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Mr. Barry Burnell, Administrator  
Water Quality Division  
Department of Environmental Quality  
1410 North Hilton  
Boise, ID 83706

Dear Mr. Burnell:

On behalf of the more than 72,000 Idaho families who are members of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, I am writing to provide comments on the proposed IPDES permit fee schedule which was drafted on May 8, 2015.

Farm Bureau members appreciate DEQ's willingness to listen to the concerns of the aquaculture producers of the state, particularly the small producers who would have been severely impacted by any fee required to issue or renew their permits.

Farm Bureau supports DEQ's fee proposal which recommends using general fund money to cover the cost of issuing and administering most general permits under the program, including aquaculture permits.

We appreciate DEQ working diligently to make the fee schedule as equitable as possible and for the transparency in which the process has taken place.

We look forward to continue working with you through the conclusion of this rulemaking process. If you have any questions, please contact Russ Hendricks at 342-2688.

Sincerely,



Frank Priestley, President  
Idaho Farm Bureau Federation