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House of Commons Standing Committee on Finance – Pre-budget Consultations 2013

This brief is submitted by:

(•) **an organization** **Organization name:** City of Powell River and Sliammon First Nation

or

( ) **an individual** **Name:** _____

Topic: Agriculture, food and fisheries

*Recommendation 1: Please provide a short summary of your recommendation.

The City of Powell River and Sliammon First Nation recommend that the Federal Government implement the findings of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans on Closed Containment Salmon Aquaculture (March 2013), but widen the scope to include all forms of sea life. The City and SFN invite the Government to partner with Post-Secondary Institutions and Private Sector Companies in its multi-species Aquaculture Park for the purposes of further researching and developing aquaculture practices in order to create economic prosperity in coastal and rural communities.

Expected cost or savings: From the pull-down menus, please indicate the expected cost or savings of your recommendation to the federal government and the period of time to which the expected cost or savings is related.

$1 million-4.9 million

5 or more years

Federal funding: Please provide a precise indication of how the federal government could fund your recommendation. For example, indicate what federal spending should be reallocated, what federal tax measure(s) should be introduced, eliminated or changed, etc.

As per the recommendation of the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans in the March 2013 report on Closed Containment Salmon Aquaculture, the City and SFN recommend that the Government make the following funding available through Sustainable Development Technology Canada:
• Year 1 (2014-2015) $500,000 - Develop Plan with Industry and Government partners
• Year 2 (2015-2016) $2,000,000 - Infrastructure costs shared with local ownership and partners.
• Year 3 to 10 (2016-2023) $2,000,000 - Collaborative research share with industry, academia, and government

Intended beneficiaries: Please indicate the groups of individuals, the sector(s) and/or the regions that would benefit by implementation of your recommendation.

- City of Powell River and Sliammon First Nation
- Other Coastal Communities and First Nations
- Aquaculture Industry (Finfish, Shellfish, Horticulture)
- Post-Secondary Institutions (Vancouver Island University, North Island College, etc…)
- Pharmaceutical Industry
- Nutraceutical Industry
- Greenhouse /Aquaponics Industry

General impacts: Depending on the nature of your recommendation, please indicate how the standard of living of Canadians would be improved, jobs would be created, people would be trained, etc.

Strong international demand for sustainable seafood products is evident. It is estimated that the Powell River Aquaculture Park could create over 200 well-paying technical jobs in the community as well as increase tax revenues to the municipality. If successful, this could be replicated in other communities.

Specialized training will be required to create the skills needed to support the industry's growth. Having multiple post-secondary institutions involved in the project will allow for the opportunity to provide training in multiple fields of study related to aquaculture industry jobs.

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Please use this page if you wish to provide more explanation about your recommendation(s).

*Please note that at least one recommendation must be provided