
Save Wild Salmon (Bill C-228) endorsement request

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Cowichan Watershed Board

Dear Jon,

I am writing to ask for your help. For more than 25 years, I have been fighting to save wild B.C. salmon. In 1995 and again in 2000, I swam the 1,400 km length of the Fraser River in order to draw attention to threats to this mighty salmon river. Since being elected to the House of Commons in 2009, federally legislated protection to save B.C. wild salmon has been my top priority.

On February 24th, 2016, I introduced Bill C-228, An Act to amend the Fisheries Act (closed containment aquaculture). This bill strengthens the Fisheries Act by requiring West Coast fish farms to move from harmful open-net pens to safe closed containment systems within 5 years and it requires the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans to develop, table and implement a transition plan to closed containment within 18 months of the bill receiving Royal Assent.

Bill-228 will come to a vote this fall. This vote provides us with a historic opportunity to demand action on key recommendations of the Cohen Commission and make Canada a leader in closed containment aquaculture.

You can help by providing an endorsement for Bill C-228 from your organization and raising awareness of the bill in your network. Your endorsement will go a long way in helping me gain support from other Members of Parliament. The more citizens engaged on the issue, the better chance we have of success.

Send your endorsement quote to fin.donnley.c1c@parl.gc.ca or complete our online form here: <http://findonnelly.ndp.ca/bill-228-endorsement-form-organizations>

You can read the full text of Bill C-228 [here](#), share our House of Commons E-petition [here](#) and find out more information by visiting: <http://www.findonnelly.ca/save-west-coast-wild-salmon>

The people of British Columbia celebrate and depend on the iconic west coast wild salmon. This bill will help save our wild pacific salmon by protecting them from disease and pollution caused by harmful open-net fish farms.

Together, we can ensure a healthy future for wild salmon and the people who depend on them.

I hope I can count on your support.

Sincerely,

Fin Donnelly

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