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**Subject:** FW: Enforce Zoning/Oppose Province's Issue Of Evans Bay, Reid Island Mussel Farm

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Hi,

I am writing to you as a resident of Campbell River; friend of residents of Read Island, and occasional tourist on Read Island on behalf of Council of Canadians, Campbell River Chapter to ask that as Strathcona Regional District Directors, you enforce zoning and demand that the Province rescind its recent approval - without local input into this decision - of Island Sea Farms to operate a large mussel farm in Evans Bay on Read Island.

This operation would create a lot of industrial noise negatively effecting the residents and habitat of Evans Bay. Also, given Island Sea Farms past records of pollution and violation of zoning bylaws in its Gorge Harbor oyster farm operations, there is great potential for their operations in Evans Bay to create more pollution for Evans Bay and the surrounding waters and lands. Also, neither Gorge Harbor nor Evans Bay were or are zoned for aquaculture and was/is non compliant with local zoning bylaws and Provincial licensing requirements.

Therefore, I am requesting that Strathcona Regional Directors as required by law enforce and monitor your zoning bylaws and demand that the Province take back the license they illegally granted Island Sea Farms to operate the mussel farm in Evans Bay on Read Island.

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