

A biologist's view

I am a biologist fortunate enough to have spent the past 26 years in the wilderness. There I have felt the pulse of the living systems that bring us clean air, water and food. I know now that if you are breathing in BC you have drawn air into your lungs that was produced by a salmon-fed tree. Wild salmon are our bloodstream. The connection between people and the wild things is that close.

Today's Liberal Government in BC is severing that connection, cauterizing the rivers and metastasizing salmon feedlots on our wild salmon arteries. I use these human medicine terms to try and warn you that systems you don't pay for can be even more essential to your well-being than the ones you purchase. We have become numb to the political shut down of our life support systems, even though we would never allow this to a patient in a hospital. Every week I send Gordon Campbell a letter with 13,000 signatures

on it now asking only that the Fisheries Act be applied fair and square on the Norwegian Salmon feedlots as it is applied to the rest of us and in arrogance and disconnect Campbell has not even acknowledged our concern.

We are only asking that the laws of this land be observed... That there is no answer, speaks volumes.

Alexandra Morton is a biologist who has courageously taken on the fish farm industry and governments. Her many published scientific accounts of the death of and damage to Pink and Chum salmon smolts by sea lice from adjacent fish farms, has shown beyond doubt, despite all the industry and government propaganda efforts, that fish farms are ruinous to our native wild salmon. Morton's work has been published in such esteemed scientific journals as Science, and she has been featured in news publications around the world, including the New York Times.