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Dear Ms Olivastri and Co-Signatories:

Thank you for your correspondence of June 6, 2017, concerning genetically modified salmon production in Canada.

As you know, on November 23, 2013, the Government of Canada published Significant New Activity Notice 16528 in the *Canada Gazette*, indicating the requirements for any person wishing to grow out the AquaAdvantage salmon in Canada. One of the key requirements of the notice is that the AquaAdvantage salmon must be grown out only in fully contained land-based facilities. All adult fish must be euthanized before leaving the facility.

In addition to the requirements of Significant New Activity Notice 16528, as determined by the Federal Court of Appeal, AquaBounty is restricted to grow out the AquaAdvantage salmon in its facility in Fortune Bay (Prince Edward Island) in relation to which a waiver was granted on August 19, 2013.

You expressed concerns with the expansion of AquaBounty's site at Rollo Bay West. Should AquaBounty wish to manufacture or grow out the AquaAdvantage salmon at this site, a new notification will be required pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act, 1999*.

I trust that this information is of assistance, and I extend my best wishes.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.