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**Re: United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Peoples Rights
Norwegian Fish Farm Companies Compliance**

Dear Marianne Balto,

Thank you for taking time to meet with Chief Bobby Joseph and myself here in Norway today. We are here on behalf of the Wild Salmon Campaign, representing the Musgamagw-Tsawataineuk People of the Broughtan Archipeligo in British Columbia, Canada.

We are here in Oslo to attend both the Marine Harvest and Cermaq Shareholders AGM, in an attempt to have these companies alter and/or remove their fish farms from key wild salmon migration routes within our First Nations tradition territories. We believe that the sea lice produced at these Fish Farms are the Primary impact on the health of our salmon stocks.

These Salmon Rivers have sustained our people since the beginning of time and form an intricate part of our existence, diet and culture. As such, we place an extremely high value on these salmon stocks. This value and respect is not dissimilar to that demonstrated here in Norway by way of the Norwegian National Salmon Fjords and Rivers.

The Musgamagw-Tsawataineuk, by way of the Tribal Council, has put forward proposals forward to Marine Harvest Canada and Mainstream (Cermaq), what are essentially Norwegian Companies, in an attempt to have our rights as Indigenous Peoples recognized. The Gwawaenuk Tribe maintain a zero tolerance for fish farms and has maintained a total removal of Fish Farms in their Traditional Territory.

It is of great interest to us to learn that Norway voted in support of the United Nations Declaration on Indigenous Peoples Rights, which has significant mention of First Nations being involved with resource based development and activities in their traditional territories. Paying special attention to environmental concerns that can and would impact traditional food sources.

We reach out to the Sami people and the Sami Parliament to assist our First Nations in saving our most treasured of resources, the wild salmon. And assist in any way possible to have the Norwegian Governments support of the UN Declaration on Indigenous Peoples Rights become foundational to how Norwegian Companies conduct business abroad. It is regretful that Norwegian Companies will disregard Norway's statements and position spoken at the United Nations.

Included with this correspondence is a copy of the Musgamagw-Tsawataineuk Tribal Councils Fallow Strategy, you will see that what is proposed puts the survival of wild salmon first and calls for Closed Containment Technology development.

Also provided a letter from the Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs (UBCIC), supporting recognition of our peoples inherent right and authority relating to our Traditional Territories.

We would be more than pleased to meet further with any other representatives of the Sami people while we are in Norway, to expand on our cultural reliance and importance placed upon wild salmon.

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Union of British Columbia Indian Chiefs