



Council Member Motion
For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of December 7, 2017

Date: November 23, 2017

From: Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Jeremy Loveday

Subject: Resolution: Protecting Local Waterways and Wild Fish Species

Recommendation:

THAT Council endorse the following resolution for consideration at the 2018 annual meeting of the Association of Vancouver Island and Coastal Communities, and directs staff to forward this resolution to First Nations governments on Vancouver Island and local governments belonging to AVICC requesting favourable consideration:

Resolution: Protecting Local Waterways and Wild Fish Species

WHEREAS British Columbia's coastal communities rely on healthy waterways and healthy marine ecosystems including fisheries for economic, social and ecological wellbeing;

AND WHEREAS the proliferation of open-net fish farms with non-native fish species threatens local waterways and wild fish species, undermining the economic, social and ecological wellbeing of local communities;

AND WHEREAS many open-net fish farms have been established in indigenous territories in the absence of adequate consultation with indigenous governments, undermining the shared objective of reconciliation and respectful relations between indigenous and non-indigenous governments;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia consult First Nations governments, local governments, conservation organizations and industry on a transition plan to closed-containment aquaculture, including a just transition for affected workers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Isitt

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Councillor Loveday