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Kerra,

Sorry I am in the office doing a clean up and forgot about your request

Sea lice management at west coast marine finfish facilities, such as mechanical and bath treatments, have had unexpected consequences. During those treatments fish farmers alter infrastructure to accommodate treatment equipment. These alterations can leave facilities vulnerable to predator attacks from sea lions and farmers has seen an dramatic increase in sea lion activity, predator hits on farmed fish and, in some extreme cases, aggressive behaviour towards farmers.

And if you want to add this (but I am not entirely sure how much Brenda knows so maybe too early to mention) ...

Currently DFO is reviewing sea lion deterrents in hopes to address these issues in the upcoming marine finfish conditions changes.

Is this alright? Feel free to change as you see fit

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