



Media Release

“It’s Miller Time”

Alexandra Morton applauds ‘Scientist of the Year’ Dr. Kristi Miller

(Vancouver, B.C., August 24, 2011) The Wild Salmon People gathered this morning in support of “muzzled” Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) scientist Dr. Kristi Miller. Dr. Miller is on the stand today at the evidentiary hearings on ‘Diseases’ at the Cohen Commission. Supporters rallied outside the courtroom in Vancouver with “It’s Miller Time!” t-shirts and a mock-up Time magazine front cover featuring ‘Scientist of the Year’ Dr. Kristi Miller.

“Dr. Kristi Miller’s research is the first solid clue we have on why the Fraser sockeye declined for 18 years,” said biologist Alexandra Morton. “The government of Canada has no right to muzzle this work. Miller has to be allowed to figure out what disease these fish are fighting and if it is coming from salmon farms. Up to 95% pre-spawning mortality in Fraser sockeye cannot be hidden any longer. Our salmon are dying of politics.”

Dr. Miller will be on the stand today and tomorrow at the Cohen Commission. Morton's lawyer, Gregory McDade, will have the opportunity to question Miller during her testimony.

“Dr. Miller deserves to be ‘Scientist of the Year’ and on the cover of Time magazine,” said Anissa Reed, co-founder of the Salmon Are Sacred people’s movement. “Wild Salmon Warriors are peacefully gathering here to support Dr. Kristi Miller and demand the truth about salmon feedlots and the spread of infectious diseases. It’s a national disgrace that the Harper Government muzzled Dr. Miller and prevented her from speaking to the media including Time magazine.”

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Listen [online here](#) to a radio advert from Salmon Are Sacred:

“What will muzzled DFO scientist Dr. Kristi Miller say when 'Ottawa's cone of silence' over her is lifted?”

Photos available from today’s events.

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You can contact Dr. Morton during the hours of 8-10 a.m., 12:30 – 2:00 p.m., and after 4:00 p.m. (as she is a participant in the Inquiry)