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**RE: Opposition to the Northeast Shellfish Company farming Shellfish in Northeast Bay, Texada, Application Number 1414717**

December 4, 2018

Dear Mr. Johnson,

On behalf of the Texada Island Chamber of Commerce, I am registering our members' opposition to the Northeast Shellfish Company application to establish a farming operation in Northeast Bay, on Texada Island.

From a business angle, it is our understanding that the corporation principals are not from Texada and that this proposed operation would not create any jobs for Texada residents. Nor would it return profits to invest in our community.

It is our understanding that this company may not have a track record of managing a shellfish farming operation. A lack of experience raises our doubts that the company would know how to mitigate known operational issues of plastic waste contamination in the ocean and at the shoreline, or prevent damage to native species (e.g., geoduck farming).

A shellfish farming operation would also limit tourism attraction opportunities to Texada, which is of economic benefit to Texada.

This land is a form of a park with provincial "Use of Recreation and Enjoyment for the Public" (UREP) status. It is used regularly by hikers and ATV riders. Northeast Bay offers the first safe landing spot for kayakers and boaters after the treacherous Long Beach from Anderson Bay stretch. It would be dangerous to restrict public access to this shore for a corporation's business plans.

In summary, the Texada Island Chamber of Commerce asks that you decline the Northeast Shellfish Company application to farm shellfish in Northeast Bay.

Sincerely,  
Cindy Babyn  
President  
Texada Island Chamber of Commerce

Cc: Rachel Blaney, Member of Parliament, Powell River-North Island  
Cc: Nicholas Simons, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Powell River-Sunshine Coast  
Cc: Terry Hollow, Texada Resident