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DFO Hires Staff to Promote Aquaculture Rather Than to Protect Wild Fish

OTTAWA— “The Department of Fisheries and Oceans is advertising numerous job openings in its Aquaculture Collaborative Research and Development Program, the controversial scheme to fund and promote fish farm expansion,” said John Cummins, M.P. (Delta-south Richmond).

“Promotion not regulation is the Department’s outrageous response to an ongoing litany of disease outbreaks, sea lice infestations and escapes,” Cummins noted.

The jobs on the government web site fall into the following categories:

- Aquaculture Chemists
- Aquaculture Biologists
- Aquaculture Research Scientists
- Aquaculture Technicians
- Aquaculture Physical Chemists

The job description for four of the five job categories warns the applicants that they must “work co-operatively with commercial aquaculturists.”

The expansion of the Aquaculture Collaborative Research and Development Program is happening at a time when little is being done to monitor and assess the actual and potential effects of salmon farming and when crippling cuts are being made to salmon enhancement programs and the budget of fisheries enforcement.

“It is time for the nonsense to end,” concluded Cummins. “The Department has to be reigned in and refocused on its constitutional obligation to protect and promote wild fish and their habitat.”

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