



## Recent SOS Developments

•**Business feasibility studies** are being completed for two closed containment business development projects. Solutions Advisory Committee (SAC) member, Dr. Andrew Wright, has concluded a thorough examination of land based closed containment aquaculture and has presented the work to a group of independent third-party reviewers. His investigation of ocean based closed containment will soon be ready for review.

### •Research on sea lice infested Fraser River

**Sockeye** has been added to the science being funded by SOS. We witnessed first-hand the density of open net-cage salmon farms and the lice infestation of pink and sockeye salmon on the June 4th SOS field expedition to the Discovery Islands (see photo). Based on these observations and the knowledge of the great

ecological, cultural and economic importance of Fraser River sockeye runs, the decision was made that further independent science was a necessity. SOS is supporting the work of Mike Price (Raincoast Conservation Foundation) and Watershed Watch to continue DNA testing on the lice-infested sockeye in Northern Georgia Strait.

•[Click here](#) for a listing of SOS supported work.



## SOS Webpage Changes

The webpage has been upgraded to better provided the most up-to-date [news](#), [science](#) and educational materials related to open net-cage aquaculture. See [www.saveoursalmon.ca](http://www.saveoursalmon.ca).

## Grieg Seafoods Rezoning Application Update

Despite great public concern (including [a poll](#) revealing 94% of those surveyed did not support the rezoning), [the Strathcona Regional District has approved](#) one of two rezoning applications for salmon farms in Johnstone Strait. The approved application, located at Gunner Point near Sayward, is for a farm expected to hold 700,000 fish. The farm is located directly in the path of BC's largest migration of wild salmon.

The approval is subject to final reading and conditions include the farm site needing to "move to closed containment as soon as it is commercially available."

SOS applauds the SRD's acknowledgement of the environmental problems associated with open net-cage salmon farming and recognizing the need to move to closed containment. However, it is unlikely that the Gunner Point location is suitable for closed containment technology.

Rather, it would be best to require all new investments in salmon aquaculture to be made directly into technologies that are environmentally sustainable, reducing the threats to wild salmon.

## New B.C. Minister of Agriculture and Lands

The Honourable Steve Thomson, MLA for Kelowna-Mission, has been named the new Minister. He is the former executive director of the BC Agriculture Council and has served as General Manager of the BC Fruit Growers Association and the BC Milk Producers Association.

## New Member - SOS Solutions Advisory Committee

It is a great pleasure to announce that Rupert Gale has joined the SAC. Rupert is the Fisheries Program Manager for the Ritchie Foundation and, among his many other efforts to save the salmon, he is a member of the executive of the Sport Fish Advisory Board. [Meet the SAC.](#)

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