Alexandra Morton continues crusade against B.C. salmon farms

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Alexandra Morton, well-known anti-aquaculture activist, is continuing her crusade against ocean salmon farms in B.C. Fresh from the victory she and others secured in court against DFO's abdication of its aquaculture management/licensing responsibility, Morton, in a letter published in the Courier-Islander, takes strong issue with the regulations recently published by DFO. In her open letter to Ed Porter of DFO, Morton states: "When BC Supreme Court ruled that the federal government must take over regulation of salmon feedlots, the intent was to bring the industry into compliance with the Constitution of Canada. But what Stephen Harper's Conservatives are trying to do instead is remove safeguards established by previous governments and open the door to privatizing the ocean, which is prohibited by the Canadian Constitution. With his document Harper not only licences massive ecological damage, he depreciates the market value of BC feedlot salmon. No reputable retailer can afford to be seen with a seafood product raised under a licence to "harm, alter, disrupt and destroy" the ocean." The federal Conservatives are proposing salmon feedlot licences be granted and amended without environmental assessment. More here

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