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### **Marine Harvest corrects statements regarding incidental by-catch.**

On October 1st, 2009, it was necessary for Marine Harvest Canada to transport live small, farm-raised salmon from one farm to another. During this process, it is sometimes difficult to avoid the inadvertent transport of Pacific herring as they may take refuge within our net pens. We do take care to ensure we separate any herring from the salmon, but as was the case on October 1st, some herring were inadvertently transported along with the salmon, and some were found not to have survived the transport procedure.

Transportation of our small salmon from farm to farm is becoming less common and it is our plan to eliminate this step altogether. Marine Harvest Canada is in the process of reconfiguring its operations which will end the requirement to move fish at this period in the growth cycle. In order for this procedural change to become reality, we are reliant on amendments to existing farm tenures. These amendments have been submitted and await approval from the Provincial and Federal governments.

In the meantime, we will take every step to ensure that we avoid a repeat of this event.

Lastly, it has been rumoured that rock fish were inadvertently captured on October 1st. In fact, this is not the case. No rock fish were captured or transported during this process.

This information has been shared with Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO).

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