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Re: Aquaculture Application

file number 1413722 by 846381 BC (155 Hectares) for sea cucumber culture  
file number 1413764 by J. Tarnowski & W. Sampson (107 Hectares) (recently submitted)

- 1). Denman Island Residents Association **do not support** the above Crown land tenure applications in Baynes Sound for sea cucumber or any other species for the following reasons:
- A large portion of Baynes Sound shores are already under intensive aquaculture industry use. Enough is enough! These 155 and 107 hectares should be committed to a recreational/ environmental reserve for public use instead of more industry.
  - To permit a scientific experiment of this unprecedented scale with uncertain outcome is far too risky particularly involving prime recreational, residential and environmentally sensitive seaside.
  - Proponents have failed to satisfactorily answer many public questions. Proponents management plans (i.e. specifics of what they plan) have not been made available to the public, despite many requests.
  - Proponents may sell the numbered company, divide the huge tenure into smaller tenures for financial gain and/or apply for changes to their management plan in the future (including change of species and method of operating). Further public consultation regarding these changes is not required.
  - Our governments should not be supporting private industry interests over other stakeholders interests (the public!). "Precautionary principle" should apply.

The Denman Island Residents Association urges the Ministry to deny these aquaculture applications!

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