all** expire in approximately one year (106 on June 30th 2022, two on August 8th, 2022 and one on September 15, 2022).
2. Your industry has failed to contain its pathogens for 35 years, resulting in disease spread to wild salmon populations. This is irresponsible to future generations. The most recent evidence includes:
 - a. FOREIGN VIRUS - New research provides compelling evidence your open-net salmon farms have infected the B.C. coast with *Piscine orthoreovirus* from Norway. Introduction of novel viruses is dangerously irresponsible.
 - b. PARASITES - Seventeen years of peer-reviewed science indicates parasitic salmon lice amplified by your farms are infecting migrating wild juvenile salmon and reducing their populations. Recent reporting indicates that you remain incapable of reliably controlling your lice, and that where First Nations have removed your farms (Broughton Archipelago and Discovery Islands) salmon lice infections of juvenile wild salmon are dropping rapidly.
 - c. MOUTH-ROT BACTERIA - Internal government documents reveal bacteria causing "mouth-rot" are widespread in Atlantic salmon farms, with no cure. Federal research indicates, "realistic and serious concerns about the impact of farm-origin transmission of *Tenacibaculum maritimum* to Fraser River sockeye salmon, chinook and coho populations," and yet you still do not screen your fish for this pathogen.
3. We, citizens, First Nations People, conservation groups and businesses, believe that because so many wild Pacific salmon populations are threatened with extinction, your salmon farms must be removed from the waters of British Columbia., Provincial and federal governments have already supported this action in the Broughton Archipelago and the Discovery Islands. Therefore, **we instruct Canada to not renew your 109 federal salmon farm licences when they expire in 2022.** We make this demand today so that you cannot continue to plead in court that you were not provided with advance warning. Mowi, Cermaq, Creative and Grieg; we put you on notice that open-net salmon farms are unacceptable to Canadians. You will need to prepare for the loss of all federal licences to operate in the waters of British Columbia, Canada.

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Signed

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