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**Fish Farm Amendment Applications: Province Must Ensure A Sustainable Industry**

**BROUGHTON ARCHIPELAGO**

**Mainstream Seeking to Triple Licensed Production at Broughton Farms**

<b>Mainstream Farms in Broughton Archipelago</b>		
<b>Farm</b>	<b>Current Licensed Production</b> (Metric tonnes /mt)	<b>Application</b> (Metric tonnes /mt)
Burdwood	3,000	3,819
Cliff Bay	300	2,700
Simoom Sound	140	675
Sir Edmund	1,000	3,100
Cypress	10	457
Cecil	650	3,645
Maude Island	860	2,925
Mt. Simmonds	675	3,400
Wehlis Bay	675	2,800
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>7,310 mt</b>	<b>23,521 mt</b>
Providence Point	new farm application for 3,100 mt	

Currently, Marine Harvest Canada (MHC) is also applying for production amendments in the Broughton Archipelago. However, the Coastal Alliance for Aquaculture Reform (CAAR) has conditionally agreed to support the company's Coordinated Area Management Plan (CAMP), an emergency, interim measure to protect wild salmon. MHC will cap production in the Broughton and follow some farms along specified alternating routes to give juvenile out-migrating salmon a sea-lice free route to the sea.

<b>New Marine Harvest Farm Applications in Broughton Archipelago</b>	
Whirl and Twist	new farm application for 330 mt
Dinner Point	new farm application for 2,500 mt

**NORTHERN GEORGIA STRAIT / DISCOVERY ISLANDS**

<b>Mainstream Farms - Discovery Islands</b>		
<b>Farm</b>	<b>Current Licensed Production</b> (Metric tonnes /mt)	<b>Application</b> (Metric tonnes /mt)
Raza	2,278	3,425
Venture	3,000	3,271
Brent Island	3,000	3,217
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>8,278 mt</b>	<b>9,913 mt</b>

<b>Marine Harvest Canada Farms - Discovery Islands</b>		
<b>Farm</b>	<b>Current Licensed Production</b> (Metric tonnes /mt)	<b>Application</b> (Metric tonnes /mt)
Bickley	638	2,500
Read Island	1,425	2,362.5
Fredrick Arm	650	2,200*
Farside	650	2,200*
Egerton	480	2,200
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>3,843 mt</b>	<b>11,462.5 mt</b>

<b>New Farm Applications – Discovery Islands</b>		
<b>Farm</b>	<b>Company</b>	<b>Metric tonnes (mt)</b>
Gunner Point	Grieg	new farm application for 4,400 mt
Yorke Island	Grieg	new farm application for 4,400 mt
Raven Bay	West Coast Fish Culture	new farm application for 4,680 mt

**\* CAAR Learns Some Amendments Already Approved**

At least two of these amendments were approved in mid-2007 and the Ministry of Agriculture and Lands (MAL) failed to inform the public they had approved a near-quadrupling of production on these farms. CAAR is seeking further information on the status of all amendments.

<b>Marine Harvest Canada Farms - Discovery Islands</b>		
<b>Farm</b>	<b>Current Licensed Production</b> (Metric tonnes /mt)	<b>Approved Application</b> (Metric tonnes /mt)
Fredrick Arm	650	2,200 <i>approved</i>
Farside	650	2,200 <i>approved</i>

- Licenses are not “per year” they pertain to a grow-out cycle (approximately 18 months).
- Mainstream has declined to clarify whether the company will participate in the CAMP agreement or fallow key farms in 2009. Fully stocked Mainstream farms at Burdwood and Sir Edmund in particular would jeopardize the fallow route and the wild salmon.

**Maps and more information:**

<http://www.farmedanddangerous.org/page/amendments>

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