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Gary Coons, MLA for North Coast
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Dear Mr. Coons,

On behalf of the Wilderness Committee's 30,000 members, I wanted to thank you for your recent public comments opposing the recent BC government decision to grant two salmon farming licenses near Klemtu, BC and in support of the BC Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture recommendation to ban all salmon farms from BC's central and north coast.

As you may know, the Wilderness Committee has long advocated for the protection of our wild salmon stocks and widely publicized the threats salmon farming has on wild salmon and the marine environment.

The number of salmon farms being approved over the past six years has been of significant concern to our members. Therefore, your criticism of the BC government approving more salmon farms along the central coast, and your support and recognition of the BC Special Committee on Sustainable Aquaculture recommendations is a welcome development.

Sincerely,

Geoff Senichenko
Research Director

cc. Carole James, MLA & Leader of the Opposition
Premier, Honourable Gordon Campbell