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How do Stuart,

Here are my concerns

In early 90's Salmon farms commenced relocating troublesome and aggressive seals that were impacting their bottom line and also to provide safe workplace for their employees.the majority(1000's)were carted from southern Tasmania and deposited directly into the inshore fishery of north west coast.permits were issued by govt depts to allow them to do so,which is directly against their own recommendations to help stop the spread of marine pests and diseases by not taking fish,fish products etc from one waterway to another.no baseline science was conducted prior to the commencement of the relocations and despite the objections of north west small mesh fishermen ,this practice continued for 27 years,rendering their fishery uneconomical and resulting in mental health issues for those fishermen.the relocations were ceased after much media attention and an incident between an affected fisherman and a seal relocater which forced the hand of govt.

The fishing representative group TSIC was unable to stop the relocations on the fisherman's behalf.TSIC has a conflict of interest by trying to represent wild fishers and Salmon farms,adaptive management of salmon farms will always conflict with precautionary science approach of wild fisheries.

The carve up of our waterways for salmon farm expansion without communal or fishing community input/representation is paramount to theft.North west and King island waters are full of sea grass beds,protected and endangered species and is the breeding /feeding area for millions of birds ,sharks,skates,rays and numerous fish.in recent years we have seen many northern fish species become localised and some like the king george whiting,are now breeding here.we are and have been seeing the evidence of global warming first hand.areas such as king island and far north west are of global significance for the creatures and pristine environment therein and are no place for salmon farms under adaptive management,precautionary,independent peer reviewed science must be a given before we even contemplate any industrial enterprises into such environments.

In short,essential science is not being conducted,fishing community is not being included,consulted nor listened to,regulatory systems are inadequate and both major parties seem to be seduced by the economic gain provided ,regardless of community concerns ,environmental damage and costs associated.our commons are not for a select few,they belong to all,and all should be able to tender,none were given opportunity and as a result, best outcomes are being denied.it is also worth noting,all our inshore waterways are crucial fish propagation areas and demand sensitive precautionary management approach.

Regards

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Sent from my iPad