

## Uttalelse fra EcoOceanos i Chile

Naturvernforbundets samarbeidspartner på miljø og rettigheter i Chile har kommet med denne uttalelsen i forbindelse med felleserklæringen fra kontaktpunktet.

Denne uttalelsen kom på mail fra EcoOceanos til Naturvernforbundet onsdag 10. august

"The joint statement of the NCP under the mediation of Norway will only have value if the commitments of ASA Cermaq are transformed into concrete facts, not just promises. We assume that the NCPs of OCDE in Norway and Chile, as well as Friends of the Earth Norway and ForUM will be guarantors of compliance with these commitments. Otherwise, the text will only be wet paper. The first challenge of Cermaq, and its subsidiary Mainstream Chile, will be to act with transparency and respect towards the rights of citizens, coastal communities, unions and indigenous people of Chile when requiring access to accurate, timely and sufficient information on their actions and standards.

It is a significant signal that Cermaq ASA highlights in the joint statement the connection "between the way aquaculture has been carried out in Chile and spread of fish diseases that led to the collapse of the industry in Chile in 2007. Sufficient account was not taken of the precautionary principle. Rapid growth in the industry combined with a lack of regulation contributed, and the national authorities did not have adequate regulation of the biological and operational conditions in Chile". This implicitly recognizes that the claims of NGOs were true and fair Chilean active resistance from civic organizations, fishermen, coastal communities and peoples to stop the destructive and abusive practices of an industry that was out of control, causing the greatest health crisis, environmental and social production ever experienced in southern Chile.

We make a call to test the commitments contained in this joint statement with the intent of massive expansion of the salmon farming industry in Magellan, Chilean Patagonia, where the industry is repeating the same behaviors that caused the ISA crisis in 2007, a situation that has been already warned by last week New York Time's editorial, that characterized the behavior of the salmon farming industry in Chile as "unsustainable."