

Time for inquiry is now

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If you had an accountant that told you you had \$11 million in the bank and a couple of years later said accountant said that, well actually, you only have about \$2 million, what would you do?

And what then would you do if for an answer as to where the other money went said accountant simply shrugged the shoulders and told you "I don't know"?

You would call the police. You would report to them that you were probably part of a Ponzi scheme. And the accountant or investment advisor would face the full wrath of the law.

Such is the case with the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans. They have 'lost' 11 million sockeye, worth many more millions of dollars and they don't know why.

Well, we believe they do know why. At least some of them. But we also believe these employees can't tell us because they fear for their jobs and their security. We believe that the problem is that the ministry has continued with its decades long practice of silencing those who would dare offer an opinion that contravened that of the political equation.

It is time that we have a judicial inquiry into the operation of this ministry. The inquiry must have strong and legally binding guidelines that allow a free and unimpeded flow of information and opinion. We believe that ineptitude isn't the real problem with DFO, it's the Draconian managerial structure that licks the boots of the political masters at the expense of wild salmon.