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David Kiemele, Managing Director and Linda Sams, Sustainable Development Director

Organization Information

Organization you are representing: Cermaq

Primary purpose of the organization: Salmon farming

Number of members: 2

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Meeting Details

Subject matter:

A quick organization overview and planned operation for 2019 as well as face to face introductions and congratulations to the new Board members.

Specific request of the regional district, if any (i.e. letter of support, funding):

No action required - information and introduction only

Requested meeting date: Nov 27

Audio-visual equipment needed: we will be bringing a short powerpoint presentation

Information for contact purposes only

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December 14, 2018

Comox Valley Regional District
600 Comox Road
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Subject: Letter of Understanding on Broughton Archipelago

Dear Board Chair and Board;

Cermaq Canada is pleased with the outcome of the government-to-government Broughton Archipelago Steering Committee, and fully supports the Letter of Understanding (LOU) reached between three First Nations, both the provincial and federal governments, and industry.

The plan detailed several important agreements, including:

- The establishment of a farm-free migration corridor in the Broughton;
- The creation of a First Nations monitoring program – called the Indigenous Monitoring and Inspection Program (IMIP) which will allow for greater participation, transparency and monitoring from local Nations;
- Support for the Nations concern regarding wild salmon in the Broughton; and
- Commitment to working with industry to retain employment and economic certainty.

Under the plan, both Cermaq and Marine Harvest have agreed to close some farm sites in the Broughton LOU region in 2019, timing to depend on harvesting schedules. Beyond that, both Cermaq and Marine Harvest have agreed to reduce the number of farms or shift production to less sensitive areas in the region over the coming five years, taking us to 2023. However, beyond 2023, we have the opportunity to maintain operations if agreements are developed with local First Nations.

As an organization, we look forward to supporting the plan as we move forward. Attached is our media release, sent earlier today to local media, for your information.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. I can be reached by email at david.kiemele@cermaq.com, or at 250 286 0022.

Sincerely,



David Kiemele
Managing Director
Cermaq Canada



December 14, 2018

Cermaq Canada supports the Broughton Archipelago LOU agreement

Campbell River – Cermaq Canada is pleased with the outcome of the government-to-government Broughton Archipelago Steering Committee, and fully supports the Letter of Understanding (LOU) reached between three First Nations, both the provincial and federal governments and industry.

The LOU outlines an agreed upon plan for operations in the Broughton LOU defined area, addresses the needs of wild salmon, and puts in place a process for Indigenous oversight of farm operations.

“We are heartened by the outcome of the conversations held around the Broughton government-to-government LOU table. For Cermaq Canada, this plan is important in terms of reconciliation and reflects Cermaq Canada ongoing approach to doing business in First Nation’s Territories,” says Cermaq Canada Managing Director David Kiemele. “As part of the plan, we will be removing both our Cliff Bay farm and our Burdwood farm, which are located near an important wild salmon migration route. The plan also calls for the establishment of an Indigenous Monitoring and Inspection Program, which will allow for increased transparency and accountability.”

The plan also states and that all parties will work to rebuild salmon runs in the Broughton region. The guidelines and actions proposed within the LOU are inline with work already underway by Cermaq to support salmon habitat enhancement and restoration programs.

Cermaq is committed to move forward, together, in a way that will help to protect and enhance wild salmon populations, and the aim of further development of sustainable and responsible production of farmed salmon for generations to come. This aligns with Cermaq’s strong support of the UNs Sustainable Development Goals and the Action Platform on Sustainable Ocean Business.

“We would like to thank the steering committee for allowing Cermaq to participate in the LOU process, where we have participated constructively and are committed to the path ahead. We respect the traditional Rights Holders, and acknowledge the importance of a healthy wild salmon population in the Broughton Archipelago. In the spirit of reconciliation, we are listening and learning about the important status that wild salmon have in Indigenous communities from a social, spiritual, and traditional viewpoint,” says Cermaq Canada Directors of Sustainable Development Linda Sams. “We will be working with the steering committee and various levels of Government as the Indigenous Monitoring and Inspection Program is developed.”

Cermaq Canada is committed to being a responsible and sustainable salmon farmer that contributes to Canada’s growing blue economy while supporting the Province’s low carbon initiatives. Cermaq Canada; responsible salmon for better living.

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