

Vancouver Island MLA/MP Letter Template

Your Name

Your Address

City, Province, Postal Code

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Date

[MLA/MP's Name]

MLA/MP for [Riding Name—e.g., North Island-Powell River or Courtenay-Alberni]

Office Address

Subject: Urgent Action Needed to Protect Wild Salmon on Vancouver Island

Dear [MLA/MP Name],

My name is [Your Name], and I am a resident of [Your Community on Vancouver Island—e.g., Qualicum Beach]. I am writing to express my deep concern about the impacts of open-net pen salmon farms on the health of wild salmon populations, the marine ecosystem, and the rights of Indigenous communities like the 'Namgis First Nation.

Wild salmon are a cornerstone of our island's culture, economy, and environment. Yet, the ongoing presence of open-net pen farms in our coastal waters continues to spread sea lice, viruses, and pathogens that threaten these fish and the countless species and communities that depend on them. The 'Namgis First Nation has been a leader in advocating for the removal of these farms and in restoring salmon runs through their stewardship efforts, including the innovative Kuterra land-based salmon farm.

This issue is also personal to me. [Insert your story here—e.g., "I grew up fishing with my grandfather, and the connection we shared with the land and the water taught me that we have a responsibility to care for what we love. The loss of wild salmon would be a loss for all of us."]

I am asking for your leadership to:

- Support the swift and complete removal of open-net pen salmon farms from Vancouver Island waters
- Advocate for federal and provincial collaboration to fund and implement closed-containment, land-based aquaculture solutions
- Work in partnership with Indigenous communities like the 'Namgis to advance their stewardship goals and restore wild salmon populations
- Commit to policies that ensure the long-term health of our ecosystems, food security, and the rights of Indigenous nations

Thank you for your time, your service to our communities, and your commitment to safeguarding our shared future. I look forward to hearing how you plan to act on this urgent issue and how I can support you in that work.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

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