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Subject: Request for a public hearing and zoning compliance enforcement regarding aquaculture license

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Hi,

I am writing regarding the proposed aquaculture license amendment/renewal by Island Sea Farms in Evans Bay, Read Island. I have two specific requests.

Firstly, I sincerely hope that a public hearing will be held regarding this issue and that the community's viewpoints will be heard and taken into account prior to granting any form of permission for the license amendment/renewal. I am aware that many community members expressed very strong concerns to the Province about Island Farms proposed operation. The Province reviewed these comments and appears to have totally disregarded them. I trust SRD won't do likewise in holding a public hearing.

Secondly, I am shocked and appalled that despite the fact the license is non-compliant regarding the current zoning, such a fact appears to have been ignored by the Province. It is my understanding that SRD feels powerless to enforce the current zoning regarding this aquaculture license. This makes no sense. What is the point of any zoning if it is ignored and not enforced? I would ask that SRD take all measures possible to ensure Island Sea Farms are fully compliant to all zoning, now and in the future.

Thank you,

Rosie Steeves
Read Island resident