



**Council Member Motion**

**For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of September 21, 2017**

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**Date:** September 20, 2017

**From:** Councillor Ben Isitt and Councillor Jeremy Loveday

**Subject:** UBCM Emergency Resolution: Protecting Local Waterways and Wild Fish Species

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**Recommendations:**

THAT Council endorse the following resolution for consideration as an emergency resolution at the 2017 annual convention of the Union of BC Municipalities, and directs staff to forward this resolution to member local governments and to the UBCM 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;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of British Columbia decline any further permits for open-net aquaculture and phase out existing open-net operations, transitioning the industry to closed-containment aquaculture with a just transition for affected workers.

Respectfully submitted,

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Councillor Isitt

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jeremy Loveday".

Councillor Loveday