

## **BC Omnibus Spring 07**

### Topline Results

*Fielded March 15 - 27, 2007*

*Sample = BC eligible voters*

*Gender and Age Weighted n=606*

*Margin of Error = +/- 4.0%, 19 times out of 20*



		Count	Col %
Q12. Do you support or oppose stopping the expansion of industrial fish farms until health and environmental concerns are resolved?	Strongly support	300	49.5%
	Somewhat support	129	21.2%
	Neither support nor oppose	8	1.4%
	Somewhat oppose	66	11.0%
	Strongly oppose	74	12.1%
	Don't Know/Refused	29	4.8%
Total		606	100.0%

		Count	Col %
Q13. Do you agree or disagree that the government should stop supporting open net cage salmon farming and instead start investing in closed containment technology that separates farmed salmon from wild salmon and protects the marine environment.	Strongly agree	336	55.4%
	Somewhat agree	153	25.3%
	Neither agree nor disagree	18	3.0%
	Somewhat disagree	30	5.0%
	Strongly disagree	18	3.0%
	DK/NA	51	8.4%
Total		606	100.0%

As you may know there has been public debate about the farming of salmon here in BC. In particular, many critics have pointed out that current technologies which are supported by the government do not separate the wild salmon stocks from the farmed salmon stocks, so the two populations mingle and that is hurting the wild salmon.

Industry leaders and others say, however, that investing in new technology to keep the fish separated would be so expensive that it would ruin some businesses and make salmon more costly to consumers.

I am going to read you a couple of more statements on this issue, and after each please tell me if you agree or disagree.

		Count	Col %
Q14. [ROTATE with next Q] Given the environmental problems of the current fish farming technology, known as 'open net-cage' farming, the Provincial government should pass a law to make it mandatory that all fish farmers move to the new technology, called 'closed, contained' farming, even though this would mean higher costs for fish farmers.	Strongly agree	272	45.0%
	Somewhat agree	170	28.1%
	Neither agree nor disagree	16	2.6%
	Somewhat disagree	61	10.0%
	Strongly disagree	41	6.8%
	DK/NA	46	7.6%
Total		606	100.0%

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Q15. [ROTATE with previous Q] Some people have suggested that the provincial government should budget tax money this year to help build a commercial scale closed contained salmon farm to demonstrate the new technology to fish farmers. Do you agree or disagree?	Strongly agree	164	27.1%
	Somewhat agree	192	31.7%
	Neither agree nor disagree	11	1.8%
	Somewhat disagree	93	15.4%
	Strongly disagree	108	17.9%
	DK/NA	37	6.1%
Total		606	100.0%