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Mr Fredriksen's call to move salmon farms to protect wild salmon

We applaud the comments made in *Altaposten* in July by the largest shareholder in Marine Harvest, John Fredriksen, that open net cage salmon farms should be removed from wild salmon rivers. Wild salmon are essential to the economy and ecology of Norway, Scotland, Ireland and Canada. We urge Marine Harvest to follow Mr. Fredriksen's wise advice which would put a stop to salmon aquaculture impacts that kill wild salmon, sea trout and steelhead.

Sea lice, infectious diseases and genetic and ecological interactions of escaped farmed salmon with wild salmon in British Columbia, Eastern Canada, the Faroe Islands, the British Isles, Ireland and Norway are a serious threat to the future of both wild Atlantic and Pacific salmon. Scientific evidence published in peer-reviewed

journals has shown that sea lice from open net cages, for example, can cause mortalities of wild salmon of over 90% and their impacts can be detected on both wild salmon and sea trout over 20km away. Research has documented that wild salmon numbers have plummeted in salmon farming areas and that the wild gene pool is weakened through interbreeding of escapees and wild salmon. Removing salmon farms from fjords, lochs, loughs and bays on the migratory routes of wild salmon and from sea trout nursery areas must be implemented immediately.

We look forward to specific commitments and a timetable from Marine Harvest management in Canada, Norway, Scotland and Ireland. We would be pleased to participate in formulating a plan and schedule for removal of sites and a transition to closed contained farming in British Columbia and other appropriate jurisdictions. This process should begin with the sites that are the most poorly situated and cause the most harm and eventually include all sites in wild salmon rearing and migration areas.

Yours sincerely,

Letter signed by the following groups in Norway, Iceland, Ireland, Scotland, Canada and the United States:

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Norwegian Salmon Association
Granvin Fiskarlag (Granvin Fishermens' Association)
Hardangerfjord Villfisklag (Hardangerfjord Wild Salmon Association)
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Elvene Rundt Trondheimsfjorden (River Owners Around the Trondheimsfjord)
Dale Jakt og Fiskarlag (Dale Hunters and Fishers Association)
Rauma Elveeierlag (Rauma River Owners Association)
Norges Naturvernforbund (Friends of the Earth Norway)

Iceland:

North Atlantic Salmon Fund

Ireland:

Conaidhm na Slat Iascairi Bradan & Breac Geal (Federation of Irish Salmon and Sea Trout Anglers)
Save Our Seatrout
Save The Swilly
Western Gamefishing Association
Delphi Fishery
Friends of Clew Bay
Buncrana Anglers Association

UK:

Society for the Protection of Salmon and Sea Trout
Sea Anglers Conservation Network
Orkney Trout Fishing Association
Friends of the Earth Scotland

Canada:

Atlantic Salmon Federation
Wilderness Tourism Association of British Columbia
Raincoast Research Society
Living Oceans Society

Watershed Watch
David Suzuki Society
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Georgia Strait Alliance
Homalco First Nation
Wild BC Salmon

United States:
Trout Unlimited
The Pure Salmon Campaign

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<http://www.marineharvest.com/newsread/news.asp?N=5125>
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<http://www.frontline.bm/contact/employees.shtml>

Notes to Editors:

Altaposten's interview with Mr John Fredriksen (published on 19th July 2007) can be accessed via:
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