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**JUL 26 2007**

Mr. Craig Orr  
Marine Conservation Caucus  
Watershed Watch  
1037 Madore Avenue  
Coquitlam, BC V3K 3B7

Dear Mr. Orr:

**FRASER RIVER PANEL APPOINTMENT**

Thank you for your letter of July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 responding to my offer of undertaking an observer status role on the Fraser River Panel.

I'm pleased to accept Mr. Ken Wilson as your designate for this challenging assignment. Given the late date and scheduling difficulties I am also willing to make an exception to allow Mr. Jeffrey Young to act as an alternate for the Marine Conservation Caucus (MCC) during time periods where Mr. Wilson is not able to attend. As you may know we would not normally allow for this type of arrangement and would only consider having a full time representative. I understand that Mr. Wilson will make every effort though to minimize the instances where the MCC will need to have their alternate Mr. Young attend in his place.

I have also considered your request regarding direct participation in the work of the Fraser River Panel Technical Committee. As you know all five seats for Canada on the Technical Committee are currently filled and we are not presently considering changes to those representatives. However, I'm sure there will be times when the MCC could assist the Technical Committee in their deliberations. In the past there have been invitations extended by the Technical Committee Chair to experts to assist the Technical Committee in achieving their mandate and I'm sure there will be times when MCC biologists could lend their assistance on specific tasks.

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I look forward to working with you on the challenges of managing Fraser River sockeye. Mr. Paul Ryall will be in contact with you shortly to discuss Panel procedures and meeting schedules.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Sprout", with a stylized, flowing script.

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Regional Director General  
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