

Government agencies working diligently to protect salmon

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Re: Government agencies failing to protect wild salmon, Letters, Nov. 22

Significant followup testing has taken place showing fish samples were negative for ISA (infectious salmon anemia). Further testing was done on other samples as well, all proving negative.

Some samples collected as part of the followup investigation were too degraded to be tested - but many were not, and the testing has shown that those initial results were in fact, false.

The Canadian Food Inspection Agency, along with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, is, as a result, also reviewing sampling programs to ensure that their monitoring is robust and accurate.

Our farmers are continuing their sampling program, as well - a program that has tested nearly 5,000 fish, and found no ISA in British Columbia salmon farms.

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