



May 4, 2023

The Right Hon. Justin Trudeau, P.C., M.P.  
Prime Minister  
Prime Minister's Office  
80 Wellington St  
Ottawa, ON K1A 0A3

**Re: Support BC Salmon Farmers and Canadian Food Production**

Dear Prime Minister:

Farmers feed Canadian families. The modern, sustainable, in-ocean BC salmon farming sector is an important part of the Canadian food production and farming community.

Canadian salmon farming supports over 14,000 Canadians and their families for jobs and economic livelihoods, and produces high-quality and sustainable protein meals to millions of people in Canada and around the world.

Salmon farming touches all aspects of Canadian farming and food production, including food retail and service, food banks, food processors, feed manufacturers, and grain growers. Over 3,000 distinct companies supply the salmon farming sector and its economic activity supports the critical infrastructure of many coastal, Indigenous, rural and urban communities. Canadian salmon feed companies purchase close to \$150 million annually from Canadian grain and protein suppliers, supporting a circular economy with the potential for significant value-add growth.

To date, recent government actions have shut down 40% of BC salmon farming production. Your government continues to consider actions that could result in further reductions, despite the Department of Fisheries and Oceans' peer-reviewed science that says there is minimal or negligible effects from salmon farms on wild salmon. You have said many times that science and evidence will form the basis of policy and regulation under your government and we remind you of your commitment.

Prime Minister, we need to grow more food in this country to feed Canadians and the world and continue to grow it better. Grounded in evidence-based policy, it is Canada's obligation



to deliver the best, sustainable, high-quality and affordable food to Canadians, while also growing jobs, driving economic growth and supplying this food to the world.

We appeal to you to support BC salmon farmers as an integral and growing part of Canadian food production.

Sincerely,

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