

**PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS**  
**A Call to Protect and Restore Wild Pacific salmon**

**WHEREAS**, Wild Pacific Salmon – Sockeye, Coho, Chinook, Chum and Pink – play a major role in ecosystems and are the lifeblood of the Pacific Coast, supporting Indigenous Peoples, coastal communities, wildlife, forests, fishers and local economies;

**WHEREAS**, Wild Salmon, like so many other species, are under threat from climate change and habitat loss, but Wild Salmon in particular are under threat from disease, including sea lice, pollutants, Piscine orthoreovirus, or PRV, and other harmful substances coming from open net salmon farms off the B.C. coast, many of which coincide with Wild Pacific Salmon migration routes; the use of pesticides and antibiotics are also a concern on the marine environment;

**WHEREAS**, the return on Wild Pacific Salmon in 2019 was the lowest in recorded history;

**WHEREAS**, the decline in Wild Salmon populations has had serious and harmful effects on the ecological health of coastal and interior regions, negatively impacting thousands of local jobs in fishing, tourism and other related industries; and threatening the traditional ways of life of Indigenous Peoples inhabitants of the region;

**WHEREAS**, many Indigenous communities have been fighting to get the fish farms out of their territories for decades; British Columbians look forward to the consent-based approach being applied across B.C.;

**WHEREAS**, the majority of Indigenous Peoples and British Columbians favour an immediate ban on open-net salmon farms in B.C. coastal waters;

**WHEREAS**, Canada is uniquely positioned to become a world leader in closed containment salmon aquaculture and to invest now for Pacific Wild Salmon habitat restoration, enhancement and protection, which will ensure a healthy west coast wild salmon population;

**We, the undersigned citizens of Canada, call upon the Government of Canada to** declare a Pacific Wild Salmon emergency and take all necessary actions to mitigate this disaster; act on the precautionary principle and immediately implement the 75 recommendations made by Justice Cohen to save Pacific Wild Salmon; commit to transition from open-net salmon farms to a science-based and orderly transition to closed containment systems on the Pacific Coast in B.C. by 2025; ensure that decisions are made with the full participation of First Nations and local communities; prohibit transfer of farm salmon infected with the virus PRV into marine farms, as per the law; and build capacity in the Canadian land-based fish farming industry that exists here in B.C. to increase employment, investment, and innovation.

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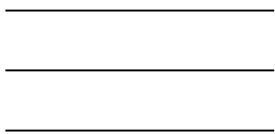
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