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Terry Beech, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Fisheries,
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Via email: min@dfo-mpo.gc.ca and terry.beech@parl.gc.ca

Re: BC Aquaculture Consultations Interim Report

Dear Mr. Beech,

I am writing to inquire about the release of your interim report on aquaculture development in British Columbia.

Your party made it clear in the 2019 election, and the Prime Minister included it in the Minister's mandate letter, that fish aquaculture would be changing on the west coast.

In North Island-Powell River, wild salmon is key to our cultural and economic health. Our region needs immediate action from the Federal Government if wild Pacific salmon are to survive.

I know that you have been consulting on BC fish aquaculture since well before Christmas, with the industry, indigenous leaders, scientists, and with the public. According to the [Department's website](#) public consultations finished on March 26, 2021.

Aquaculture workers, wild salmon advocates, municipalities and First Nations have been waiting for your interim report, which you promised to release in late spring.

Mr. Beech, it is now summer, and you have missed your own deadline.

As I asked you in [Question Period on June 4](#), I am asking again. Will you please provide a date on which we can expect to see your interim report?

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Blaney".

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CC Gord Johns, NDP Critic for Fisheries and Oceans
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