

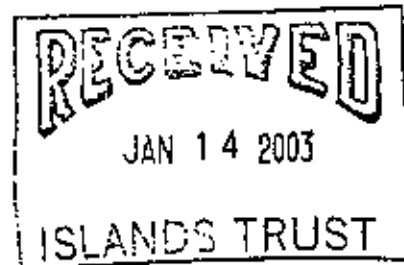
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**FISHING VESSEL OWNERS' ASSOCIATION  
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Date Jan 14/03



January 13, 2003

Eric Booth  
Islands Trust  
1627 Forte Street  
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VIA FACSIMILE 1-250-557-9116

Dear Mr. Booth:

**RE: Sablefish Aquaculture Site on Salt Spring Island**

The Fishing Vessel Owners Association represents U.S. halibut and sablefish fishermen in Alaska and Washington State. The Pacific sablefish resource extends from Alaska to California and is a valuable resource to both Canadian and American commercial fishing industries. And, like the fisheries in British Columbia, Alaska, Washington, Oregon and California provide thousands of people with good employment. Our organization is concerned that Canada will soon do to the wild sablefish resource and industry what it has done to the wild salmon resource and industry.

Now it appears that your provincial and federal governments are promoting the expansion of aquaculture by allowing for more sites and for the farming of other (non-salmonid) finfish species such as sablefish and halibut. It has come to our attention that a new hatchery (called Sablefin Hatchery) is being built on Salt Spring Island. What will be the impacts? Has there been an economic and environmental impact assessment to determine if there is any risk to the wild marine resources and habitat and will long established family run fishing businesses will be harmed? Will the sablefish from the hatchery be sold to multinational aquaculture operations that are more concerned about profits than preserving natural resources and a way of life? What will a growing aquaculture industry do to the natural and picturesque British Columbia coast and inviting Gulf Island communities that attracts so many tourists from the United States and elsewhere?

It appears to us that any employment benefit to North America from this type of fish

farming will be short lived. Once the science is generally available production will export to those areas where labor is cheapest, such as Chile, or Asia. This will leave North American fish farms to suffer the same economic problems that current salmon fish farms currently have. Fish farms in North America with the relatively high international labor costs can not endure. They will ultimately fail economically and will have permanently injured the wild harvesters and the coastal communities.

Our organization is deeply concerned about the growing problems aquaculture is creating for established fishing industries and communities in both countries. We oppose the establishment of a sablefish hatchery on Saltspring Island and hope that the Islands Trust will take every precaution to ensure that the wild sablefish resource and traditional commercial fisheries are not threatened.

Sincerely,



Robert Alverson  
Executive Director

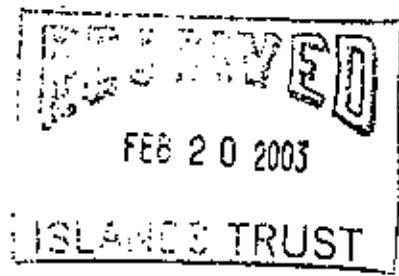
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Date Feb 20/03

Donna Martin  
225 South Bank Drive  
Salt Spring Island  
Tel. 537 5340

February 19, 2003

Re: Sablefish Hatchery on Walker Hook Tombolo

Kimberly Linegar  
Eric Booth  
Advisory Planning Committee  
Islands Trust, Salt Spring Island



Dear Kimberly, Eric and APC members.

The Islands Trust was created to preserve and protect the Trust area and its unique amenities and environment. As a long term resident I have been feeling the weight of decisions that must be made to protect the small pockets of wilderness and natural beauty left on our island. I have lived on Salt Spring Island for 32 years, 24 of those on Walker Hook Road. Last September the 5 acre property adjoining mine on Walker Hook Road was cleared of a stand of 75 year old firs. This area is a high slope instability hazard. This winter the adjoining properties on both sides have lost many trees to blowdown and accumulated standing water. The shoreline in front of this and the neighbouring acreages have eroded at an accelerated rate.

The Gulf Islands were earmarked by Lynne Hunter for a Biosphere Reserve in 1990 because of concerns about the negative effects urban and industrial development were having on our coastal and marine environment. The Walker Hook beach and tombolo and adjoining island were earmarked in the Official Community Plan to be acquired for the community if an opportunity arose because of its prime recreational potential and its unique ecological value. Now another development along Walker Hook Road has commenced. This time the clearing is for a venture capital scheme to produce sablefish fingerlings in a hatchery that will negatively impact the wild sablefish industry in the whole Pacific Northwest. The tombolo, Walker Hook, now has 2 well heads drilled into it and soon pipelines will lie across it. A large clearing has been made where the buildings will house the hatchery overlooking the tombolo. Questions remain on how waste from this massive operation will be handled. Where do they propose to dig the settling ponds for the circulating effluent and wastewater from the fish holding tanks?. This area is as special and unique as nature gets. How on earth can we justify screwing up such a beautiful place? It is past time for an environmental impact study.

We are a coastal community yet most of our coast is privately owned and access to the many miles of beaches is limited. Walker Hook beach is a public beach. It has been inaccessible for many years by land access, but it is still a public beach and used by visiting

boaters, kayakers and the neighbourhood by boat. On the other side of the tombolo Walker Hook Bay is zoned S8 this is the zoning that applies to the very most sensitive shoreline environments, the only permitted structures are navigational aids. This bay is a nursery for shellfish and Dungeness crabs, the endangered Olympia oysters have been found in this bay. Do private property and leasing rights allow individuals to do whatever they want to their property regardless of the ecological, hydrological and cultural consequences? Is the Trust really going to allow the possibility of effluent from this hatchery to settle into the adjacent tombolo? Please explain to me how the Trust is preserving and protecting the Walker Hook tombolo.

The community of Walker Hook is upset and heartbroken by the development that is changing their neighbourhood. Many of the properties along Walker Hook Road are zoned ALR, is it possible they will be developed by future owners? It is one of the few places on the island you can walk or cycle along the road beside the beach and see eagles, oyster catchers, and otters as well as the resident quail and songbirds. Please, lets take care of it.

Sincerely,



Donna Martin

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Date Feb 20/03  
by email to writer

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February 19, 2003



Re: Construction of Sablefish Hatchery, Walker Hook

Dear Islands Trustees and Advisory Planning Committee,

It is with great horror and sadness that I hear of the construction of a sablefish hatchery on the Tombolo, Walker Hook Salt Spring Island. This myopic money-making scheme of Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. to produce enormous quantities of juvenile Black Cod for British Columbia's aquaculture farms is neither ecologically or economically sustainable and poses significant threats to one of Salt Spring Islands most beautiful areas.

The Tombola (also known as Caldwell's Beach) and surrounding Walker Hook is one of Salt Spring Islands last unspoilt ecological, geological and archaeological treasures being of both local and regional significance. Home to a rich and diverse array of terrestrial and marine plants and animals its worth lies in its stunning natural beauty and habitat value not its agricultural potential. The Tombola is layered metre deep in middens from coastal first nations peoples who camped, fished and gathered shellfish along its shores for thousands of years. Excavating this area to accommodate the large infrastructure required for such a venture is akin to cultural vandalism.

Tens of thousands of people visit our island each year driving the Islands economy. Island visitors are lured here from around the globe by its renowned natural beauty not its development! This piece of property has already been designated in our community plan as highly desirable to acquire for recreational and scenic parkland, a move that would add to the wealth of all Islanders and its visitors.

Concerns regarding the ecological sustainability of aquaculture have been raised by many organizations including the David Suzuki Foundation and the Canadian Sablefish Association (CSA). The CSA is clearly not in favour of Sablefish aquaculture and calls for further research into the ecological threats it poses (see CSA position statement attached). Commenting on this specific development the CSA website states:

*"Sablefin Hatcheries Ltd. is a high risk venture capital scheme headed up by Giddon Minkoff. By promising to produce large numbers of juvenile sablefish for salmon farms, Mr. Minkoff is trying to lure unsuspecting investors into this venture. The science for sablefish larval rearing is far from complete and the ability to produce such large numbers of juveniles is highly unlikely or, at a minimum, more than a decade away following millions of dollars in further research"<sup>11</sup>*

*This hatchery will contribute to an industry which is under scrutiny for its poor environmental practices and which does not have the support of the CSA. "Open netcage marine aquaculture has a long history of pollution, habitat degradation, pathogen transfer, eutrophication, pesticides, antibiotics, resource consumption, escapes and devastation to wild fish populations that had enormous cultural and economic significance to coastal communities throughout British Columbia."*

As well as contributing to these ecological concerns, this development poses local ecological threats such as the enormous water and energy consumption, wastewater treatment and disturbance of breeding bird colonies through light and noise pollution. Despite this being described as a largely land based venture, this type of development can result in significant nutrient discharges to marine waters.

For our community to allow the construction of a fish hatchery to supply fish farms on other shores and properties in coastal British Columbia when we have decided in our own community plan that we will not have aquaculture on our shoreline is hypocritical.

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If our island, my birthplace, cannot conserve a piece of land as unique and ecologically valuable as the Tombolo and Walker Hook then shame on us.

Island Trustees and the Advisory Planning Committee, I urge you to do everything in your power to stop the construction of this ecological, cultural and economic disaster.

Yours Sincerely,

Tara Martin  
Landscape Ecologist  
University of Queensland and CSIRO Sustainable Ecosystems

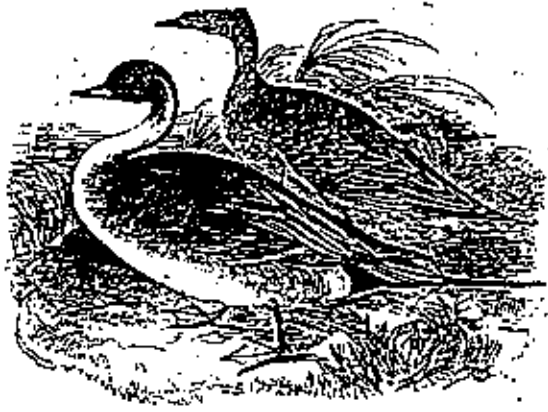
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CSA, 2003 [http: www.canadiansablefish.com aquaculture.htm](http://www.canadiansablefish.com/aquaculture.htm)

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Waterbird Watch Collective  
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Salt Spring Island, B.C.  
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Date Feb 21/03

DEAR LOCAL TRUST COMMITTEE

ALMOST THE ENTIRE COMMUNITY IS OPPOSED TO THE FISH FARM APPLICATION ON A/R LAND AT WALKER HOOK, SALT SPRING ISLAND. THE COMMUNITY WILL NOT RECEIVE ANY ECONOMIC BENEFIT FROM THIS VENTURE AND THE CAPITAL NATURAL VALUE OF THIS SITE IS STATED IN OUR O.C.P. VOLUME 1. B.7.2.2.3 ANY VOLUME II APPENDIX H.5.2.1, WALKER HOOK BEACH TOMBOLA AND SURROUNDINGS (b) PRIMARY RECREATIONAL OR SCENIC AREAS. FOR PARKLAND

OUR O.C.P. NO B.1.1.2. STATES ADOPT A PRINCIPLE OF PRECAUTION IN ASSESSING THOSE ACTIVITIES THAT COULD CREATE IMPACTS.

NO B.1.3.2. AVOID DEVELOPMENT THAT DEPENDS ON NET LOSS OR THE LIQUIDATION OF THE COMMUNITY'S NATURAL CAPITAL.

NO B.1.3.4. TO RECOGNIZE OUR LOCAL RESPONSIBILITY TO CONTRIBUTE TO GLOBAL SUSTAINABILITY.

NO B.6.1.2.13. a) and b) IF "THE SUBDIVISION IS CLEARLY NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST CONSISTANT WITH OTHER OBJECTIVES OF THIS PLAN"

THE SUBDIVISION IS CLEARLY NOT IN THE PUBLIC INTEREST, NOR IS IT CONSISTANT WITH THE OBJECTIVES OF THE POLICY STATEMENT OR O.C.P.

MAP 11 IN THE O.C.P. SHOWS THAT WALKER HOOK IS AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SENSITIVE AREA (ESA) SECTIONS N<sup>o</sup> D.1.1.1.2, D.1.1.1.3, D.1.1.1.7, ALL ARE IN OPPOSITION TO HAVING A FISH HATCHERY TO FARM FISH IN THE OPEN OCEAN AS AN INDUSTRY IN AN ESA. D.1.1.1.7, STATES "PROTECT THE COMMUNITY'S QUIET RURAL CHARACTER."

THE ISLANDS TRUST POLICY STATEMENT:

4.1.4 "AGRICULTURE POLICIES APPLIED TO THE TRUST AREA ARE APPROPRIATE TO THE NATURE OF AGRICULTURE WITHIN THE TRUST AREA, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO, THE SMALLER SCALE OF AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES"

A FISH HATCHERY IN AN ESA IS IN CONTRADICTION TO 3.1.1, 3.1.2, 3.1.6, 3.1.8, 3.1.9, 3.1.10, 3.1.11, 4-5.5 - "DEVELOPMENT SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO SITES AWAY FROM: AREAS OF ENVIRONMENTAL SENSITIVITY"

PLEASE FOLLOW THE ADVICE IN OUR O.C.P. B.1.34

"AVOID DEVELOPMENT THAT DEPENDS ON A NET LOSS OR THE LIQUIDATION OF THE COMMUNITY'S NATURAL CAPITAL. THAT CAPITAL IS REPRESENTED BY SUCH ITEMS AS OUR AGRICULTURAL AND FOREST LAND BASE, OUR POTABLE WATER SUPPLIES, AND <sup>THE</sup> LESS TANGIBLE VALUE OF OUR NATURAL AND UNSPOILED RURAL

YOURS TRULY

NINA PALMS



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Date Feb 20 2003

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**Nora Layard**

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Tel. & Fax. (250) 537-4612  
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February 20, 2003



Mr. Eric Booth  
Ms. Kimberley Linneger  
Islands Trust  
Ganges, BC

Dear Eric and Ms. Linneger:

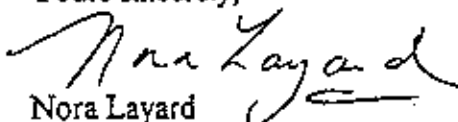
I am writing to let you know that I strongly oppose commercial aquaculture operations of any kind on or near Saltspring Island. I understand that you are considering your response to the application for a sablefish hatchery at Walkers' Hook and I urge you to do what you can to halt the project.

My reasons are two-fold. First, fish farms are, in my opinion, not a sound environmental investment for BC's coast. The debate rages about their safety, and the precautionary principle must prevail. So, any operation here that would be supplying fish farms with new stock is suspect and not welcome.

Secondly, the plans for this industry here on Saltspring appear to be flaunt the Trust's preserve and protect mandate for this incredibly fragile ecosystem. The proponents would say that this is a small operation, providing local employment. I question whether it is appropriate to allocate land and water resources to an industrial use of our land and water, given that it is unproven technology, unsightly, and potentially damaging to the environment. The use of land that is classed as agricultural reserve for fish hatcheries is also inappropriate.

I have been struck by the number of people I know here who normally do not engage in local politics who are outraged by this project. It has struck a cord with them and with me. Please do what you can to stop this in its tracks.

Yours sincerely,

  
Nora Layard

cc. John Gault, Senior Planner, Islands Trust  
Sally John, Chair, Advisory Planning Committee

**MINERVA COMMUNICATIONS**

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Kimberly Lineger  
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Dear Trustees:

I wish to add my voice to those from the community who are protesting the distortion of our intentions, as a community, with regard to the use of farm land for industrial fish farming. The proposal of Sablefish Hatcheries Ltd to raise 2-10 million fingerlings for transport to net pens elsewhere is not "farming" in anything but a technical sense. In neither scale nor methods does it resemble the kind of farming we wish to encourage and protect on Salt Spring and in the other Gulf Islands.

Furthermore, it is the application of unsafe practices with an untried species. We know the enormous threats to wild fish introduced by the "farming" of Atlantic salmon. We have no idea what will happen when sablefish are "farmed" in open net pens somewhere else, and we should not allow these islands to be stage one in such an experiment. Surely this is an instance for the application of the precautionary principle. Surely there are other agencies such as DFO who could be pressed to support the need for study before action, proof not assumptions about safety to wild fish from farmed sablefish.

It is particularly disturbing to me that this proposal, by restricting itself to the hatchery only, invites us like Pontius Pilot to wash our hands of the implications of permitting a hatchery business here. The good name of our island will be attached to this hatchery, which will then export its potentially lethal by-products to another "back yard" for raising to maturity. Well, it's all one world, perhaps most indisputably so when we look at the intermingling of the waters, and we are all responsible for what happens downstream or in the cove next door. Lets fight to prevent ourselves and the good name of Salt Spring Island from being used in this offensive way.

I understand that the Trust appears to have little capacity to act, but I urge you to use whatever capacity you do have to stop this very bad idea from becoming a reality, or at least slow it down while we investigate every avenue of defence, however slim. If you cannot stop it, I urge that you make clear to the provincial government that this community feel manipulated and trapped into something that we feel insults the principles of "preserve and protect" that they seem so willing to overlook and diminish.

Yours,



Judi Stevenson

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Dear Kim, Eric + John,

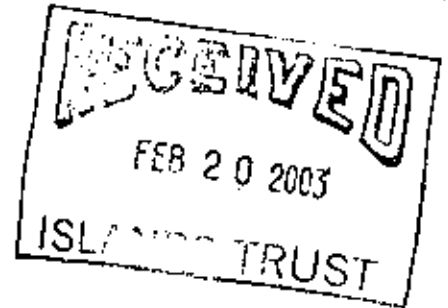
Please, please, please do whatever you can as soon as you can to prevent any more fish hatcheries or similar industries from being developed on our beautiful Island! I understand that this can be done by drafting and making a trust-~~like~~ by-law that would ~~delete agricultural~~ as a permitted use of Agricultural Land Reserves, as is currently the case under the AR Subdivision + Procedure O. B. I. 12141 - 2002. The ~~...~~

must act, Section 917-1 (D) is available specifically to prohibit specified farm operations - with the support of the Honorable Minister of Community, Development and Women's Services. What is currently taking place at Market House should never have happened, AND MUST NOT EVER HAPPEN AGAIN.

Thank you for listening to my and most other Islanders' concerns, as detailed above.

Yours sincerely,  
 Bill A. Williams

Letter Acknowledged  
Date Feb 20/03



FEBRUARY 20, 2003

THE ISLANDS TRUST  
Ganges, BC

Re: The Proposed Sablefish Hatchery, Salt Spring Island

In view of the Provincial Governments' policy of viewing all natural assets only in terms of immediate conversion to cash, it is imperative that local authorities do everything in their power to Preserve and Protect.

We wish to go on record as being vehemently opposed to the presence of any large commercial non-agrarian development on ALR lands, more especially within the Islands Trust.

Sincerely,

John and Rosemary Baxter  
264 Cranberry Road  
Salt Spring Island, BC  
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Date Feb 21/03



Mickey Lee  
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115 Farm Court Road  
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Islands Trust  
1206 - 115 Fulford Ganges Rd  
Salt Spring Island, B.C.  
V8K 2T9

Dear All Island Trustees

We are writing to express our opposition to the Sablefish Hatchery application in Walker Hook.

We do not feel that industrial fish farming is an appropriate land use for Salt Spring. We are concerned about the environmental impact, particularly the possibility of contamination of our local waters. We have not been satisfied by the 'promises and assurances' of the applicants and their representatives.

Yours truly

Jackie Bennett

Mickey Lee

Letter to the Islands Trust

Feb. 20, 2003

Re: Sablefish Hatchery Application

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Date Feb 20/03

Sirs:

We would like to express our opposition to the granting of the above application.

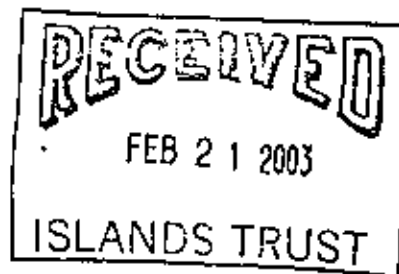
An industrial hatchery for an expanded fish farm use is not an appropriate use for any Gulf Islands land, and still less for Walker Hook. The people of Saltspring, who are apparently not to be meaningfully consulted about this, would, I am sure, enthusiastically join in a fund raising drive to buy the land, with its superb beach, for a public park.

Betty and Andrew Gibson  
490 Rainbow Rd., SSI



Betty Gibson  
Andrew Gibson

Letter Acknowledged  
Date Feb 21/03



To: Salt Spring Island Trustees  
Fax: 537-9116

Re: Fish Hatchery at Walker Hook

We wish to register our strong opposition to the fish hatchery application on Walker Hook. As members of the local farming community, and producers for the Growing Circle Co-operative, we are distressed that industrial fish farming is regarded as a legitimate activity on agricultural land.

We urge you to oppose the hatchery.

Sincerely,

*Susan Evans*

Susan Evans and Ted Harrison  
813 Beaver Point Rd  
Salt Spring Island, B.C. V8K 1X9  
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FAX MESSAGE

397 Stewart Road

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To: Ganges Office

Company: Islands Trust

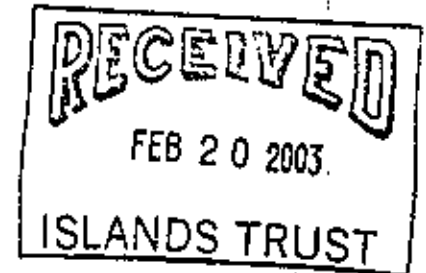
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Trustee Eric Booth  
Trustee Kimberly Linegar  
Planner John Gauld  
The Islands Trust, Ganges Office  
Grace Point Square  
1206 - 115 Fulford Ganges Road  
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T9



Dear Sirs/Madam,

We are opposed to any further aquaculture development on Salt Spring Island, especially on Agricultural Land Reserve and hope that the pending application by the sablefish hatchery is turned down.

Sincerely,

*Hans Fischer*  
*Alexandra Fischer*

Hans &amp; Alex Fischer

**ROBERT BATEMAN FAX MESSAGE**

PO Box 115 Fulford Harbour

~~LEADER~~ Acknowledged Salt Spring Island, BC, Canada, V8K 2P2

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Our fax: (250) 653 9211

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Planner John Gauld  
The Islands Trust, Ganges Office  
Grace Point Square  
1206 - 115 Fulford Ganges Road  
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 2T9



Dear Sirs/Madam,

We are adding our voices to those opposed to any further aquaculture development on Salt Spring Island, especially on Agricultural Land Reserve. We hope that the application by the sablefish hatchery is turned down.

Sincerely,

*Robert Bateman*

*Birgit Freybe Bateman*

Robert Bateman

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# Elizabeth White

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February 20, 2003

Trustees Eric Booth and Kimberly Linegar &  
Planner John Gauld

The Islands Trust, Ganges Office,  
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Salt Spring Island, BC



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Date Feb 20/03

Dear Islands Trust

I am opposed to large commercial land-based aquaculture operations within the Trust area, such as the sablefish hatchery currently under construction at Walker's Hook, on Salt Spring Island.

This hatchery will support commercial marine aquaculture, which causes many well-documented environmental problems. Moreover, I do not believe a commercial operation of this scale conforms to the Preserve and Protect mandate of the Islands Trust, nor to the intent of the Salt Spring Official Community Plan, nor do I believe it to be in the interests of the Salt Spring community.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elizabeth White". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Elizabeth White

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Date Feb 20/03

**FAX MESSAGE**  
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Dear Sirs/Madam,

I am opposed to any further aquaculture development on Salt Spring Island, especially on Agricultural Land Reserve and hope that the pending application by the sablefish hatchery is turned down.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Carson

Date Feb 21/03

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Kimberly Linagar } Trustees  
Eric Booth }

Islands Trust  
Gauges office  
Grace Point St.



Dear Trustees,

At this time we are strongly opposed to aquaculture on Agricultural Land Reserve in the Gulf Islands in general, Salt Spring Island - our home - in particular.

Please do not approve the subdivision application now before you.

Sincerely,

Melroy P. P. PREI  
Ralph Red  
342 Reginald Hill Rd.  
SSI  
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TO  
 5379116 P.02  
 Salt Spring Is. B.C. 5-17  
 20 February 2003

Dear Mrs. Coell,

I am writing to ask for your urgent intervention to support the "preserve and protect" mandate of the Islands Trust concerning the establishment of a Sablefin Hatchery on Salt Spring Island. This use of ALR land for industrial fish farming contravenes the spirit of our OCP which specifically prohibits fin fish farming in marine areas.

I have attended the recent Local Trust Committee and Advisory Planning Committee (APC) meetings that discussed this project. Many concerns were expressed about such industrial aquaculture in the Gulf Islands. I live on ALR land at the ocean. There is a shellfish hatchery already on my street. There could be an aquaculture farm next door at any time unless you act.

Aquaculture is not farming. It is not appropriate for the Islands Trust areas.

Has an environmental impact assessment been done for this Sablefin Hatchery? Is there an archaeological report?

This matter is urgent. The APC meets tomorrow, Friday February 21 and the Trustees the day after.

I look forward to your action and support.

Sincerely,

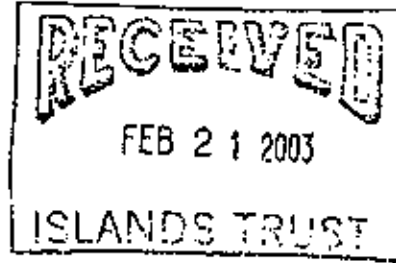
Janice McLean

c.c. Islands Trust

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Sheila Harrington  
165 Long Harbour Road  
Salt Spring Island, BC  
V8K 2V3



February 21, 2003

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Date Feb 21/03

Trustees Eric Booth & Kimberly Linegar

I am not in favour of the sable farm operations on Walker Hook for the following reasons:

- 1) Walker Hook is a fragile peninsula which protects the bay and should not have industrial operations there
- 2) The effluent from the farm being treated as ordinary septic is not valid. The use of saltwater makes its discharge into the land a killer - as happened when we had the fish plant here - its discharge killed large trees within months.

Sheila Harrington

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# Joanne Bealy

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**TO:** Kimberly Linegar  
Eric Booth  
John Gauld

**FAX:** (250) 537-9116  
**DATE:** 21 February 2003  
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**COMMENTS:**

**Trusted Trustees:**

Please do NOT, I repeat DO NOT, allow fish farms/hatcheries on Salt Spring Island. Because I cannot attend the meeting this afternoon, this is my official declaration against aquaculture on Agricultural Land Reserve land in the Gulf Islands. Please please please do the right thing, do not allow the fish farm hatchery at Walker's Hook.

Sincerely,  
Joanne Bealy



Letter Acknowledged Feb. 22, 2002  
Date Feb 21/03

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Mrs Eric Booth, Kimberly Singer  
& Planner John Gauld  
The Islands Trust

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Dear people:

I am totally opposed to any  
form of aquaculture on Agricultural  
Land Reserve land.

I am also specifically opposed/again  
to the sablefish hatchery at Walker  
Hood.

Thank you

Nona Keel

436 McAllister Rd

SSI

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222 Southridge  
Salt Spring Island, BC  
V8K 1Y9

The Islands Trust, Ganges Office,  
Grace Point Square  
1206-115 Fulford Ganges Road,  
Salt Spring Island



February 20, 2003

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Yours,

  
Murray Reiss

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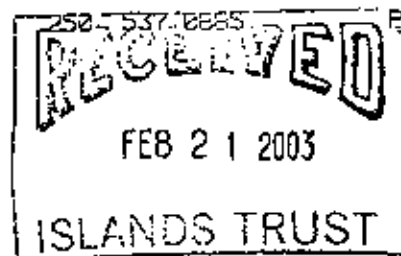
Re: the Proposed Sablefish Hatchery, Salt Spring Island

I wish to go on record as being strongly opposed to the development of the hatchery.  
Please work to protect the island from a large commercial development.

Sincerely,

Diane Baxter  
200 Frazier Rd.  
SSI, BC  
V8K 2B5

Ph/fax 250-653-9996



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**FAX**

FROM: Colin K. Roberts

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Canada V8K 1M7

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Karen Reiss

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Planner John Gauld

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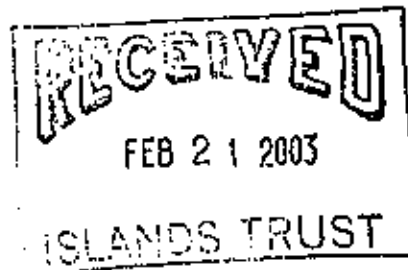
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Wilma Waddell

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wwaddell@saltspring.com

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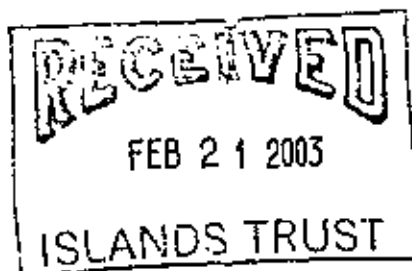
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Minzie Anderson

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358 Dukes Rd  
Salt Spring Island  
5.29  
Feb 21.03

Dear Mr Gault,

We are deeply disturbed to learn that plans to build a sable-fish hatchery<sup>aw</sup> already under way on Salt Spring. As islanders involved in conserving healthy ecosystems, as so many of us are, once again we are confronted by a Trust decision which appears to negate their mandate to Preserve & Protect. Just what constitutes the mission statement of this, our only government.

The view of Salt Spring as a N.I.M.B.Y. community while enabling farmed fish to despoil other far away areas is not an image we can be proud of. How can this be allowed to happen?

We would urge our elected trustees as well as yourself, to pay more attention to the philosophic rather than bureaucratic requirements of your positions. That way you will truly represent the people of Salt Spring.

Kim Honegar  
Eric Booth

Yours sincerely

Ruth & Sam Parsons



Feb 21, 2003

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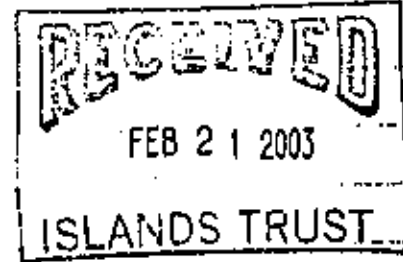
I am writing this note to voice my  
opposition to the sable fish farm on Walker's Island

Sincerely

Jack D. Turner

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169. Demetri Way

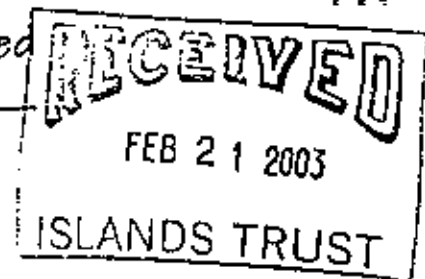
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Bill Relph & David Knight  
200 Walker's Hook Road  
Salt Spring Island, BC V8K 1P5

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Date \_\_\_\_\_



February 17, 2003

Kimberly Linegar, Eric Booth & John Gauld  
Islands Trust Local Trust Committee  
115-1206 Fulford Ganges Road  
Salt Spring Island BC V8K-2T9

Dear Kimberly, Eric & John,

I am writing this letter as a concerned citizen of Walker's Hook Rd. When my Partner and I found out the nature of the construction on the Caldwell property, my heart sank. We cannot believe that such environmentally unproven technology would be considered acceptable by the Islands Trust.

Both David and myself want to encourage you to proceed with a bylaw deleting the permitted use of aquaculture including fish farms on agricultural land reserve lands throughout the Gulf Islands.

We do not claim to know much about fish hatcheries but we are learning. If this is such a good thing for Salt Spring, then how come all the secrecy. Even Hydro was evasive when I asked them what the project was they were working on at the next acreage over from us, they told me it was to shore up power on this end of the island in case of wind storms.

The apparent lack of respect for the intelligence of the islanders that Paul Simpson exhibited during the town hall meeting was offensive. His lack of knowledge about the proposed waste disposal system was obvious, and leads one to wonder what else he is not telling, or able to tell us.

We used to rent a cottage next door to the shellfish Hatchery on Walkers Hook Rd., and are quite aware of the trash that has built up throughout Paul Simpson's property, the use of bright lights, noisy water filters, and we have seen the continuous flow of water off of his property into the coastal water on the beach.


Our personal concerns about the building of this fish hatchery are as follows:

1. excessive noise (all hours of the day)
2. smell
3. bright lights ( as at the shellfish hatchery )
4. potential of increased traffic on Walker's Hook Rd.
5. impact on both our and neighbouring wells.

These five concerns will have a negative impact on our property value.

We see this as large industry, not cottage industry that would be more in keeping in the Gulf Islands. This project needs to be stopped before it goes any further. I trust that you will recognize the need for this as much as we have.

Yours truly,

  
Bill Relph & David Knight

To the Islands Trust Officers  
Salt Spring Island, BC  
February 21, 2003

I am much dismayed to hear of plans to develop a fish hatchery at Walker Hook. I can't think of a worse way to treat this place. Fish hatcheries have, as we have certainly learned, questionable value and severe environmental impact.

The times I have kayaked to the beach at Walker Hook with my grandchildren are the most happy memories I have, and I imagine the day when they can take their own children there to swim and collect shells and dream in the sun. I hope this can come true. Please help the people who love and truly care for our Island. This beautiful beach is an Island treasure, and some way should be found to preserve and protect it for generations to come.


*Dorothy Cutting*  
Dorothy Cutting  
307 Price Road  
537-5558

Dear Islands Trust,

Recently I have heard that Walker Hook's owner is planning to build a fish hatchery on the beach. My name is Annie and I have kayaked to Walker Hook with my 72 year-old grandmother. I love the ocean and it is a wonderful place to find shells and play in the sand. I find it disappointing that the only way I can get there is by boat. Please, think of all the people like my grandmother and I who would miss the place and memories that would be replaced by a fish hatchery. I fill this letter with deep love and concern for Walker Hook and the people who would miss it.

Sincerely,

Ann Morrell



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