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DFO mismanagement threat to salmon

Kudos to the editorial calling into question the competency of the Department of Fisheries and Oceans as well as drawing attention to the chance that fish farms along our coast might have a role in a myriad of wild salmon problems, including the missing Fraser River sockeye salmon run (Aug. 25).

After a spring- and summer-long litany of inaccurate forecast models and projections regarding salmon returns, followed by more projections adjusted downward, closure of fisheries and seemingly incomprehensible explanations from the department, the editorial quite rightly asks, "does anyone in the department really know what they are doing?"

Many have written time and again about how the DFO's apparent ineptitude regarding our West Coast salmon fishery mirrors those that led to the collapse of the East Coast cod fishery of the 1970s and 1980s.

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