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Dear Mr. Radsgatt:

Icelandic wild Atlantic salmon populations, while generally healthy, are not numerically large. Therefore, these rivers would be particularly sensitive to issues like escaped salmon and sea lice. The presence of any open net pens in Icelandic waters is likely to have negative effects on wild species, a fact wholly supported by an extensive body of peer reviewed scientific research.

The tightening of regulatory framework (i.e. containment measures) along with improved monitoring does not solve the problem. Containment measures and improvements to regulatory framework for open net-pen salmon aquaculture in Canada has not prevented environmental impacts. Aquaculture salmon still escape and interbreed with wild salmon, sea lice conditions are at all time highs, and pollution to the surrounding ecosystem persists.

With wild Atlantic salmon at near critical levels throughout the North Atlantic, the Atlantic Salmon Federation's position is that industry expansion is not appropriate or acceptable, and the presence of all open net pen cages should be reconsidered.

Sincerely yours,

Bill Taylor

*ASF's mission is to conserve and restore
wild Atlantic salmon and their ecosystems*

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