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BC PACIFIC SALMON FORUM'S SCIENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETS WITH RESEARCHERS

NANAIMO:

The Pacific Salmon Forum's Science Advisory Committee (SAC) met today with Martin Krkosek, Alexandra Morton, Subhash Lele and Mark A. Lewis, co-authors of a study on sea lice and Pacific salmon published recently in *Science*. This meeting was requested by the Forum to clarify certain aspects of the study.

The authors and members of the SAC had a detailed and positive discussion of the paper and its assumptions.

There was general acknowledgement that the analysis in the paper shows that sea lice infestations between 2001 and 2005 likely contributed to depressed productivity of pink salmon in the Broughton Archipelago.

There was general agreement that the paper's predictions regarding extinction are dependent on future management regimes.

Research currently being conducted by the authors and the Forum will help to identify effective management of sea lice to sustain pink salmon in the Broughton.

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