

Hello

The Courier Islander paper in Campbell River is asking for us to vote again, this time to on whether or not we think the two Grieg fish farm applications in Johnstone Strait should be approved or not. They are two of the largest fish farm applications made on this coast and will be placed opposite one another in a narrow channel where it meets Johnstone Strait. In years when there is warm water off shore 1/3 of all BC wild salmon will pass these farms on route to their southcoast rivers. In spring millions of juvenile salmon will have to run through or along these farms to reach open water.

The two most vulnerable moments in a salmon's life are saltwater entry and seawater entry and these farms and the many farms east of them expose a significant percent of BC's wild salmon to whatever pathogens are in the farms from sea lice to viruses.

No other feedlots are allowed to come into such close contact with wild species and no other farmers in Canada are allowed to never deal with their wastes and simply release them into one of Canada's most valuable fishery.

Despite the science and resistance form local communities, the same three Norwegian companies just keep applying for more and bigger fish farms in BC.

The voting box is on the upper right hand side of the page at <http://www2.canada.com/courierislander/index.html>

The public has never been given this opportunity to voice its opinion such before format.

If you have not done so please sign my letter ([www.adopt-a-fry.org](http://www.adopt-a-fry.org)) asking that the *Fisheries Act* be applied to fish farms as it is to all other marine activities. If there are enough people raising their voices reason will be brought to bear on this situation. The solution is simple apply the laws of Canada, support the Canadian fish farmers who want to reinvent their industry on land and restore the wild salmon using their own remarkable biology.

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