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Subject: RE: Update

Andrea,

About a week ago, Maine CDC's State Toxicologist, Dr. Andrew Smith, received the health advisory request you referenced below from Friends of Penobscot Bay for fish raised in Whole Oceans' aquaculture facility in Bucksport. I spoke with Dr. Smith today (via email) and he is planning to review and evaluate the request after the holiday break.

Best wishes,
Nancy

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From: Andrea C. Maker <amaker@PierceAtwood.com>
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Hello Nancy and Tom,

Nancy, I'm sorry I didn't get back to you on Friday. I had a medical procedure Friday morning and it turns out I wasn't able to be on email that day. This message will attempt to catch you, and Tom, up.

Our firm has performed all the environmental work for Whole Oceans to be built in Bucksport. We have now received all permits necessary to pursue construction. A couple weeks ago, the Friends of Penobscot Bay claimed that they sent a letter to the Maine CDC demanding that fish raised in the Whole Oceans' land-based aquaculture facility in Bucksport Maine be labelled with a health advisory for pregnant women and young children due to the presence of

mercury in the Penobscot River.

Whole Oceans has been aware of the presence of mercury in the Penobscot River and has a comprehensive plan to manage it to ensure that its food product is healthy. First, the facility will screen mercury from the water in the intake. Second, and very significantly, the fish will be fed food from an outside source that will not contain any levels of mercury. It is the bioaccumulation and bio-magnification of mercury up a food chain that can give rise to unhealthy levels of mercury in a fish. Third, Whole Oceans will contract with an accredited laboratory to test its fish product for mercury to ensure it is safe for all human consumption.

In mid-January, representatives of Whole Oceans and a scientific expert will be meeting with Fred Bever at MPBN for an interview (at his request). They also have a meeting scheduled with Ron Huber of Friends of Penobscot Bay.

I will be out of the office attending my daughter's wedding this week, returning on Monday, January 6. If you need additional assistance on this topic during my absence, please reach out to me and I will respond as soon as possible. I'm also copying my associate Elizabeth Frazier who may be able to assist with tactical matters, and Angie Helton, PR consultant to Whole Oceans should a media event arise.

I look forward to catching up with you both on my return to provide greater details.

Happy New Year!

Andrea

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From: Beardsley, Nancy <Nancy.Beardsley@maine.gov>

Sent: Friday, December 27, 2019 12:14 PM

To: Andrea C. Maker <amaker@PierceAtwood.com>

Subject: RE: catch up

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Andrea – I am in Arizona until next weekend, and could perhaps do a call later today. Please let me know what time might work.

Thank you,

Nancy Beardsley

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Hello Nancy,

I was speaking with Tom Abello this morning, and we agreed that I might reach out to you to catch you up on some matters. Please let me know if you're available to talk tomorrow morning, or Thursday or Friday. I will be out next week and would appreciate an opportunity for a quick conversation with you this week if possible.

Thank you,

Andrea

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