



Processing plant effluent questions addressed through protocol agreement

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TOFINO B.C. – There have been questions asked recently regarding the operations of Tofino’s Lions Gate Fisheries processing plant where our Certified Organic Chinook salmon is processed and the wastewater discharged.

The plant operates under provincial permit which authorizes wastewater to be screened and discharged.

Creative Salmon has a protocol agreement with the Tla-o-qui-aht First Nation and the fish farm committee met December 6 to discuss the issue.

“All parties are now working together to voluntarily make some changes and improvements to procedures at the plant to address public concern,” says Creative Salmon General Manager Tim Rundle.

“We discussed some changes that were made immediately to significantly reduce the amount of water and particulates being discharged and had a tour of the plant,” says Tla-o-qui-aht Natural Resources Director Saya Masso. “We also discussed the various options and technologies available for treatment of effluent. This is an important issue for Tla-o-qui-aht and we will work with Creative Salmon as they continue to research next steps and treatment options.”

Masso said this issue is an example of why the protocol is in place. “The protocol calls for respectful and ongoing dialogue on issues. That is exactly what should happen and what is happening here.”

Rundle said Creative Salmon and Lions Gate Fisheries will continue to update Tla-o-qui-aht on a regular basis. “We are always open to talk constructively about what is happening and to address questions about our operations.”

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