

Trager, Diana

From: Sprout, Paul
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 9:17 AM
To: Trager, Diana
Subject: Fw: North Allouette River - Reported Fish Kill May 2009

Another question - did DFO get advised on silt problems in the river in May and if so did we respond

Paul Sprout
Sent using BlackBerry

From: Sprout, Paul
To: Trager, Diana
Sent: Thu Jul 09 12:13:02 2009
Subject: Re: North Allouette River - Reported Fish Kill May 2009

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Diana,

Paul

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From: Trager, Diana
To: Sprout, Paul
Sent: Thu Jul 09 11:57:57 2009
Subject: Re: North Allouette River - Reported Fish Kill May 2009

EC sampled fish and water at the time of the fish kill and are still reviewing.

Diana

From: Sprout, Paul
To: Trager, Diana
Sent: Thu Jul 09 11:48:45 2009
Subject: Re: North Allouette River - Reported Fish Kill May 2009

Thanks Diana. What is happening from this point? Do we have a role in any follow-up -- investigation, sampling, discussions? Paul

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From: Trager, Diana
To: Sprout, Paul
Sent: Thu Jul 09 11:32:13 2009
Subject: FW: North Allouette River - Reported Fish Kill May 2009

Paul, further information below.

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 9, 2009 8:28 AM
To: Sciankowy, Craig
Cc: Trager, Diana
Subject: North Allouette River - Reported Fish Kill May 2009

Craig,

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Further to Diana's e-note attached following:

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[REDACTED]

I have been the sole LFA HM project review rep for Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge since late 2005.

[REDACTED]

Prior late 2005, Brad Fanos was our rep in the area; prior to Brad it was Mike Englesjord.

Brian Naito has long been our rep for the FREMP area, which includes the first few hundred metres (my estimate) of the Alouette. The FREMP area does not extend to the area of the occurrence on the North Alouette River.

Please let me know if I can assist further.

Bruce.
Bruce Clark
Biologist
Oceans, Habitat, and Enhancement
Lower Fraser Area
tel.: 604-666-6140

From: Trager, Diana
Sent: Thu 09/07/2009 7:59 AM
To: Clark, Bruce; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: North Allouette River

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[Redacted] I am in a meeting after 10, but if you can call me on my cell phone before that, it would be appreciated.

[Redacted]

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Trager, Diana

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 9:53 PM
To: XPAC PRMCU
Cc: Trager, Diana; McDonald, Lisa; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: #945477 v3 - MCU 2009-001-01835 Balcke- PR draft - [redacted] Alouette River
Attachments: K9J903!.doc; North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009 MCU Balcke draft letter 2 BAC edits July 21 2009.doc

Candace and Jennifer,

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Further to your e-note attached following:

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s.21(1)(b)

I have edited your edited version - please see attached.

Re "concern":

I have again substituted "your concern is understandable" for "[redacted]". The NGO and local citizens behind the correspondence have strong "concerns" in these matters. Some of those "concerns" are not currently supported by facts. We are currently conducting an investigation of some aspects of these matters, and an assessment of others. [redacted]

Thanks.

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Hi Bruce
here's the edited version of the response.

[Redacted] Can you fill in, please?

thanks
Candace.

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Ministerial Responses**

Gail Shea, P.C., M. P.

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MINISTER'S SIGNATURE

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Author of incoming letter
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Dear Mr./Mrs. Author:

Thank you for your correspondence of June 12, 2009, regarding recent events at the North Alouette River, including the construction of a water diversion intake in the river channel, and the discovery of a significant number of dead fish in the river downstream of the intake site.

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Your concern over these events is understandable. Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) field staff have inspected the site of the water intake, and the Department is conducting an investigation of the intake construction, and the fish kill, including possible links between those events. I understand that Environment Canada (EC) and British Columbia Ministry of Environment (MOE) are also investigating these matters. As the DFO investigation advances, DFO staff will be co-ordinating our investigation with those other agencies.

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Thank you for taking the time to write to me, and bring these matters to my attention. I assure you that our interests in these matters are the same, namely the protection and conservation of fish and fish habitat.

Sincerely,

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Gail Shea, P.C., M. P.

Written by: Jennifer Wong July 20, 2009
Manager, Ministerial Correspondence Date
Executive Secretariat Unit, RDG's Office

Approved by: _____
Bruce Clark, Habitat Biologist Date
Oceans, Habitat, and Enhancement
Lower Fraser Area

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Approved by: _____
Craig Sciankowy, A/Area Manager Date
Oceans, Habitat, and Enhancement
Lower Fraser Area

Approved by: _____
Diana Trager, Area Director Date
Lower Fraser Area

Approved by: _____
Bruce Reid, Regional Manager Habitat Date
Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch

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Rebecca Reid, Regional Director Date
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Approved by: _____
Paul Sprout, RDG Date

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Sent: June 12, 2009 2:25 PM
To: XNCR, Min
Subject: FW:
Attachments: North Alouette - Sucking the life out the North Alouette.pdf

From: Amanda Balcke [mailto:arms@telus.net] **s.19(1)**
Sent: June 12, 2009 2:08 PM
To: Prentice, Jim - M.P.; Shea, Gail - M.P.; env.minister@gov.bc.ca; premier@gov.bc.ca; Kamp, Randy - M.P.; McGuinty, David - M.P.; Gillen, Nathan - M.P.; 'Sather.MLA, Michael'; [redacted]; Don MacLean; Doug Bing;
Cc: contact@ourrivers.ca; info@sierradub.bc.ca; contact@davidsuzuki.org; webfoot@ducks.ca; ARMS Education; 'Bruce Hobbs'; [redacted]; Gail Szostek; [redacted]; Joan Domer; [redacted]; Ken Hemminger; [redacted]; Maurice Coulter-Boisvert; [redacted]; ARMS; ARMS Volunteer; [redacted]; Doug Stanger; Geoff Clayton; [redacted]; Zale Hammen
Subject: [redacted]

Good Morning

On behalf of Geoff Clayton, Alouette River Management Society, and Bruce Hobbs, Alouette Valley Association, please see the attached document regarding serious environmental concerns about the North Alouette River in Maple Ridge, BC.

Sincerely

Amanda Balcke
Executive Director
Alouette River Management Society
24959 Alouette Road, Allico Park
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12/06/2009

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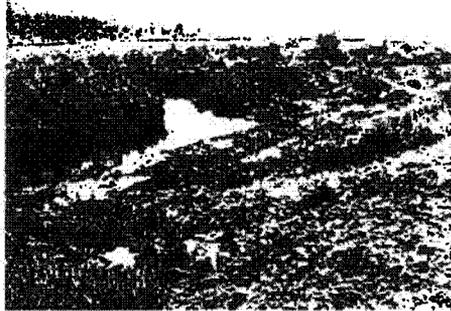
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Bruce Hobbs, Alouette Valley Association

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From: Shea, Gail - M.P. [Shea.G@parl.gc.ca]
Sent: June 13, 2009 10:41 AM
To: XNCR, Min
Subject: Fw: The North Alouette River

Attachments: Sucking-the-life-out-the-North-Alouette11.pdf



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----- Original Message -----

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To: Prentice, Jim - M.P.; Shea, Gail - M.P.; Kamp, Randy - M.P.; Cullen, Nathan - M.P.; env.minister@gov.bc.ca <env.minister@gov.bc.ca>; premier@gov.bc.ca <premier@gov.bc.ca>; michael.sather.mla@leg.bc.ca <michael.sather.mla@leg.bc.ca>; info@savethealouette.ca <info@savethealouette.ca>
Sent: Fri Jun 12 23:51:03 2009
Subject: The North Alouette River

Dear Sir,

Please find the attached letter for your consideration.
Thank you.

Yours truly,

[Redacted signature block]

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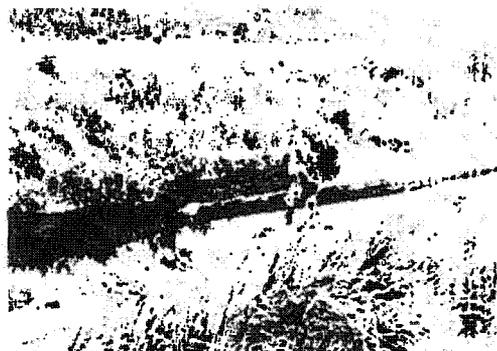
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Maple Ridge, B.C.

City/Town

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These answers are very disturbing to Mr. Clayton and not acceptable to him, ARMS and everyone else who cares about our Heritage Watershed. The snowmelt is almost gone from the mountains and the river level has nearly reached summer low conditions. Furthermore, there is tidal action to be considered and drafting out at low tide creates additional stress on fish. The river is staging chinook, coho and steelhead smolts as this letter is being written. DFO's Chilliwack hatchery released 200,000 chinook last week and ALLCO Hatchery will release an additional 150,000 chinook shortly. These chinook may not immediately leave, but course up and down the North and South Alouette Rivers for some time.

There is a long history within the MOE Water Stewardship Branch issuing multiple licenses in a watershed without staff capacity to monitor the overall accumulative affect. The North Alouette is a classic case in point, with eleven licenses approved and thirteen pending water license applications for berry farms. Does the Water Stewardship branch even know how much water is in this system month-to-month or in a dry year? This slip-shod method has been apparent in the Water Licensing Division since its inception. The policing of the licenses only comes about by complains of water shortages, or as in this case, a fish kill. Remember this is the same government division that allowed massive power companies to operate outside of their license in the last century.

There is a disgraceful lack of enforcement given the legislation in place to protect rivers. Clearly there is a disconnect within the Ministry of the Environment and no enforcement by the Department of Fisheries and Oceans even in the face of a fish kill.

The community will not stand for this incompetency and has set up a new website (www.savethealouette.ca) to let the public know about these issues. Each concerned citizen knows the issues are larger than the just North Alouette River and if this can happen in the Lower Mainland on a heritage river system, what else is occurring in British Columbia?

We demand a full investigation and action on all fronts regarding these licenses that have been issued. The various government agencies and departments must be taken to task for their irresponsible attitudes, as well as their Ministers, our politicians who represent the public interest in this matter of vital concern for our environment.

Sincerely

Dian Murrell, Alouette Valley Association

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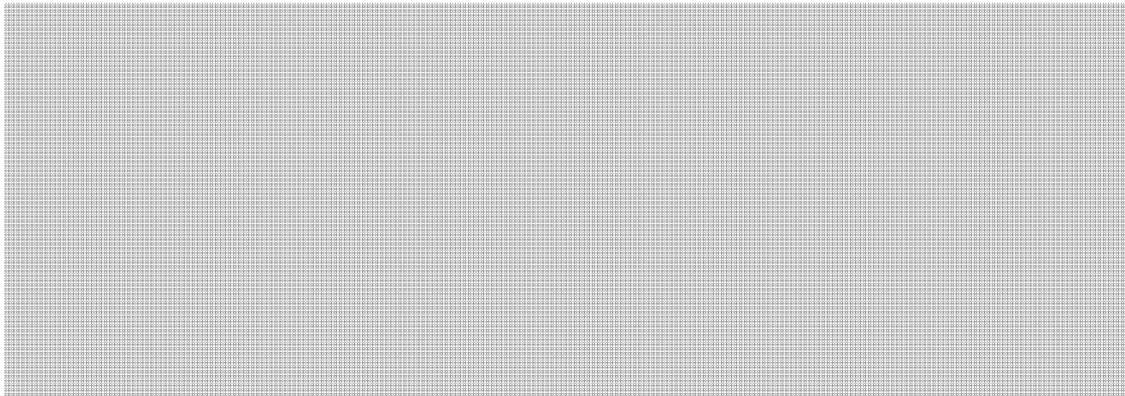
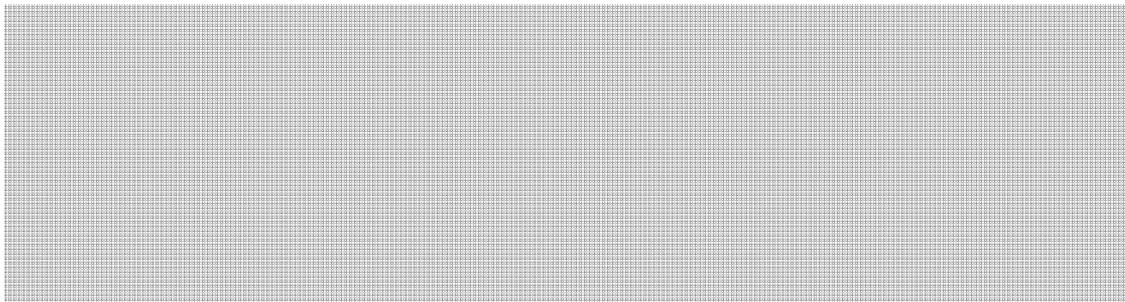
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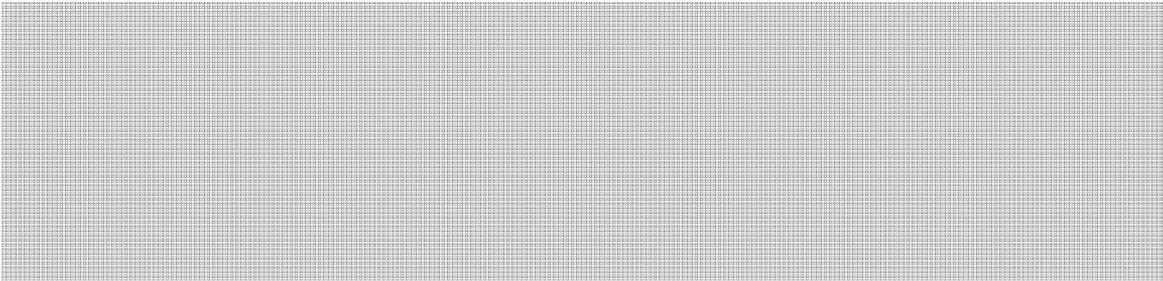
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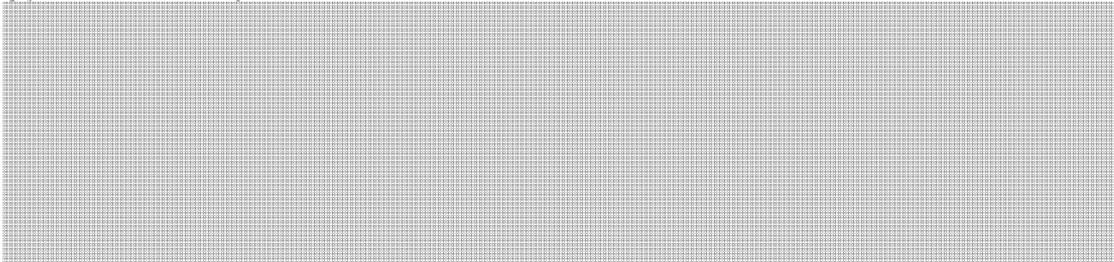
Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding the discovery of dead fish in the North Alouette River, [REDACTED] the construction of a water intake [REDACTED] in the side channel of the river.



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In closing I would like to thank you for taking the time to write to me. I assure you that our goals are the same, namely the protection, conservation and safety of our precious fish resources.

Yours sincerely,

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Gail Shea, P.C., M. P.

Written by: Jennifer Wong
Manager, Ministerial Correspondence
Executive Secretariat Unit, RDG's Office

July 20, 2009
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Approved by: _____
Bruce Clark, Habitat Biologist
Habitat and Enhancement
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Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch

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Rebecca Reid, Regional Director
Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch

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Dear Mr./Mrs. Author:

Thank you for your recent correspondence regarding recent events at the North Alouette River, including the construction of a water diversion intake in the river channel, and [REDACTED] - the discovery of a significant number of dead fish in the river - downstream of the intake site.

Deleted [REDACTED]

Your concern with these events is understandable. [REDACTED]

DFO field staff - [REDACTED] - have inspected the site of the water intake, and the department is currently conducting an investigation of the intake construction, and the fish kill - including possible links between those events. I understand that Environment Canada ("EC") and MOE are also investigating these matters. As the DFO investigation advances, DFO staff will be co-ordinating our investigation with those other agencies.

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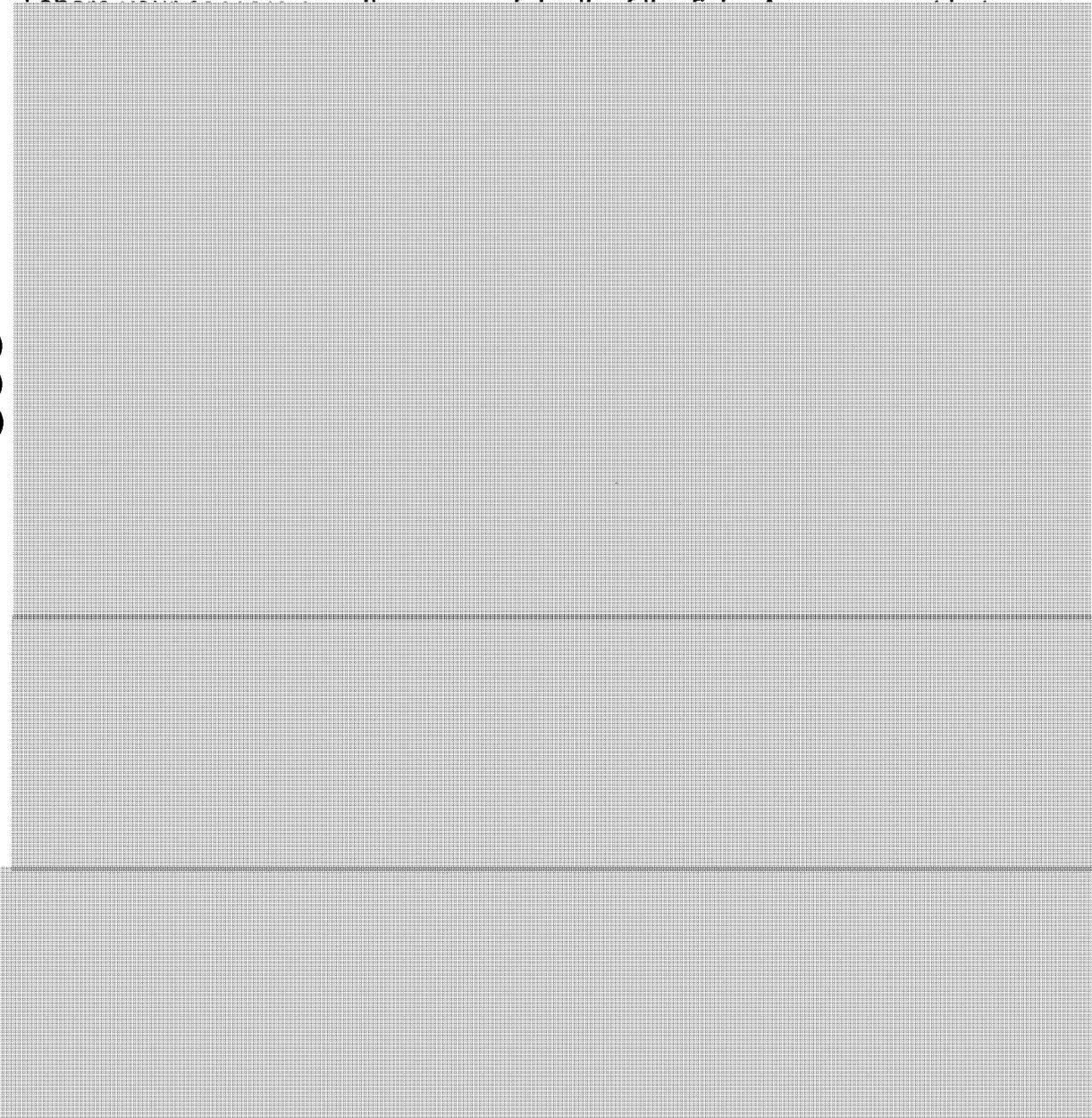
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XNCR, Min

From: Shea, Gail - M.P. [Shea.G@parl.gc.ca]
Sent: June 19, 2009 2:20 PM
To: XNCR, Min
Subject: FW: North Alouette River
Attachments: North Alouette - Sucking the life out the North Alouette 3.doc

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: June 19, 2009 1:04 PM
To: Shea, Gail - M.P.
Subject: North Alouette River

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From: [REDACTED]
Date: June 19, 2009 9:26:12 AM PDT
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Cc: FBCN Office <manager@bcnature.ca>
Subject: North Alouette River

On behalf of the Alouette Field Naturalists, I wish to express our group's strong support of the Open Letter from Geoff Clayton of the Alouette River Management Society and Bruce Hobbs of the Alouette Valley Association. This Open Letter is included as an attachment to this e-mail.

As along established naturalist group in Pitt Meadows - Maple Ridge and as a member of BC Nature (the Federation of B.C. Naturalists), we are appalled to learn that the water levels and licensed water use of the Alouette River are not being regularly monitored and that the provincial and federal regulations not being enforced.

The Alouette River, its dykes and adjacent fields are a well - known and much used recreation location for Pitt Meadows - Maple Ridge and an important birding site for the entire Lower Mainland. It is also a feeding area for the the region's small populations of Sandhill Cranes as well as other bird species. The Alouette River drainage is quite small compared to many B.C. rivers. However it is intensely used, not only by people for agriculture and recreation, but by fish, birds and other wildlife. It is a wonderful area so close to a major population centre and deserves to be especially well cared for.

We urge that the provincial and federal ministries to do their part by fulfilling their responsibilities to monitor the water levels and enforce the regulations. The currant neglect of these basic duties by the ministries is a disgrace.

Sincerely,

Duane Vandenberg, President
Alouette Field Naturalists
[REDACTED]

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Trager, Diana

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 11:43 PM
To: Trager, Diana
Cc: Mishima, Carrie; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: North Allouette River - [REDACTED]

Diana,

s.16(1)(c)

Further to the attached e-mail train:

Maple Ridge News published another article re this matter on their website this afternoon. [REDACTED] (at the request of RHQ communications, I spoke to the reporter yesterday afternoon while en route to the site).

You can find the article by googling Maple Ridge News, or by visiting the blogsite that was set up in response to this matter at www.savethealouette.ca and following the links at the top of the opening page.

There is also some interesting reading in the comments attached to the CBC go public article at their website (google CBC go public).

Bruce.

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: Thu 09/07/2009 11:13 PM
To: Trager, Diana
Subject: North Allouette River - [REDACTED]

Diana,

Further to your e-note attached following:

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I'm glad we were able to accommodate the minister, [REDACTED] and the RDG. We were lucky with the timing of the questions as I was away from e-mail for the later part of the day - I was at the site "under scrutiny" until 2100 hr continuing the inspection I initiated yesterday afternoon.

Bruce.
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Biologist
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From: Trager, Diana
Sent: Thu 09/07/2009 7:45 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Cc: Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: RE: North Allouette River - [REDACTED]

Bruce and Craig, the RDG wanted me to pass along his thanks for getting responses to the numerous questions so quickly

today. He was touring around Vancouver Island with the Minister and MP [REDACTED] and staff and was getting lots of inquiries on this. Thanks again.

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From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: Thu 7/9/2009 1:44 PM
To: Trager, Diana
Cc: Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: North Allouette River - [REDACTED]

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Diana,

Further to your e-note attached following:

Re the delay in my response:

I was at a meeting this morning; I will be in the field this afternoon (I am already running quite late).

Re the current (June 2009) BCMOE WSD referral requests:

One WSD referral is for a water licence application for Sturgeon Slough, which drains to the Pitt River north of the confluence of the Pitt with the Alouette River.

[REDACTED]

Re "silt problems" at the North Alouette River during May:

I was not advised of any concern or occurrence regarding "silt" (i.e., sediment, turbid water) at the river during May (or any other time that I recall).

Other than that, I have no knowledge of whether or not such a report was made to or received by DFO.

As I am not aware of any report to DFO or request for DFO attention, I also have no knowledge of any response by DFO.

Please let me know if I can assist further.

Bruce.
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From: Trager, Diana
Sent: Thu 09/07/2009 9:39 AM
To: Clark, Bruce; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: RE: North Allouette River - Reported Fish Kill May 2009

Bruce, two more questions from the RDG (for now...).

[REDACTED]

Was DFO advised on silt problems in the river in May and if so did we respond? Loi sur l'accès à l'information.

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 9, 2009 8:28 AM
To: Sciankowy, Craig
Cc: Trager, Diana
Subject: North Allouette River - Reported Fish Kill May 2009

Craig,

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Further to Diana's e-note attached following:

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

I have been the sole LFA HM project review rep for Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge since late 2005.

[Redacted]

Prior late 2005, Brad Fanos was our rep in the area; prior to Brad it was Mike Englesjord.

Brian Naito has long been our rep for the FREMP area, which includes the first few hundred metres (my estimate) of the Alouette. The FREMP area does not extend to the area of the occurrence on the North Alouette River.

Please let me know if I can assist further.

Bruce.
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tel.: 604-666-6140

From: Trager, Diana
Sent: Thu 09/07/2009 7:59 AM
To: Clark, Bruce; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: North Allouette River

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[Redacted] I am in a meeting after 10, but if you can call me on my cell phone before that, it would be appreciated.

[Redacted]

Diana M. Trager

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Trager, Diana

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 1:14 PM
To: Sciankowy, Craig
Cc: Trager, Diana
Subject: North Alouette River [REDACTED] More questions

Craig,

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Further to Diana's e-note attached following:

I have been the sole LFA HM contact for project review within Pitt Meadows and Maple Ridge (the area of the North Alouette River) since late 2005. As far as I know, all my LFA colleagues are aware of this. [REDACTED]

RHQ has no operational responsibility for LFA. As far as I know, our RHQ colleagues are aware of this. [REDACTED]

Similarly, C&P has no operational responsibility for project review within LFA. As far as I know, our C&P colleagues are aware of this. [REDACTED]

Bruce.
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From: Trager, Diana
Sent: Thu 09/07/2009 12:01 PM
To: Sciankowy, Craig; Clark, Bruce
Subject: Fw: More questions

Bruce and Craig,

Bruce, notwithstanding your very thorough and comprehensive response regarding what you received or knew of this file, we received a further question of clarification. [REDACTED]

(Sorry for all the emails on this today).

----- Original Message -----
From: Sprout, Paul
To: Trager, Diana
Sent: Thu Jul 09 14:49:09 2009
Subject: More questions

Paul Sprout
Sent using BlackBerry

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Trager, Diana

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 7:48 AM
To: Trager, Diana; Davis, Terry; Mishima, Carrie
Cc: Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: The North Alouette on CBC - Update

All,

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Further to my e-note of last evening attached following:

[Redacted]

Bruce.

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: Tue 07/07/2009 12:19 AM
To: Trager, Diana; Davis, Terry; Mishima, Carrie
Cc: Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: The North Alouette on CBC

All,

FYI

Bruce.

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From: Geoff Clayton [mailto: [Redacted]]
Sent: Mon 06/07/2009 10:24 PM
To: [Redacted] Office of Randy Kamp, MP; [Redacted]
[Redacted] Katzie First Nation; [Redacted] Greg FISH:EX Wilson; [Redacted] Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice; [Redacted] Phil Melnychuk;
[Redacted] Clark, Bruce; [Redacted] info@pittriverlodge.com;
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'Geoff Clayton'; Jim Sheehan; Foy, Matthew
Subject: FW: The North Alouette on CBC

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From: Amanda Balcke [mailto:arms@telus.net]

Sent: July 6, 2009 3:50 PM

To: [REDACTED]

Cc: 'Sather.MLA, Michael'; [REDACTED] 'Geoff Clayton'; armseducation@telus.net; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Don MacLean; Doug Bing;

[REDACTED] ARMS; ARMS Volunteer; [REDACTED] Doug Stanger; [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Zale Hammren

Subject: The North Alouette on CBC

The water issues on the North Alouette will be featured twice on Tuesday, July 7th:

1. 6:40am on CBC Radio One
2. On the 6pm CBC News hour (exact time is not known although there should be about a five minute segment)

If you are able, please tune in. If not, we are hoping to have the news clip available on the www.savethealouette.ca website soon after.

Also, the latest information from the website on the North Alouette comes from July 3rd:

THE PIPE!. July 3 2009 – The Water Stewardship Division of the Ministry of the Environment has now confirmed that there is NO water licence that applies to the south side of the North Alouette River. The pipe and the work that was done is therefore not legitimate. We are told that they are investigating but they have not told us yet what if any action they will take.

Take care,

Amanda Balcke

Executive Director

Alouette River Management Society

Tel: 604-467-6401

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Trager, Diana

From: Fanos, Brad
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 5:01 PM
To: Reid, Rebecca; Trager, Diana
Cc: Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: RE: Alouette River

Rebecca/Diana

Bruce Clark provided me an update on this issue and has been fully engaged in provided communications with the relevant Area information in terms of Habitat Management support on this issue. I will follow up with Carrie tomorrow to confirm if RHQ Habitat engagement is required here. Unless either of you have any other outstanding issues/concerns I will assume that the Area (Bruce/Diana) have this in hand.

Thanks
Brad

Brad Fanos

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Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
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-----Original Message-----

From: Reid, Rebecca
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 1:21 PM
To: Salomi, Corino; Trager, Diana
Cc: Davis, Terry; Fanos, Brad
Subject: FW: Alouette River

Diana - see question below from Terry. If Corino is away, could you ask Craig to work with Brad on fleshing out a response?

Thanks.

Rebecca Reid
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From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 7, 2009 11:33 AM
To: Reid, Rebecca; Nelson, Randy
Cc: Mishima, Carrie; Trager, Diana
Subject: Alouette River

Rebecca, Randy,

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[REDACTED]

If you have any additional information you can provide on our planned next steps, and could forward it to me, we will incorporate this into our media lines.

Many thanks.

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Terry

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Terence Davis

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Trager, Diana

From: Fanos, Brad
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 4:19 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Cc: Trager, Diana; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: RE: Alouette River

Hi Bruce
Perhaps we can discuss wed am if you are available?

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Terry

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Trager, Diana

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 11:31 AM
To: Trager, Diana
Subject: RE: revised media lines re: Alouette
Attachments: Alouette River fish kill ML sum 09.doc

Hi Diana,

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Here are the final, approved media lines re: Alouette River.

Sorry for the delay in responding; I just returned to the office today

Cheers,
Carrie

From: Trager, Diana
Sent: July 15, 2009 1:31 PM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: RE: revised media lines re: Alouette

Carrie, do we have final lines on this?

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2009 3:55 PM
To: Trager, Diana
Subject: revised media lines re: Alouette

Hi Diana,

You've already seen these media lines, but I have now revised them as this issue keeps evolving. Could you pls let me know if you are OK with them? Bruce Clark and Craig Sciankowy have already reviewed and approved them.

The final bullet re: EC has been confirmed with EC's Communications Director (i.e. that EC is analyzing fish collected from the river).

Thanks,

Carrie Mishima
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Fisheries and Oceans Canada/Pêches et Océans Canada

Tel: (604) 666-0392/Fax: (604) 666-1847

Pls note new email address: carrie.mishima@pac-dfo.gc.ca

MEDIA LINES

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ALOUETTE RIVER FISH KILL

Issue: Citizens and environmental groups have raised concerns over the discovery of dead fish in the North Alouette River that they believe could have been caused by a toxic substance in the water, the installation of a new irrigation pipe near the river, or from large water withdrawals from the river.

[REDACTED]. The pipe is intended to pump water out of the river and into nearby reservoirs to irrigate the company's cranberry and blueberry crops,

[REDACTED] The story is receiving media attention and reporters are asking about DFO's involvement in the various aspects of this issue.

Media lines

- [REDACTED]
- A proponent planning to undertake works that could impact fish or fish habitat is responsible for ensuring that the project complies with the *Fisheries Act*. Where a project might harm fish or fish habitat, the proponent should contact DFO to review the project and apply for the required authorization, as applicable.
- DFO has inspected the site of the reported physical disturbance of the North Alouette River, [REDACTED]
- DFO understands that the B.C. Ministry of Environment/Water Stewardship Division is taking action over the company's unauthorized work and unauthorized diversion of water from the North Alouette River.

If pressed on DFO's role in water withdrawals:

- The B.C. Ministry of Environment/Water Stewardship Division reviews applications for licences under the provincial *Water Act* to withdraw water from rivers and streams.
- The provincial government periodically refers those water licence applications that could impact fish to DFO. DFO reviews these applications to reduce the risk that the expected water withdrawals or associated works may have on fish or fish habitat.

- [REDACTED]

If pressed about why DFO did not respond to the fish kill:

- Environment Canada responded to the report of dead fish in the North Alouette River. EC takes the lead for the federal government in cases where the release of a deleterious substance into the water is suspected, which is often the case with fish kills.
- An agreement between DFO and EC identifies EC as the lead agency in pollution cases under the *Fisheries Act*.
- EC staff inspected the site and is analyzing fish collected from the river.

Spokesperson

Bruce Clark, habitat biologist, Lower Fraser, 604-666-6140

Prepared by:

<i>Communications Contact:</i> Carrie Mishima 604-666-0392	<i>Program Contacts:</i> Bruce Clark/Neil Jensen 604-666-6140/604-607-4163
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Trager, Diana

From: Salomi, Corino
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 2:47 PM
To: Trager, Diana; Redekopp, Herb
Subject: RE: North Alouette River fish kill

Pollution (i.e., F.A.Ss 36(3)) and fish kills, other than from sediment and erosion, is something that Environment Canada takes the lead on as per our MOU with that Department.

-----Original Message-----

From: Trager, Diana
Sent: June 1, 2009 2:42 PM
To: Salomi, Corino; Redekopp, Herb
Subject: RE: North Alouette River fish kill

Is this something that we normally would investigate? Should be follow up with testing these 100 fish this person has collected? Is there anything more we should do? Any ideas on what I can respond back with?

From: Salomi, Corino
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 2:41 PM
To: Trager, Diana; Redekopp, Herb
Subject: RE: North Alouette River fish kill

Not aware of a Rasmussen with DFO F.O. service. Perhaps it was Pia Rasmussen with Env Canada Inspections

-----Original Message-----

From: Trager, Diana
Sent: June 1, 2009 2:16 PM
To: Redekopp, Herb; Salomi, Corino
Subject: FW: North Alouette River fish kill

Are either of you aware of this incident? Is there any follow up that is appropriate. I have to get back to the MO today if possible. Thanks, Diana.

From: Johal, Sharan
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 2:02 PM
To: Trager, Diana
Cc: Hodgkins, Vanessa
Subject: FW: North Alouette River fish kill

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Diana: Can you please call Dan on this. He may be reached at his office 666-8146 or cell [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Please provide me with an email update on your conversation with him.

Thanks!

-----Original Message-----

From: Cody, Dan
Sent: June 1, 2009 10:21 AM
To: Johal, Sharan
Subject: FW: North Alouette River fish kill

Sharan,

The information below seems to suggest that further investigation is necessary.

Could this be sent through to Diana for further discussion?

I'd like to be able to call Mr. Emberly and assure him that further action will be taken.

Thanks,

Dan

From: Kamp, Randy - Riding 1 [mailto:KampR1@parl.gc.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 01, 2009 9:14 AM
To: Cody, Dan
Cc: Kamp, Randy - Personal
Subject: North Alouette River fish kill

Dan,

I just had a constituent, Mr. Jack Emberly, come in to the office. He told me the following:

- Last Sunday at approx. 2 pm he was canoeing in the North Alouette River, upstream from the Neaves Rd. bridge. He came across what he describes as "thousands" of dead fish - small "fry" sized fish of a variety of species, including cutthroat, bass etc.
- He reported this to the Ministry of the Environment, who referred him to DFO. On Thursday, DFO sent out Officer Rasmussen to investigate. She phoned Mr. Emberly and told him she had been out to investigate. He called back to ask what she had found and she told him she had discovered "two fish" but that she did not have hip waders or a boat so could not recover them. Mr. Emberly told her she must have been in the wrong spot and asked her to attend the site again. She refused.
- Mr. Emberly went back out to the site and collected about 100 dead fish which he now has at home in his freezer. He would like DFO to collect these samples and analyze what killed the fish. I think he believes it has something to do with the cranberry farms in the area.

Mr. Emberly can be reached at 778.668.4617. Is there anything that can be done here?

Trager, Diana

From: Sciankowy, Craig
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 2:54 PM
To: Trager, Diana
Subject: RE: Alouette River

Diana,

I spoke to Bruce earlier today regarding this file and issue. Based on that conversation and the level of detail to which Bruce described the various events to date, I suggest that Bruce would be the most appropriate area person to work with Brad on a response.

Again, based on details from my earlier conversation with Bruce, it appears that it would be somewhat late at this point for DFO to decide to engage. The issue is currently being investigated by MOE.

I also asked Bruce to call you and provide you with a summary of the details and his perception of the situation; I expect he will be contacting sometime today.

Craig.

-----Original Message-----

From: Trager, Diana
Sent: July 7, 2009 2:35 PM
To: Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: FW: Alouette River

Craig, see Rebecca's email below. Can you and Bruce, work with Brad. Can you let me know though if there is more we need to consider from the area, or any direction needed. Thanks. D.T.

From: Reid, Rebecca
Sent: July 7, 2009 1:21 PM
To: Salomi, Corino; Trager, Diana
Cc: Davis, Terry; Fanos, Brad
Subject: FW: Alouette River

Diana - see question below from Terry. If Corino is away, could you ask Craig to work with Brad on fleshing out a response?

Thanks.

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Rebecca.Reid@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 7, 2009 11:33 AM
To: Reid, Rebecca; Nelson, Randy

Cc: Mishima, Carrie; Trager, Diana
Subject: Alouette River

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Rebecca, Randy,

We are anticipating that DFO will receive additional media calls related to the fish kill / water extraction issue on the Alouette River as a result of the coverage on CBC today and the concerns being relayed to media by stakeholder groups who are concerned about the issue.

Communications Branch is developing media lines, but it is proving to be challenging and I am hoping that you may be able to provide the additional clarity we need to complete this work.

[REDACTED] Stakeholders have advised CBC that the fish kill occurred at about the same time that the extraction pipe was installed. Our initial response to media calls was that Environment Canada was investigating the fish kill, as it was likely caused by the release of a toxic substance.

[REDACTED] CBC is aware of the *Fisheries Act* and regulations that make it illegal to harm fish or fish habitat without authorization from DFO.

[REDACTED]

If you have any additional information you can provide on our planned next steps, and could forward it to me, we will incorporate this into our media lines.

Many thanks.

Terry

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Trager, Diana

From: Trager, Diana
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 1:57 PM
To: Trager, Diana
Subject: Re: North Allouette River - Reported Fish Kill May 2009

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Paul,

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From: Sprout, Paul
To: Trager, Diana
Sent: Thu Jul 09 12:13:02 2009
Subject: Re: North Allouette River - Reported Fish Kill May 2009

Diana, [Redacted]
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Paul Sprout
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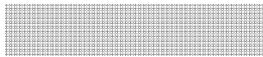
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Trager, Diana

From: Trager, Diana
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2009 2:37 PM
To: XPAC PRMCU
Subject: RE: URGENT - APPROVAL NEEDED #945477 v4 - MCU 2009-001-01835 Misc emails Balcke- PR draft - [REDACTED] Alouette River

This is fine.

From: XPAC PRMCU
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 11:35 AM
To: Trager, Diana
Cc: Hodgkins, Vanessa; Clark, Bruce
Subject: URGENT - APPROVAL NEEDED #945477 v4 - MCU 2009-001-01835 Misc emails Balcke- PR draft - [REDACTED] Alouette River
Importance: High

Hi Diana:

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NOTE: Please review the attached emails

- 1) direction from the MCCU to prepare a brief response
- 2) my explanation to Bruce Clark re: revised draft.
- 2) Bruce Clark's objections to the current draft

As the response is urgent and overdue, I am looking for your decision ASAP. Thanks.

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Thanks,

- Candace

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FORMLETTER

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Sincerely,

Gail Shea, P.C., M.P.

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Thank you for helping with this process. Candace and Jen.

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Da Silva, Maria

From: Staciwa, Olivia
Sent: July 14, 2009 3:46 PM
To: XPAC PRMCU
Cc: Payne, Matthew
Subject: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Importance: High

Attachments: TempInitial Request for 2009-001-01835.tif; TempDraft Reply - 2009-001-01835.doc

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Hi Jen and Candace,

This urgent docket for Minister's signature [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Please note that this was also sent to EC and the provincial environment ministry.

The meeting has taken place with [REDACTED] and the MO has requested that a brief reply be drafted which acknowledges the concern and indicates that the Department is cooperating with other agencies.

Please provide input as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Olivia



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**Ms. Amanda Balcke
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Alouette River Management Society
24959 Alouette Road, Allco Park
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Dear Ms. Balcke:

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Sent: July 21, 2009 2:53 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: #945477 v1 - MCU 2009-001-01835 Balcke- PR draft - [REDACTED] Alouette River

Hi Bruce

I've reviewed your version and have edited it for length to comply with the request for a brief response. I've profiled your email and your version into MECTS so your text will be available to anyone reviewing the file if further details are required.

thanks
Candace.

From: Clark, Bruce
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To: XPAC PRMCU
Cc: Sciankowy, Craig; Trager, Diana
Subject: #945477 v1 - MCU 2009-001-01835 Balcke- PR draft - [REDACTED] Alouette River

Jennifer,

Further to your e-note attached following:

I have noted the second paragraph in your note and essentially re-written the draft letter. I have used your material and re-presented that information in a manner that reflects our local operational perspective.

Should powers-that-be wish to shorten the letter to reflect the NHQ/MO request for "a brief reply...which acknowledges the concern and indicates that the Department is cooperating with other agencies", the body of the letter could be ended after paragraph 3 ("DFO field staff...other agencies.").

I have copied Diana and Craig for information only (I understand that you will contact them separately for their approvals of the final draft).

Thanks.

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Gail Shea, P.C., M. P.

Written by: Jennifer Wong
Manager, Ministerial Correspondence
Executive Secretariat Unit, RDG's Office

July 20, 2009
Date

Approved by: _____
Bruce Clark, Habitat Biologist
Oceans, Habitat, and Enhancement
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Date

Approved by: e-mail with question
Craig Sciankowy, A/Area Manager
Oceans, Habitat, and Enhancement
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July 23, 2009
Date

Approved by: _____
Diana Trager, Area Director
Lower Fraser Area

Date

Approved by: _____
Bruce Reid, Regional Manager Habitat
Oceans, Habitat and Enhancement Branch

Date

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Rebecca Reid, Regional Director
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Paul Sprout, RDG

Date

Trager, Diana

From: Trager, Diana
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2009 1:31 PM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: RE: revised media lines re: Alouette

Carrie, do we have final lines on this?

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: Wednesday, July 08, 2009 3:55 PM
To: Trager, Diana
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To: Sprout, Paul
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Paul,

Bruce Clark relayed the following with regard to silt in the river in May:

I was not advised of any concern or occurrence regarding "silt" (i.e., sediment, turbid water) at the river during May (or any other time that I recall).

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Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 5:28 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: Occurrence at North Alouette River - May 2009

Thanks Bruce.

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 7, 2009 3:24 PM
To: Trager, Diana
Cc: Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: Occurrence at North Alouette River - May 2009

Diana,

Further to your e-note attached following:

Craig has asked me to respond on his (LFA HM) behalf:

Re accuracy of Terry's summary

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Terry's summary is generally accurate from our perspective - with a couple of notable exceptions:

We are unclear on the basis of Terry's comment that "it now appears that no toxic substance was involved...". **Has communications heard from EC (or others) regarding the results of EC testing of dead fish collected at the site by members of the public?** HM is unaware of any such results.

Further steps - DFO involvement

It seems that C&P has re-opened their file on this matter. Fishery officers from the Fraser Valley West field office have just now called me and advised that they were at the site described in the occurrence report developed by C&P on May 25. The officers advised that they had some difficulty locating the site from the original report, but are confident that they have now located the pipe and disturbed area. They have asked me to attend the site with them tomorrow to inspect the works.

It is important to note that C&P has treated the reports of dead fish separately from the report of habitat disturbance. The May 25 occurrence report which has been re-opened relates solely to habitat disturbance and makes no reference to any report of dead fish. I am advised by C&P that the reports of dead fish were handled directly by 'phone - I do not know if there is a separate occurrence report(s) covering the dead fish reports.

Bruce.
Bruce Clark
Biologist

Oceans, Habitat, and Enhancement
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tel.: 604-666-6140

From: Trager, Diana
Sent: Tue 07/07/2009 11:46 AM
To: Clark, Bruce; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: Fw: Alouette River

Bruce and Craig,

Is the below an accurate summary? Any thoughts on what if any further steps will be taken (or if needed)?

From: Davis, Terry
To: Reid, Rebecca; Nelson, Randy
Cc: Mishima, Carrie; Trager, Diana
Sent: Tue Jul 07 14:32:54 2009
Subject: Alouette River

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Rebecca, Randy,

We are anticipating that DFO will receive additional media calls related to the fish kill / water extraction issue on the Alouette River as a result of the coverage on CBC today and the concerns being relayed to media by stakeholder groups who are concerned about the issue.

Communications Branch is developing media lines, but it is proving to be challenging and I am hoping that you may be able to provide the additional clarity we need to complete this work.

[REDACTED] Stakeholders have advised CBC that the fish kill occurred at about the same time that the extraction pipe was installed. Our initial response to media calls was that Environment Canada was investigating the fish kill, as it was likely caused by the release of a toxic substance.

[REDACTED] CBC is aware of the *Fisheries Act* and regulations that make it illegal to harm fish or fish habitat without authorization from DFO.

[REDACTED]

If you have any additional information you can provide on our planned next steps, and could forward it to me, we will incorporate this into our media lines.

Many thanks.

Terry

Terence Davis

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Trager, Diana

From: Trager, Diana
Sent: Tuesday, June 30, 2009 3:21 PM
To: Salomi, Corino
Subject: Alouette River water ML sum 09.doc

Attachments: Alouette River water ML sum 09.doc



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ALOUETTE RIVER WATER WITHDRAWALS

Issue: Citizens and environmental groups have raised concern over the discovery of dead fish, which they believe is linked to the installation of a new irrigation pipe and the amount of water that is being withdrawn from the North Alouette River. Concerns have also been raised about the use of pesticides in the area.

[Redacted]

The story is receiving attention from local reporters, who have been asking DFO about its involvement.

Media lines

- The B.C. Ministry of Environment/Water Stewardship Division reviews applications for licences under the provincial *Water Act* to withdraw water from rivers and streams.
- The provincial government periodically refers to DFO those water licence applications that could impact fish. DFO reviews these applications to ensure the water withdrawals or associated works would not harm fish or fish habitat.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

- In any case, a landowner planning to undertake works near, or to withdraw water from, a river is responsible for contacting DFO directly to ensure the proposal complies with the *Fisheries Act* and to seek applicable authorization.

If pressed about the fish kill:

- Environment Canada responded to reports of the dead fish in the Alouette River and inspected the site. EC was not able to determine the cause of the fish kill.
- EC takes the lead for the federal government in cases where there is a suspected deleterious substance, which is often the case with fish kills. An agreement between DFO and EC identifies EC as the lead agency in pollution cases under the *Fisheries Act*.

Spokesperson

Corino Salomi, A/Habitat Chief, Lower Fraser, 604-666-8712,

Prepared by:

Communications Contact: Carrie Mishima 604-666-0392	Program Contacts: Corino Salomi/Bruce Clark 604-666-8712/604-666-6140
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Salomi, Corino

From: Bate, Dan
Sent: June 24, 2009 2:09 PM **s.16(1)(c)**
To: Salomi, Corino
Cc: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: RE: Media Call - N Allouette [REDACTED]

Hi Corino – just received a phone call from the BC Ministry of Environment, water stewardship division. They're calling in response to Phil Melnychuck's enquiries earlier this week on the information below.

[REDACTED]

The contact is Julia Burrarnuchi (sp?) she's the Regional water manager, water stewardship division, BC Ministry of Environment. She's at 604-582-5353.

Thanks,
Dan

From: Salomi, Corino
Sent: June 23, 2009 11:12 AM
To: Bate, Dan
Cc: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: RE: Media Call - N Allouette [REDACTED]

Dan, I didn't find any other information. [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Bate, Dan
Sent: June 23, 2009 10:04 AM
To: Salomi, Corino
Cc: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: RE: Media Call - N Allouette [REDACTED]

Hey Corino.. thanks for the information.
Was there anything additional before we get back to Phil?

Thanks,
Dan

From: Salomi, Corino
Sent: June 22, 2009 9:47 PM
To: Bate, Dan; Clark, Bruce
Cc: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: Re: Media Call - N Allouette [REDACTED]

Dan, Bruce Clark from this office has covered the area in question for several years. [REDACTED]

[Redacted]

I'll see if I can find any more info and give you a call tomorrow before 9:00.

From: Bate, Dan
To: Salomi, Corino
Cc: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: Mon Jun 22 19:34:54 2009
Subject: Media Call - N Allouette

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Hi Carino,

In reference to my voicemail we received the following media call from Phil Melnychuck from the Maple Ridge News.

The reporter is following up on a story on pending water licenses for irrigation purposes in the North Allouette River.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Unfortunately the timing is tight, Phil is looking for a response by mid-day tomorrow.

Thanks,
Dan

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: June 22, 2009 10:02 AM
To: Bate, Dan
Subject: Media Call

Dan,

Phil, Maple Ridge News, 604-467-1122 -- Looking for an interview on the water licence applications for the North Allouette River. He wants an update -- have we analyzed recent applications, are there immediate concerns, what is the timeline for the applications to be considered.

Carrie did a media call on this last week, I believe. Can you follow-up with program, and either have a spokesperson get back to Phil or return his call. My recollection is that water licensing is in the province's jurisdiction, but I am not 100% sure of this.

Phil's deadline is end of day or first thing tomorrow.

Terry

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RE: Urgent: Allouette River Water Extraction

Salomi, Corino

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 3, 2009 4:19 PM
To: Trager, Diana
Cc: Reid, Rebecca; Mishima, Carrie; Macgillivray, Paul; Salomi, Corino; Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: Urgent: Allouette River Water Extraction

OK -- I will get back to Kathy Tomlinson.

Terry

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Subject: Re: Urgent: Allouette River Water Extraction

It is no to both.

From: Davis, Terry
To: Trager, Diana
Cc: Reid, Rebecca; Mishima, Carrie; Macgillivray, Paul; Salomi, Corino; Clark, Bruce
Sent: Fri Jul 03 19:08:21 2009
Subject: RE: Urgent: Allouette River Water Extraction

Rebecca has not signed off as of yet.

If we can say no to both, the other question is covered off, i.e. In any case, a landowner planning to undertake works near, or to withdraw water from, a river is responsible for contacting DFO directly to ensure the proposed proposal complies with the Fisheries Act and to seek applicable authorization.

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Terry, there were some draft Media Lines that I saw earlier in the week. Not sure if they have been approved yet, or if there were changes after I saw them. The comments I have made below come most from the draft lines.

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

[Redacted] A landowner planning to undertake works near, or to withdraw water from, a river is responsible for contacting DFO directly to ensure the proposal complies with the *Fisheries Act* and to seek applicable authorization.

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From: Davis, Terry
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2009 3:50 PM
To: Salomi, Corino; Clark, Bruce; Trager, Diana
Cc: Reid, Rebecca; Mishima, Carrie; Macgillivray, Paul
Subject: Urgent: Allouette River Water Extraction
Importance: High

Corino, Bruce,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Her sources are telling her that the fish kill occurred at about the same time the outflow was installed.

[REDACTED] and that all projects that have the potential to cause significant harm to fish or fish habitat should normally be referred to DFO, plus that if there are indications that harm could occur, DFO would normally undertake an environmental assessment, and that authorizations under the Fisheries Act would be required.

Hoping you can answer Kathy's questions and explain the process. Let me know ASAP. She is looking for a call back later today. I can provide her with the info that you pass on to me, or you may prefer to speak to her directly. She said a message on her cell would be fine [REDACTED]

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Salomi, Corino

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: June 22, 2009 11:57 PM
To: Salomi, Corino **s.16(1)(c)**
Subject: Media Call - N Allouette [REDACTED] **s.19(1)**

Corino,

[REDACTED]

Further to your e-note attached following:

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

It is likely that your best bet, perhaps your only bet, would be to ask BCMOE water stewardship to provide copies of DFO responses (if any) from their files.

Bruce.

From: Salomi, Corino
Sent: Mon 22/06/2009 9:47 PM
To: Bate, Dan; Clark, Bruce
Cc: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: Re: Media Call - N Allouette [REDACTED]

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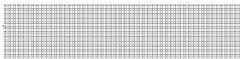
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Salomi, Corino

From: Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice
Sent: June 11, 2009 2:50 PM
To: Salomi, Corino; Miller, Gary
Subject: Fw: RE: Sucking the North Alouette Dry part 2.

Thought you may want to get ahead of this.

Cheers

Mcb

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From: [REDACTED]
To: Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice
Sent: Thu Jun 11 15:26:35 2009
Subject: Fw: RE: Sucking the North Alouette Dry part 2.

Hi Maurice; You are probably aware already but FYI about water / fish issues on North Alouette from Geoff, ARMS and others. Thanks [REDACTED]

-----Original Message-----

From: Geoff Clayton
Date: 06/10/09 23:36:06
To: 'peter tam'; bhobbs@stargate.ca; ava@stargate.ca; 'Amanda Balcke'; 'Jack Emberly'; [REDACTED]; 'Doug Stanger'; [REDACTED]; 'Joan Domer'; 'Ken Hemminger'; [REDACTED]; 'Tower Ridge Farm'; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Sucking the North Alouette Dry part 2.

[REDACTED] "Yes" but also Provincial Ministry of Environment –Barry Penner –who is responsible for "Water Stewardship Branch" who issue this licences

From: peter tam [mailto:peter.tam@shaw.ca]
Sent: June 10, 2009 11:16 PM
To: 'Geoff Clayton'; bhobbs@stargate.ca; ava@stargate.ca; 'Amanda Balcke'; 'Jack Emberly'; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; 'Doug Stanger'; [REDACTED]; 'Joan Domer'; 'Ken Hemminger'; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; 'Tower Ridge Farm'; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Sucking the North Alouette Dry part 2.

Has any one approach [REDACTED] with this issue yet, if not then I will see if he can get DoF to step up

Peter

-----Original Message-----

From: Geoff Clayton [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: Wednesday, June 10, 2009 10:24 PM
To: bhobbs@stargate.ca; ava@stargate.ca; 'Amanda Balcke'; 'Jack Emberly'; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; 'Doug Stanger'; 'peter tam'; [REDACTED]; 'Joan Domer'; 'Ken Hemminger'; [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]; 'Tower Ridge Farm'; [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Sucking the North Alouette Dry part 2.

If you want to convert this to gals: number of acre ft X 43,560 X 1 X 6.25 = imperil galleons

Geoff

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-----Original Message-----

From: Bruce Hobbs [mailto:bhobbs@stargate.ca]

Sent: June 10, 2009 10:15 PM

To: ava@stargate.ca; Geoff Clayton; 'Amanda Balcke'; Jack Emberly; [REDACTED] 'Doug Stanger'; peter tam; [REDACTED]; Joan Domer; Ken Hemminger; [REDACTED] Tower Ridge Farm; [REDACTED]

Subject: Sucking the North Alouette Dry part 2.

Hi everyone,

just wanted to give you a quick update on what is happening with this issue. We have yet to finalize a letter because the parameters keep changing.

Geoff has been doing a lot of digging and has found out that the pipe that GE is currently installing is probably just the tip of the iceberg.

Currently GE has 13 applications pending, so given that they already have 3 pipes we may well see an additional 10.

When Geoff questioned the water rights branch about how they proposed to monitor these licenses, he was told that they couldn't possibly monitor them as they do not have the resources.

However, the company that is issued the license (GE) will do the monitoring. (we can all sleep well at night now that we know that GE is

going to be monitoring how much water they take!)

Applications are not shown on the Water Rights website, however, Conditional Licenses are.

This is the gist of a Conditional License given to C P I CRANBERRY PLANTATION INC.

March 1st to May 31st industrial frost protection and pest control

832.5 cres/foot

June 1 st to Aug 31st irrigation 82.5 acres/foot

Oct 1 to Nov 30 irrigation

Oct 1 to Nov 30 harvesting 62.5 acres/foot

Most of this occurs when the North is at its lowest level, June through October.

Nowhere in the permit does it say that water cannot be drawn from the River if the level is too low. From what I can see they are legally able to take whatever they want from the river, regardless of the level of water.

Presumably our other great environmental protection agencies could get involved (DFO, MOE) but based on current experiences they would only

come out from behind their desks if we kicked up a fuss.

So basically what we have is a major tributary of a Heritage River whose stewardship is left entirely in the hands of the cranberry farmers. They can take out of the river vast quantities of water with no regard to the environmental consequences. Water Rights are issuing far too many permits with very little understanding of the consequences.

Sorry, enough of my rants.

We are hoping to get the letter out to everybody by the weekend, Amended with some of the facts above.

Phil Melync plans a big article in the news on Saturday which should kick things off.

Big thanks too Geoff for really grabbing hold of this issue.

Cheers Bruce

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Salomi, Corino

From: Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice
Sent: June 8, 2009 11:30 AM
To: Miller, Gary; Salomi, Corino
Cc: Redekopp, Herb; Clark, Bruce
Subject: FW: Cranberry Farming Killing Salmon_Crisis on the North Alouette



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This matter was first brought to my attention a couple of weeks ago and when I inquired with Mr. Clark about next steps he informed me that his record indicated that this case was closed. It seems that a fisheries officer (unknown to me) from the Langley office attended the site but I am unaware of any action taken to prevent ongoing fish losses. This thing is getting BIGGER...not smaller.

Can someone familiar with this case please give me a call so I can answer questions about this matter with good information.

Thanks in advance.

Maurice Coulter-Boisvert
Community Advisor | Conseiller communautaire
Habitat & Enhancement Branch |
Direction de l'habitat et de la mise en valeur
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-----Original Message-----

From: [mailto:]
Sent: June 6, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice
Subject: Fw: Crisis on the North Alouette

I am not sure if you have been kept in the loop on this one. If so, sorry for the cross posting. I am curious and wouldn't mind taking the bike down there tomorrow morning and poke around, see what I can see.

Cheers

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bruce Hobbs" <bhobbs@stargate.ca>
To: "peter tam" <peter.tam@shaw.ca>
Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2009 10:56 AM
Subject: Re: Crisis on the North Alouette

> Here are the .pdf versions of the articles. "The Tapping" in one
> should be published in today's News, Also, please read "Re North
> Alouette Pipe" which is correspondence between myself and Geoff and

> will provide insight into the situation. . As you can see effects
> could be pretty devastating! I will try to draft a letter this morning
> to the MOE which I will send to everyone.

> Cheers Bruce

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> [REDACTED] wrote:

>> I'm going to try to take a run down there tomorrow and poke around.
>> The fact that sticklebacks were among those killed would probably
>> rule out a temperature / oxygen problem. The river at that location
>> is tidal this time of year so I wonder about stranding...just a
>> guess.

>>

>> Cheers

>>

>> [REDACTED]
>> ----- Original Message ----- From: "Peter Tam" <peter@petertam.ca>

>> To: "'Tower Ridge Farm'" <towerridge@shaw.ca>

>> Cc: <bhobbs@stargate.ca>

>> Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2009 8:01 AM

>> Subject: Crisis on the North Alouette

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>>

>> Hi Dave

>>

>> The following 2 articles in the News were brought to my attention by
>> a friend with the Alouette Valley Association, and I thought I point
>> you to it and see if people are aware of it and know what they are
>> doing to the North
>> Alouette.

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>> And heres the article about the effect.

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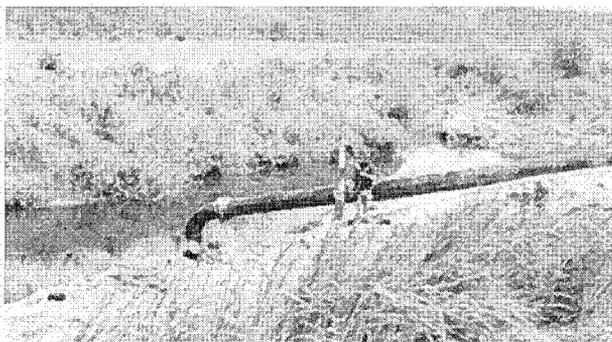


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Updated: June 02, 2009 2:43 PM

Hikers and bikers will have to go over a small bump on the dike that's part of the Blue Heron Loop along North Alouette River. The bump results from Monday's installation of a 33-centimetre pipe to take water out of the river and feed it into Golden Eagle Cranberries fields on the other side of the dike.

The water will be used for the summer growing season, explained Rick Matis with Golden Eagle Cranberries, part of the Golden Eagle Group. He said people have been paying attention to the project, which has all the B.C. and local permits. The company already takes water from two other points along the river.

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Maple Ridge News

Cause of dead fish fry looks fishy



Jack Emberly and Amanda Balcke from ARMS compare notes on the shore of the North Alouette river on Neaves road where they found dead fish at separate locations.

Simone Ponne/The News

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By [Phil Melnychuk - Maple Ridge News](#)

Published: June 02, 2009 2:00 PM
Updated: June 02, 2009 2:59 PM

iNo one willing to test for cause

The stewardship group watching over the Alouette River is keeping an eye on the North Alouette after dozens of juvenile fish died last week.

If more fatalities are found, the Alouette River Management Society will take a closer look.

Jack Emberly was canoeing the river last week when he found the fish, minnows mostly consisting of stickleback, bass and cutthroat, in the river east of Neaves Road.

“I think they’ve been poisoned,” he said. “I estimated there would be probably thousands of them.”

Emberly called Fisheries and Oceans Canada and the Ministry of Environment, but was less than impressed with their response. “It was impossible for me to excite either the federal or provincial government to come and take a look.”

Two Ministry of Environment eventually did make it out to the river, but could only see two fish from the bank and couldn’t reach them. Emberly found that “totally ridiculous.”

“I mean, what are they doing?”

Amanda Balcke, executive-director of ARMS, also saw about a dozen dead fish on the river last week.

“So what’s happening is ARMS is going to do another check this week. If the fish are continuing to die in the river, it may not be just a one-time occurrence.

Balcke said it is possible the fish died of natural reasons – for example, if they hit a spot of low oxygen levels in the river.

“But at this point, we don’t know if it’s a natural reason or not.”

She said ARMS didn’t keep the fish and didn’t test them. “At this point in time, we won’t be testing. If there’s a problem down the road, we’ll look into it.”

That’s beyond ARMS’ budget, she added.

Emberly said he MLA Michael Sather checked the river on Friday and found another two dozen

dead fish.

Emberly had planned on testing the fish he collected, but can't afford the \$1,700 it cost per specimen for the analysis.

"I think the point is, this is what the government should be doing for us. The public can't be asked to test the environment.

He pointed out that osprey feed the fingerlings to their young and people also fish the river.

"Right now, without knowing what killed these fish ... nobody willing to do a test, we have a potential ongoing environmental disaster in a beautiful, productive stream."

Sather said it's difficult to pinpoint the cause of the kill and whatever it was has already flushed through the river.

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http://www.bclocalnews.com/tri_city_maple_ridge/mapleridgenews/news/46751032.html

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Subject: RE: North Alouette Pipe
From: "Geoff Clayton" <[REDACTED]>
Date: Fri, 5 Jun 2009 22:57:48 -0700
To: "Bruce Hobbs" <bhobbs@stargate.ca>
CC: "Amanda Balcke" <arms@telus.net>, "Doug Stanger" <dousta@telus.net>

Hi Bruce,

Having dealt with this issue in the past, I too was very frustrated with MOE & DFO who really seem more in the business of facilitating commercial activity rather than regulating them.

These are the Q & A,s I went through with MOE Water Rights Branch.

Q. Is there a seasonal sliding scale in low river water conditions that would state on their licence that X % of the flow can never be exceeded regardless of the cubic metres given out in the license for irrigation or harvest flood requirements.

A. No

Q. Given the licenses I have seen issued on the North Alouette they could almost dry up the river, is this not contrary to the Fisheries Act

A. yes if they kill fish

Q. Are there screens on the suction intake from the river

A. There is supposed to be

Q Have you checked

A. We are to short staffed to check to see that the license is being complied with

Q you mean there are no spot checks to see if they take more water than their license requirements

A. Yes, we may if a complaint is made

Q. Have you checked to see if there are any small fish being entrained in the suction pipe

A No

[REDACTED]

See rest below
MOE 582-5200

Geoff

From: Bruce Hobbs [mailto:bhobbs@stargate.ca]
Sent: June 5, 2009 4:37 PM
To: 'Geoff Clayton'
Cc: ava@stargate.ca; 'Doug Stanger'; 'michael.sather.mla@leg.bc.ca'; 'peter tam'; kenhemming@gmail.com
Subject: North Alouette Pipe

Hi Geoff,

can you shed any more light on the God-awful pipe that Golden Eagle Cranberries stuck in the North Alouette River?

i.e. have you found out: No

Why was this allowed? Facilitation not regulation –scream like hell I am horse from yelling

What is the impact? Could be catastrophic

Is the fish kill related or just co-incidence? Hard to tell

How do we get rid of this monstrosity? Prove a fish kill

Did Bruce Clark - the guy who lectured us on River Management at the April 4th Workshop.

[REDACTED]

I would very much appreciate your input.

RE: North Alouette Pipe

Regards Bruce

Bruce Hobbs
Alouette Valley Association
604.606.8977

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From: Geoff Clayton [mailto:]
Sent: Friday, May 22, 2009 10:14 AM
To: Bruce Hobbs
Subject: FW: 8 pictures for you

FYI Bruce
Geoff

From: Geoff Clayton [mailto:]
Sent: May 22, 2009 7:51 AM
To: Michael Sather (Michael.sather.mla@leg.bc.ca)
Subject: FW: 8 pictures for you

Good Morning Michael,

Thought you may be interested in this note sent to us. The usual from Aquilini, grrrrrrrrrrrr.

Geoff

From: Amanda Balcke [mailto:arms@telus.net]
Sent: May 21, 2009 3:45 PM
To: 'Geoff Clayton'
Subject: FW: 8 pictures for you

Hi Geoff

I was contacted this morning from a concerned resident about a cranberry farmer dumping in the Alouette (see pics). Since the City and DFO have been contacted, I'm not sure if there is anything else we can/should do (more pressure? Press?). Would appreciate your thoughts.

Amanda

From: [mailto:]
Sent: May-21-09 3:39 PM
To: arms@telus.net
Subject: 8 pictures for you

Good Afternoon.

My girlfriend asked me to email you these pictures. These were taken this morn. on the 216th dyke. Approx. 1.5 km from the gate. I talked to City of Pitt Meadows today. They informed me that this property is owned by Aquilini and he has a permit to build a ramp. PittMeadows has informed Fisheries and Oceans. Aquilini is suppose to have engineers working on it.

I sent this through Picasso as well as through Outlook. Hoping you can open the pictures up. If you

RE: North Alouette Pipe

can't please let me know and I will resend.

You have been sent 8 pictures.

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DSCF2297.JPG
DSCF2298.JPG

These pictures were sent with Picasa, from Google.
Try it out here: <http://picasa.google.com/>

Sincerely



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Salomi, Corino

From: Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice
Sent: June 8, 2009 2:17 PM
To: Miller, Gary; Salomi, Corino
Cc: Redekopp, Herb; Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: Cranberry Farming Killing Salmon_Crisis on the North Alouette

Can someone with authority like a FO or a CO attend to discover whether this and other similar intakes are properly screened to prevent fish entrainment since this is a secondary issue apart from the fish kills that were observed? Whose responsibility is this? Is it not the permit issuer ...ie MOE?? . Please advise

Ps. I have contacted Pia Rasmussen who is the Enforcement officer of record in this file

Maurice Coulter-Boisvert
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-----Original Message-----

From: Miller, Gary
Sent: June 8, 2009 1:36 PM
To: Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice; Salomi, Corino
Cc: Redekopp, Herb; Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: Cranberry Farming Killing Salmon_Crisis on the North Alouette

Hi Maurice

This incident was responded to by EC. know one form Langley C&P attended as this type of occurrence is the responsibility of Environment Canada. If you are receiving questions regarding any further investigation or follow-up, Please direct them to either this office or EC

Thanks

Gary L. Miller
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-----Original Message-----

From: Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice
Sent: June 8, 2009 11:30 AM
To: Miller, Gary; Salomi, Corino

Cc: Redekopp, Herb; Clark, Bruce
Subject: FW: Cranberry Farming Killing Salmon_Crisis on the North Alouette

This matter was first brought to my attention a couple of weeks ago and when I inquired with Mr. Clark about next steps he informed me that his record indicated that this case was closed. It seems that a fisheries officer (unknown to me) from the Langley office attended the site but I am unaware of any action taken to prevent ongoing fish losses. This thing is getting BIGGER...not smaller.

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Can someone familiar with this case please give me a call so I can answer questions about this matter with good information.

Thanks in advance.

Maurice Coulter-Boisvert
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-----Original Message-----

From: [REDACTED] [mailto:[REDACTED]]
Sent: June 6, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice
Subject: Fw: Crisis on the North Alouette

I am not sure if you have been kept in the loop on this one. If so, sorry for the cross posting. I am curious and wouldn't mind taking the bike down there tomorrow morning and poke around, see what I can see.

Cheers

----- Original Message -----

From: "Bruce Hobbs" <bhobbs@stargate.ca>
To: [REDACTED]
"peter tam" <peter.tam@shaw.ca>
Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2009 10:56 AM
Subject: Re: Crisis on the North Alouette

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> Here are the .pdf versions of the articles. "The Tapping" in one
> should be published in today's News, Also, please read "Re North
> Alouette Pipe" which is correspondence between myself and Geoff and
> will provide insight into the situation. As you can see effects
> could be pretty devastating! I will try to draft a letter this morning
> to the MOE which I will send to everyone. Cheers Bruce

> [REDACTED] wrote:

>> I'm going to try to take a run down there tomorrow and poke around.
>> The fact that sticklebacks were among those killed would probably
>> rule out a temperature / oxygen problem. The river at that location
>> is tidal this time of year so I wonder about stranding...just a
>> guess.
>>

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>> Cheers

>>
>> [REDACTED]
>> ----- Original Message ----- From: "Peter Tam" <peter@petertam.ca>
>> To: "'Tower Ridge Farm'" <towerridge@shaw.ca>
>> Cc: <bhobbs@stargate.ca>
>> Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2009 8:01 AM
>> Subject: Crisis on the North Alouette

>> Hi [REDACTED]

>> The following 2 articles in the News were brought to my attention by
>> a friend with the Alouette Valley Association, and I thought I point
>> you to it and see if people are aware of it and know what they are
>> doing to the North Alouette.

>> http://www.bclocalnews.com/tri_city_maple_ridge/mapleridgenews/news/46751532

>> .html

>> And heres the article about the effect.

>> http://www.bclocalnews.com/tri_city_maple_ridge/mapleridgenews/news/46751032

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>> Peter Tam

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MEDIA LINES

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ALOUETTE RIVER WATER WITHDRAWALS

Issue: Citizens and environmental groups are concerned about that too much water is being withdrawn from the North Alouette River and harming fish.

[Redacted]

The story is receiving attention from local reporters, who have been asking DFO about its involvement.

Media lines

- The B.C. Ministry of Environment/Water Stewardship Division reviews applications for licences under the provincial *Water Act* to withdraw water from rivers and streams.
- The provincial government periodically refers to DFO those water licence applications that could impact fish. DFO reviews these applications to ensure the water withdrawals or associated works would not harm fish or fish habitat.

[Redacted]

- In any case, a landowner planning to undertake works near, or to withdraw water from, a river is responsible for contacting DFO directly to ensure the proposal complies with the *Fisheries Act* and to seek applicable authorization.

If pressed about the fish kill:

- Environment Canada responded to reports of the dead fish in the Alouette River and inspected the site. EC was not able to determine the cause of the fish kill.
- EC takes the lead for the federal government in cases where there is a suspected deleterious substance, which is often the case with fish kills. An agreement between DFO and EC identifies EC as the lead agency in pollution cases under the *Fisheries Act*.

Spokesperson

Corino Salomi, A/Habitat Chief, Lower Fraser, 604-666-8712

Prepared by:

<i>Communications Contact:</i> Carrie Mishima 604-666-0392	<i>Program Contacts:</i> Corino Salomi/Bruce Clark 604-666-8712/604-666-6140
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Salomi, Corino

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: June 30, 2009 2:32 PM
To: Salomi, Corino
Subject: latest version of Alouette lines

Thanks, Corino. Rebecca's says the lines need to speak to DFO's role re: water management. And that media will want to know about followup.

Also pls let me know who is acting while you're gone.

Cheers,
C

Salomi, Corino

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: June 26, 2009 12:51 PM
To: Salomi, Corino
Subject: FW: draft media lines re: Alouette

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Hi Corino. I want to catch you before you flee for the summer. :)

[REDACTED] ? Just wanted to specify that for the media lines.

Have you had a chance to look at my changes? [REDACTED] Also separated the two issues, the fish kill and the water withdrawals.

Cheers,
C

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: June 24, 2009 2:49 PM
To: Salomi, Corino
Subject: RE: draft media lines re: Alouette

Thanks, Corino. [REDACTED] ?

[REDACTED] I also separated the two issues, the fish kill and the water withdrawals.

Cheers,
C

From: Salomi, Corino
Sent: June 24, 2009 2:14 PM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: RE: draft media lines re: Alouette

Some suggested changes.

-----Original Message-----

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: June 24, 2009 12:28 PM
To: Salomi, Corino
Subject: draft media lines re: Alouette

Hi Corino,

Here are the draft media lines. Pls let me know if you have been able to discuss the referral process with Water Stewardship and whether there is anything to add to the media lines. We may get more questions about the differing stories between us and the Province.

Message

Thanks,
C

RE: Alouette River

Jensen, Neil

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 8, 2009 7:39 AM
To: Redekopp, Herb; Nelson, Randy
Cc: Jensen, Neil; Miller, Gary
Subject: Re: Alouette River

Herb,

This is very helpful.

Many thanks.

Terry

Terry Davis
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

From: Redekopp, Herb
To: Nelson, Randy; Davis, Terry
Cc: Jensen, Neil; Miller, Gary
Sent: Tue Jul 07 18:57:54 2009
Subject: RE: Alouette River **s.16(1)(c)**

H.Redekopp
C&P Chief Lower Fraser Area
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please note new email address:
Herb.Redekopp@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Nelson, Randy
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 1:09 PM
To: Redekopp, Herb; Davis, Terry
Subject: FW: Alouette River

Any comments?

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RE: Alouette River

-----Original Message-----

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 7, 2009 11:33 AM
To: Reid, Rebecca; Nelson, Randy
Cc: Mishima, Carrie; Trager, Diana
Subject: Alouette River

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Rebecca, Randy,

We are anticipating that DFO will receive additional media calls related to the fish kill / water extraction issue on the Alouette River as a result of the coverage on CBC today and the concerns being relayed to media by stakeholder groups who are concerned about the issue.

Communications Branch is developing media lines, but it is proving to be challenging and I am hoping that you may be able to provide the additional clarity we need to complete this work.

[Redacted] Stakeholders have advised CBC that the fish kill occurred at about the same time that the extraction pipe was installed. Our initial response to media calls was that Environment Canada was investigating the fish kill, as it was likely caused by the release of a toxic substance. [Redacted] CBC is aware of the *Fisheries Act* and regulations that make it illegal to harm fish or fish habitat without authorization from DFO. [Redacted]

[Redacted]

If you have any additional information you can provide on our planned next steps, and could forward it to me, we will incorporate this into our media lines.

Many thanks.

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Terry

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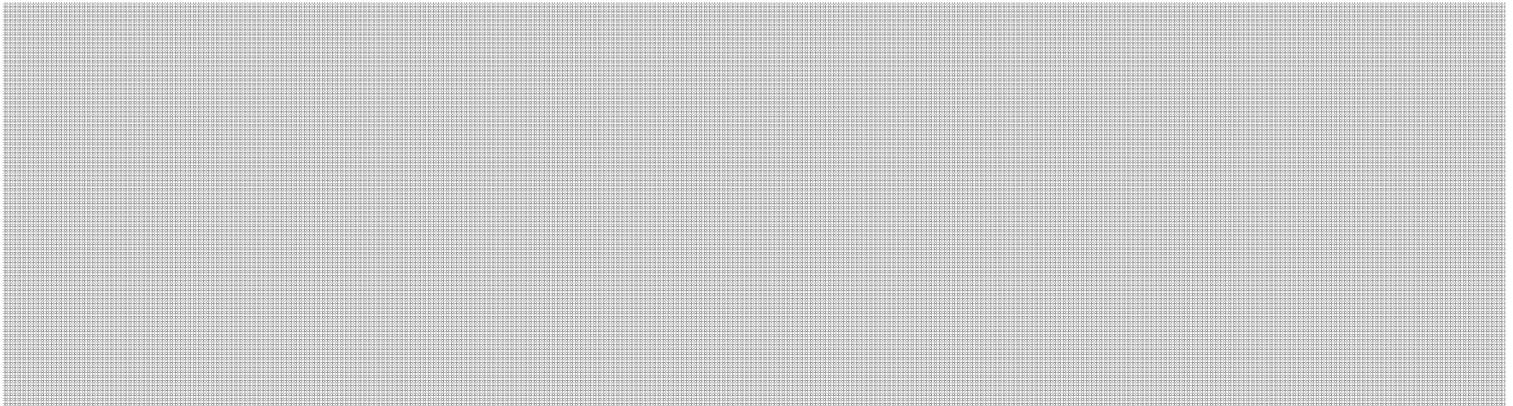
Jensen, Neil

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 21, 2009 2:37 PM
To: King, Robert (Pacific)
Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk; Todd Gerhart; McDonald, Lisa; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009 - Meeting with MOE

Bob,

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Further to your e-note attached following:

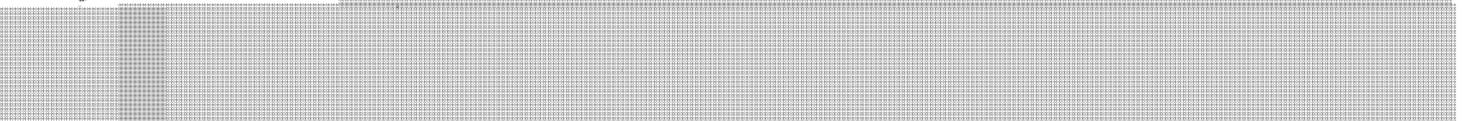


I am often away from e-mail. The best bet to reach me is by voice-mail at 604-666-6140, or by cell.

Bruce.
Bruce Clark
Biologist
Oceans, habitat, and Enhancement
Lower Fraser Area
tel.: 604-666-6140

From: King, Robert (Pacific)
Sent: Tue 21/07/2009 2:01 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk
Subject: RE: North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009 - Information

Hi Bruce, I spoke with Environment Canada and the fish samples came back inconclusive and sounds like they are closing the file on their end.



Bob

-----Original Message-----

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2009 12:20 PM
To: King, Robert (Pacific)

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Message

Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk

Subject: North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009 - Information

Bob,

Thanks for the update.

Re further information:

It would be good to confirm the location of the fish kill - directly with the informant, and get a more precise location, perhaps by GPS.

I have attached my earlier note outlining further information needs.

Thanks.

Bruce.

Bruce Clark

Biologist

Oceans, Habitat, and Enhancement

Lower Fraser Area

tel.: 604-666-6140

From: King, Robert (Pacific)

Sent: Mon 20/07/2009 9:34 AM

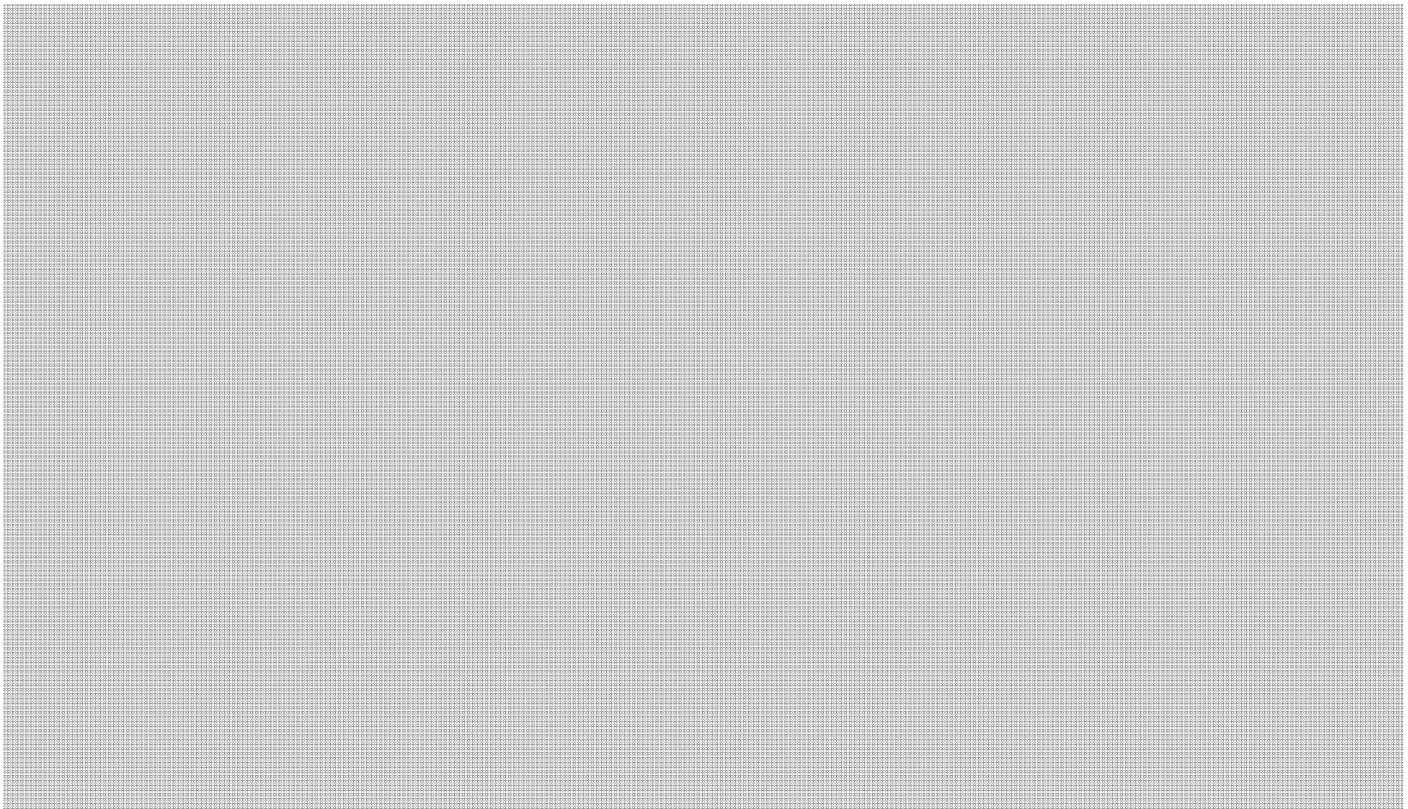
To: Clark, Bruce

Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk

Subject: FW: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

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Hi Bruce,

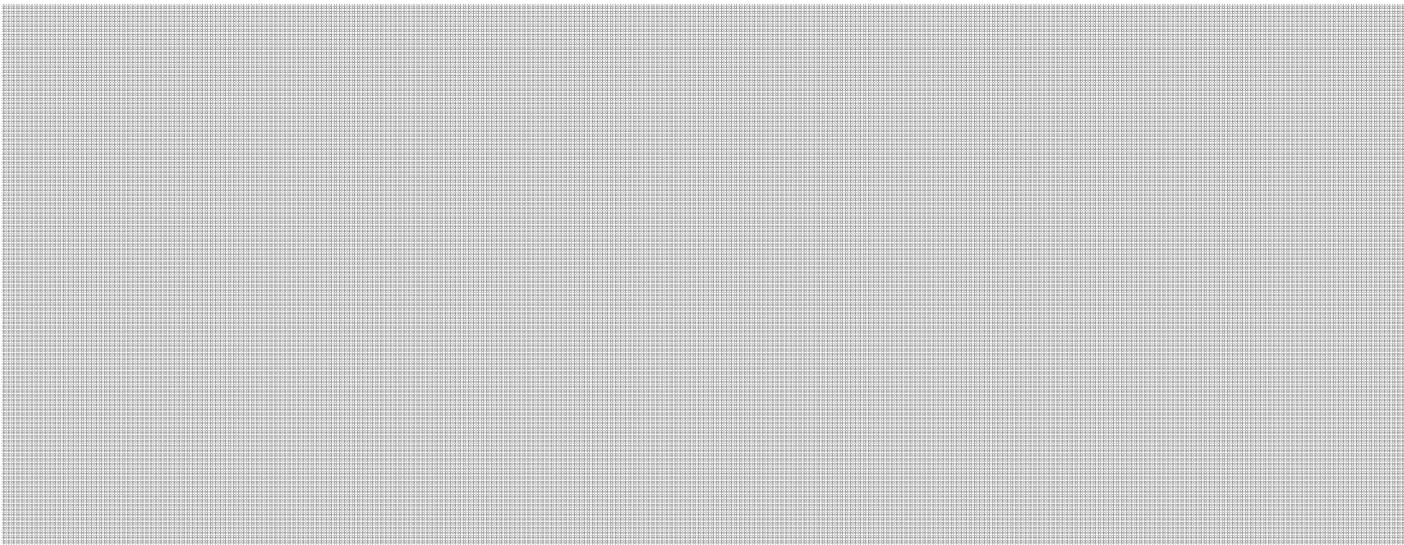


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The matter is still under investigation.

Let me know if you need any more information.

Bob

-----Original Message-----

From: Jensen, Neil
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2009 8:29 AM
To: King, Robert (Pacific)
Subject: FW: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Bob,

Can you touch base with Bruce regarding your timeline and locations on this. Thanks!
Neil

-----Original Message-----

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 19, 2009 11:01 PM
To: Jensen, Neil
Cc: McCrae, Kirk; King, Robert (Pacific); XPAC PRMCU
Subject: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Neil,

Further to your e-note attached following:

Thanks for copying me on your note to MCU.

It seems that you might have some information on the location of the reported fish kill. So far I have none. I would appreciate it if you would let me know where the dead fish were found - and when they were first noted.

As the OHEB spokesperson and SME in this matter, I expect that I will be asked about a possible connection between the intake construction works and the fish kill. It would be nice to know where the dead fish were found - and when - in relation to the location and timing of the construction so that I might form an opinion about any linkage between the events.

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Message

Thanks.

Bruce.
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Lower Fraser Area
tel.: 604-666-6140

From: Jensen, Neil
Sent: Sun 19/07/2009 10:53 AM
To: XPAC PRMCU
Cc: Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Hi Candace,

Bruce's summary is very complete and there is not much that I could add at this point. However, from the perspective of C&P, I think that it would be safe to say at this point in the investigation that there is no evidence linking the fish kill to the installation of the water pipe. Based on available reports from the public, media reports and our on-site visits, the two incidents appear to be unrelated. The fish kill was found approx. 1.2 to 1.7 kilometers from the site of the pipe installation and there is no evidence to suggest that the incidents are related. Our investigation into the pipe installation is continuing and it would be too early to determine what enforcement action will be taken with respect to the unauthorized works.

Neil

-----Original Message-----

From: XPAC PRMCU
Sent: July 16, 2009 10:24 AM
To: Jensen, Neil
Subject: FW: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Hi Neil
Did you have any input to add to Bruce Clark's input, attached?

thanks
Candace.

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 16, 2009 12:34 AM
To: Sciankowy, Craig
Cc: Wong, Jennifer; Mishima, Carrie; Jensen, Neil; XPAC PRMCU
Subject: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Craig,

Further to your e-note and the e-mail train attached following:

I have attached some notes for your consideration and action.

Call me should you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter.

Bruce.

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From: Sciankowy, Craig
Sent: Wed 15/07/2009 1:37 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: FW: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Hello Bruce: can you please afford some time over the next day or so to respond to the request detailed in the e-note below. Thank you. Craig.

-----Original Message-----

From: XPAC PRMCU
Sent: July 15, 2009 11:22 AM
To: Clark, Bruce; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: FW: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)
Importance: High

Hi Bruce and Craig,

<<FW: MC:2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)>> <<TemplInitial Request for 2009-001-01835.tif>>
This matter has been re-assigned to us. I attach a recent letter to the Minister. We'd like your input as the subject matter expert (SME). Specifically, Ottawa wants us to "acknowledge the concern and indicate that the Department is cooperating with other agencies." Can you please email us (bullets are fine) on your thoughts or any relevant information, so that our letter says more than "Thank you for your letter. We agree that this is a problem and DFO is working with other agencies to solve it". For instance, a bit more background on the problem, and steps taken to date to solve, what agencies we are working with, etc.

Either way, one of us in Pacific Region Ministerial Correspondence Unit (PRMCU) will then draft a response from your comments and send the draft to you for approval.

If you are not the SME, please either forward this to the SME with a cc to us, so we can keep track of where things are, or please return the letter to XPAC PRMCU and let us know who is the SME.

Thanks for your help,

Jennifer

Jennifer Wong and Candace McGuire

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From: Staciwa, Olivia
Sent: July 14, 2009 12:46 PM
To: XPAC PRMCU
Cc: Payne, Matthew
Subject: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)
Importance: High

Hi Jen and Candace,

This urgent docket for Minister's signature [REDACTED] Please note that this was also sent to EC and the provincial environment ministry.

The meeting has taken place with [REDACTED] and the MO has requested that a brief reply be drafted which acknowledges the concern and indicates that the Department is cooperating with other agencies.

Please provide input as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Olivia

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July 15, 2009

Craig Sciankowy
Acting Area Manager
Oceans, Habitat, and Enhancement
Lower Fraser Area
Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Craig,

Re: North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009
Ministerial Correspondence Unit Request for SME Input
MC: 2009-001-01835 Balcke

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The MCU has asked for our SME input for their response to a June 12 open letter e-mail to the minister from local citizens and local NGO environmental interest groups.

[REDACTED]

I will provide some comments for your information / action. You might also check with F.O. Neil Jensen (C&P Fraser Valley West - Langley) as he is the informal spokesperson for C&P re the DFO investigation of the recent reports / occurrences. You might also check with Carrie Mishima, RHQ communications, regarding media lines.

An important note:

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Citizens and NGOs initially speculated that the fish had been killed by a toxic discharge from a local farm, but quickly linked the occurrences, speculating that the fish had been killed as a result of the work to install the intake pipe.

Draft media lines

Re DFO response to reports from the public:

- When a call comes into the DFO Observe, Record, Report ("ORR") line, DFO assesses the reported incident and puts the call into a queue based on an evaluation of its potential risk to cause harm to fish and fish habitat. DFO manages these calls on a priority basis: those that have the highest potential to adversely impact fish or fish habitat are dealt with first.

Re the report of disturbance of river channel:

- A fishery officer telephoned the caller who reported the disturbance to obtain more details. The caller did not report any dead fish.

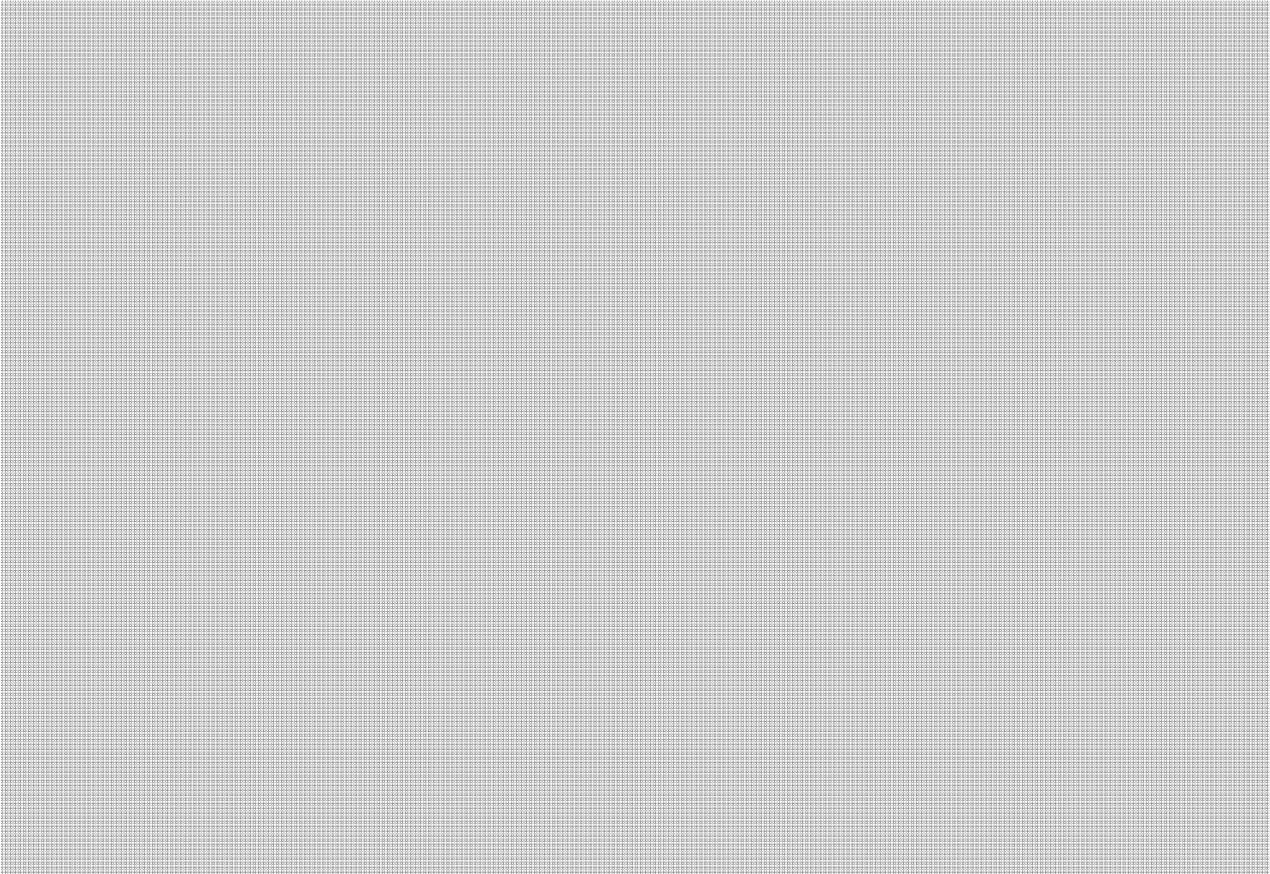
Re the report of dead fish:

- A separate call reported the fish kill and that report was forwarded to Environment Canada as a suspected deleterious substance spill, which is often the case with fish kills.

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- An agreement between DFO and EC identifies EC as the lead agency in pollution cases under the *Fisheries Act*.
 - Environment Canada responded to the report of dead fish; EC staff inspected the site, and have analyzed dead fish collected from the river.

Re the water intake:

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Re current status:

- DFO field staff (fishery officers and habitat biologist) have inspected the site of the reported physical disturbance of the North Alouette River, and have commenced an investigation of the reported occurrences.

Current status (media lines not yet drafted)

Re EC analyses of dead fish:

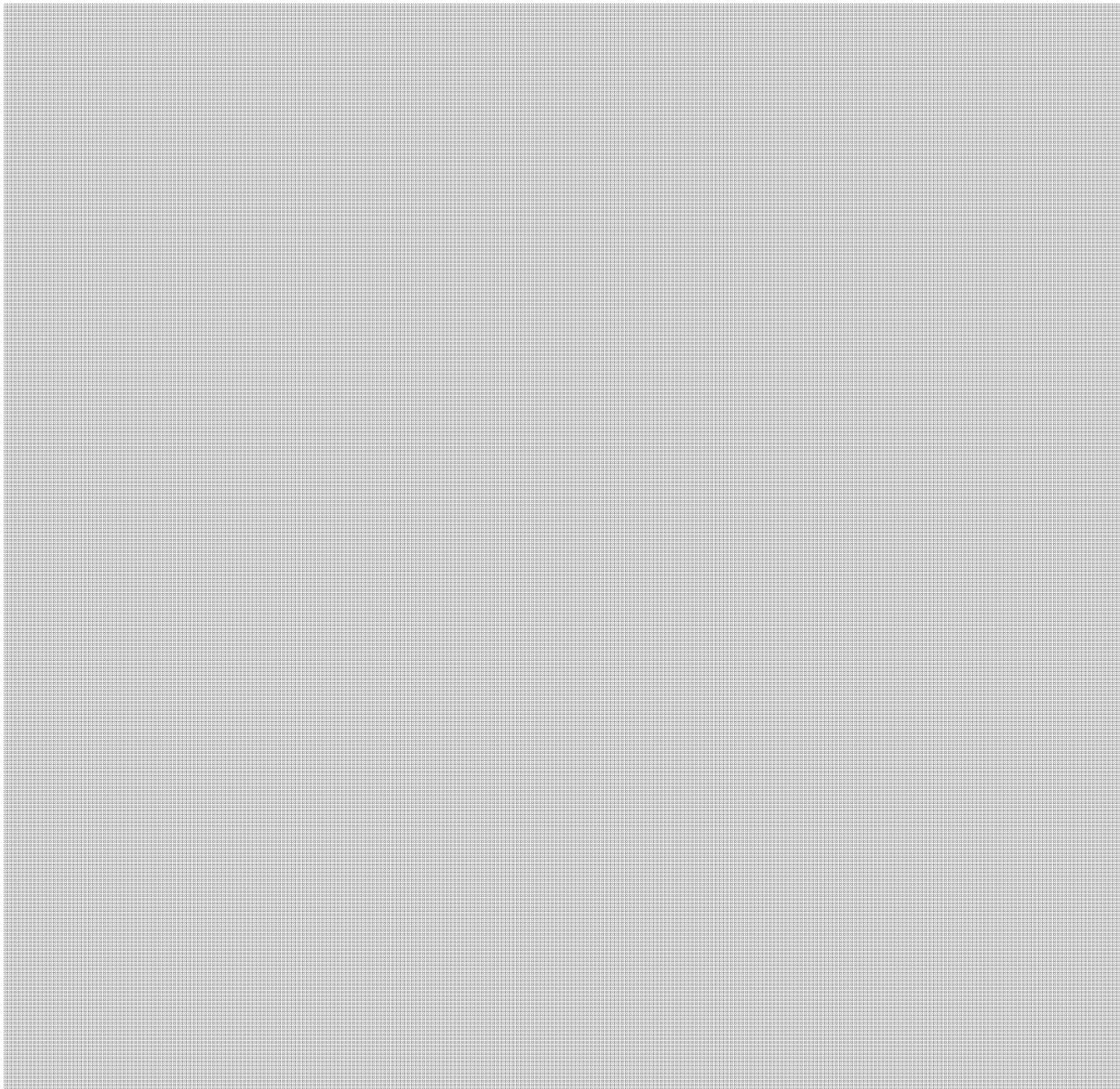
DFO understands that EC has now released a report to the public describing the findings of their analyses of the dead fish. Media reports indicate that the EC analyses did not identify a cause of death or any particular pollutant associated with the dead fish.

Re occurrence reports / investigation:

DFO has commenced an investigation of the reports and occurrences.

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The DFO investigation team includes fishery officers and habitat biologists.



Call me to discuss any aspect of this matter.

Bruce.
Bruce Clark
Biologist
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
Oceans, Habitat, and Enhancement
Lower Fraser Area

Jensen, Neil

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 15, 2009 9:12 AM
To: King, Robert (Pacific)
Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk
Subject: North Alouette River Occurrences May/June 2009

Bob,

In case you haven't yet heard:

According to the Maple Ridge News (in a piece posted on their website late yesterday), Environment Canada has now produced a report of the results of their analyses of the dead fish collected by a member of the public. Apparently, the analyses did not identify a cause of death.

Bruce.
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tel.: 604-666-6140

Jensen, Neil

From: Jensen, Neil
Sent: July 7, 2009 3:55 PM
To: Reich, Alex; King, Robert (Pacific); McCrae, Kirk
Subject: FW: Alouette River

FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Redekopp, Herb
Sent: July 7, 2009 3:47 PM
To: Jensen, Neil
Subject: FW: Alouette River

H.Redekopp
C&P Chief Lower Fraser Area
Pacific Region
Fisheries and Oceans Canada
604-666-2807 Fax 604-666-0377

please note new email address:
Herb.Redekopp@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

-----Original Message-----

From: Nelson, Randy
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 1:09 PM
To: Redekopp, Herb; Davis, Terry
Subject: FW: Alouette River

Any comments?

-----Original Message-----

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 7, 2009 11:33 AM **s.16(1)(c)**
To: Reid, Rebecca; Nelson, Randy **s.21(1)(a)**
Cc: Mishima, Carrie; Trager, Diana
Subject: Alouette River **s.21(1)(b)**

Rebecca, Randy,

We are anticipating that DFO will receive additional media calls related to the fish kill / water extraction issue on the Alouette River as a result of the coverage on CBC today and the concerns being relayed to media by stakeholder groups who are concerned about the issue.

Communications Branch is developing media lines, but it is proving to be challenging and I am hoping that you may be able to provide the additional clarity we need to complete this work.

Stakeholders have advised CBC that the fish kill occurred at about the same time that the extraction pipe was installed. Our initial response to media calls was that Environment Canada was investigating the fish kill, as it was likely caused by the release of a toxic substance.

CBC is aware of the *Fisheries Act* and regulations that make it illegal to harm fish or fish habitat without authorization from DFO.

If you have any additional information you can provide on our planned next steps, and could forward it to me, we will incorporate this into our media lines.

Many thanks.

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Terry

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Message

Jensen, Neil

From: Jensen, Neil
Sent: July 26, 2009 9:40 AM
To: Redekopp, Herb
Subject: FW: North Alouette River Occurrences - Investigation Update and Local Media Piece

FYI - Most recent update on the North Alouette matter.
Neil

-----Original Message-----

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 23, 2009 10:52 PM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk; King, Robert (Pacific); McDonald, Lisa; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: North Alouette River Occurrences - Investigation Update and Local Media Piece

Carrie,

Investigation update

This afternoon C&P and I met with the MOE conservation officer who is our contact with respect to the MOE investigation of these matters. C&P and MOE have agreed to work closely together on what will be essentially a joint investigation; the investigation will be based on both the (provincial) *Water Act* and the *Fisheries Act*.

C&P advises that they understand as follows: EC has concluded their investigation into the reported fish kill; EC has decided that their investigation was inconclusive, and they have no plans for further action or involvement in these matters.

Media piece

As you know I was interviewed Tuesday by a reporter from the Maple Ridge News. This afternoon the News published a piece on their website based in part on my interview.

At the time, it seemed to me that the interview went well - our media lines covered the questions asked, and it seemed that the reporter understood my responses.

The piece published today does not reflect the interview as I recall it. The piece includes inaccurate and potentially provocative information that is inaccurately attributed to me.

There are a number of lesser errors that I will leave for now.

Of particular concern:

The piece has me saying that once DFO has concluded its investigation, the Public Prosecution Service of Canada (PPSC) will determine whether or not to proceed with charges, and DFO could "force" the company to remedy the matter.

That is significantly different from what I told the reporter. I was asked what would be the next steps following the conclusion of our investigation. I advised that I would not speculate about the case at hand and would only give a general overview of possible courses of action that DFO might take in relation to any investigation. I said that DFO has several options: DFO can work with the other party to effect a remedy, either informally or in a more structured fashion; DFO can also ask PPSC to review the matter to see if it meets the tests to proceed with legal action - one test being whether or not it would be in the public interest to proceed. I reiterated in no uncertain terms that I was speaking generally and not

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about the case at hand.

It is important to note that with respect to s.35 of the *Fisheries Act*, and the harmful alteration, disruption, or destruction of fish habitat ("HADD"), DFO has no power or authority to "force" or otherwise require any remedial action. Only the Court has such authority.

Bruce.
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Jensen, Neil

From: Jensen, Neil
Sent: June 8, 2009 2:56 PM
To: McCrae, Kirk; Miller, Gary
Subject: FW: fish kill in North Alouette

FYI

-----Original Message-----

From: Gail Szostek [mailto:gszostek@mapleridge.ca]
Sent: June 8, 2009 2:50 PM
To: Jensen, Neil
Subject: fish kill in North Alouette

Hi Neil,

I am wondering if you can shed any light on this fish kill issue that happened in the North Alouette a couple of weeks ago. A Jack Emberley phoned with the complaint; he said that he had called the DFO and that you and Pia had come out to the site. Can you please tell me what was the result of that visit? He said that you and Pia were out to have a look; took no samples, did no investigation. This guy is getting really frustrated with what he perceives to be the bureaucratic run-around of one govt agency passing it off to another. Perhaps we can discuss a bit about this matter tomorrow morning in our meeting here at the District. See you then.

Gail Szostek
Environmental Technician
District of Maple Ridge
604-467-7499

McCrae, Kirk

From: Gerhart, Todd [Todd.Gerhart@ppsc-sppc.gc.ca]
Sent: Monday, July 13, 2009 8:05 AM
To: Clark, Bruce
Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk; King, Robert (Pacific)
Subject: RE: DFO - North Alouette Occurrences

Bruce - I have another call at 8:30am today but it won't be more than about 30 mins. Perhaps we can do this call at about 9am? Regards, Todd

From: Clark, Bruce [mailto:Bruce.Clark@dfo-mpo.gc.ca]
Sent: Saturday, July 11, 2009 3:06 PM
To: Gerhart, Todd
Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk; King, Robert (Pacific)
Subject: DFO - North Alouette Occurrences

Todd,

Further to our discussion Friday and your suggestion that we meet with the fishery officers handling this matter to discuss next steps:

I reached Neil Jensen and Kirk McCrae (C&P Fraser Valley West) just now by 'phone. They will make themselves available Monday morning from 0830 to 1000 hr for a teleconference.

I will call you Monday at 0830 hr to set up the call.

Thanks.

Bruce.
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McCrae, Kirk

From: Jensen, Neil
Sent: Sunday, July 19, 2009 8:37 AM
To: McCrae, Kirk
Subject: FW: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

FYI...

-----Original Message-----

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 16, 2009 12:34 AM
To: Sciankowy, Craig
Cc: Wong, Jennifer; Mishima, Carrie; Jensen, Neil; XPAC PRMCU
Subject: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Craig,

Further to your e-note and the e-mail train attached following:

I have attached some notes for your consideration and action.

Call me should you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter.

Bruce.
Bruce Clark
Biologist
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tel.: 604-666-6140

From: Sciankowy, Craig
Sent: Wed 15/07/2009 1:37 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: FW: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Hello Bruce: can you please afford some time over the next day or so to respond to the request detailed in the e-note below. Thank you. Craig.

-----Original Message-----

From: XPAC PRMCU
Sent: July 15, 2009 11:22 AM
To: Clark, Bruce; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: FW: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)
Importance: High

Hi Bruce and Craig,
<<FW: MC:2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)>> <<Tempinitial Request for 2009-001-01835.tif>>
This matter has been re-assigned to us. I attach a recent letter to the Minister. We'd like your input as the subject matter expert (SME). Specifically, Ottawa wants us to "acknowledge the concern and indicate that the Department is cooperating with other agencies." Can you please email us (bullets are

fine) on your thoughts or any relevant information, so that our letter says more than "Thank you for your letter. We agree that this is a problem and DFO is working with other agencies to solve it". For instance, a bit more background on the problem, and steps taken to date to solve, what agencies we are working with, etc.

Either way, one of us in Pacific Region Ministerial Correspondence Unit (PRMCU) will then draft a response from your comments and send the draft to you for approval.

If you are not the SME, please either forward this to the SME with a cc to us, so we can keep track of where things are, or please return the letter to XPAC PRMCU and let us know who is the SME.

Thanks for your help,

Jennifer

Jennifer Wong and Candace McGuire

****Please direct all e-mails regarding ministerial correspondence to XPAC PRMCU.****

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From: Staciwa, Olivia
Sent: July 14, 2009 12:46 PM
To: XPAC PRMCU
Cc: Payne, Matthew
Subject: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)
Importance: High

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Hi Jen and Candace,

This urgent docket for Minister's signature [redacted] Please note that this was also sent to EC and the provincial environment ministry.

The meeting has taken place with [redacted] and the MO has requested that a brief reply be drafted which acknowledges the concern and indicates that the Department is cooperating with other agencies.

Please provide input as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Olivia

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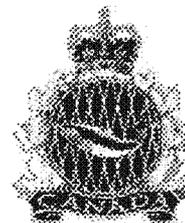


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Occurrence Report

Occurrence No.: **2009-02383** Case Title: **ORR_LEAKING BARGE_NORTH ALOUETTE**
DFO File NO.: Occurrence Date/Time: **26-May-2009 12:00 AM**
Started Date: **26-May-2009** Closed date: **26-May-2009**
Investigation:

Region: **PACIFIC / PACIFIQUE** Investigated by: **NORRISH, MANDY # 9228**
Area: **LOWER FRASER** Info. Received by: **NORRISH, MANDY # 9228**
Field Office: **SURREY (LANGLEY)** Detachment: **FRASER VALLEY WEST (LANG**

Source: **GENERAL PUBLIC - IDENTIFIED**
Fisher Category: **NON-FISHER**
Action Taken: **REFERRED TO ANOTHER DEPT / GOV**
Occurrence Type: **HABITAT**
Gear Type:
Platform: **NO PLATFORM**

Fishery: **UNSPECIFIED**
Management Area: **29**
Water Body: **NORTH ALOUETTE RIVER**
Port / Community: **PITT MEADOWS, BC**
Location text: **On the north shore of the Alouette River, near the convergence of the Alouette River and the Pitt River, between Harris Rd and Reichenbach.**

Latitude: Longitude:
Assigned Officers: **NORRISH, MANDY # 9228**
MANAGER MILLER, GARY # 1732 26-MAY-2009

Occurrence Note:

On May 26th, 2009 a member of the public (Jack Emberly (778) 668-4617) called the CO services RAPP line to report a barge with a house boat and old car that he suspects may be leaking oil. He also stated that there are containers close to the shoreline with unknown contents as well as two sunken boats with floating gas cans and junk. The area where this is located is on the north shore of the Alouette River, near the convergence of the Alouette River and the Pitt River, between Harris Rd and Reichenbach Rd. The c/n also stated that he has already reported this online to the ILMB.

On May 26th, 2009 FO Norrish contacted CO Solowoniuk who had spoken with the c/n earlier in the day. The c/n stated that the barge leaking oil, the containers and the sunken boats may have caused the fish kill that he had reported on May 25th, 2009. (See DFO Occurrence Report 2009-02324)

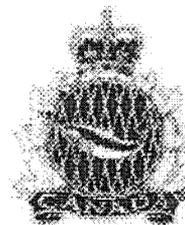


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This Occurrence was faxed to PEP and Environment Canada.

DFO Investigating Officer: **NORRISH, MANDY # 9228**

Officer Address: **5550 - 268TH STREET**

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Occurrence Report

Occurrence No.: **2009-02324** Case Title: **ORR_POSS FISH KILL_NORTHALOUETTE RIVER**
DFO File NO.: Occurrence Date/Time: **25-May-2009 12:00 AM**
Started Date: **25-May-2009** Closed date: **25-May-2009**
Investigation:

Region: **PACIFIC / PACIFIQUE** Investigated by: **NORRISH, MANDY # 9228**
Area: **LOWER FRASER** Info. Received by: **NORRISH, MANDY # 9228**
Field Office: **SURREY (LANGLEY)** Detachment: **FRASER VALLEY WEST (LANG)**

Source: **GENERAL PUBLIC - IDENTIFIED**
Fisher Category: **NON-FISHER**
Action Taken: **INVESTIGATION INITIATED**
Occurrence Type: **HABITAT**
Gear Type:
Platform: **NO PLATFORM**

Fishery: **UNSPECIFIED**
Management Area: **29**
Water Body: **NORTH ALOUETTE RIVER**
Port / Community: **PITT MEADOWS, BC**
Location text: **The North Alouette River, near Neaves Road.**

Latitude: Longitude:
Assigned Officers: **NORRISH, MANDY # 9228**
MANAGER MILLER, GARY # 1732 25-MAY-2009

Occurrence Note:

On May 25th, 2009 a member of the public reported a fish kill on the North Alouette River near Neaves Road.

On May 25th, 2009 Fishery Officer Norrish contacted the Alouette River Management Society (604) 467-6401 and was informed that the last fish release was on April 27, 28 and 29. The woman who answered the phone said that a man had dumped some material over the dyke and into the river and he said that he had a permit.

On May 25th, 2009 Fishery Officer Norrish contact the c/n who informed her that he had been canoeing on the North Alouette River on May 24th, 2009. The man had launched his canoe at Neaves Road and had paddled approximately 1/2 km upstream. The man noticed what he said to be at least a hundred thousand dead fish at the bottom of the river. Of the dead fish he identified three different species: stickleback, bass and cutthroat trout.



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This occurrence was forwarded to environment canada.

DFO Investigating Officer: **NORRISH, MANDY # 9228**

Officer Address: **5550 - 268TH STREET**

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CANADA**

Davis, Terry

From: Nelson, Randy
Sent: July 13, 2009 4:06 PM
To: Davis, Terry; Williams, Chris
Subject: RE: media call re: Alouette River

Terry, Chris Williams is acting for me until July 22nd

-----Original Message-----

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 9, 2009 2:52 PM
To: Reid, Rebecca; Nelson, Randy
Cc: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: FW: media call re: Alouette River

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Rebecca, Randy,

We have developed media lines in response to the issue on the North Alouette River, which continues to draw media interest. Herb Redekopp has signed off on these lines. I am forwarding them to you for your consideration and approval. Any suggestions you have on who the spokesperson should be on this issue would be appreciated. The first element of the lines refers to C&P's role, the second to habitat's.



Terry

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From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: July 9, 2009 1:29 PM
To: Davis, Terry
Subject: media call re: Alouette River

Hi Terry,

A reporter, Phil Melnychuk, from the Maple Ridge News, has been following the story on the Alouette River where citizens have raised concerns over the discovery of dead fish in the river. There have been multiple facets to this story including concerns about: a potential toxic substance (and EC issue), large water withdrawals from the river and the unauthorized installation of a new irrigation pipe by Golden Eagle Group (a B.C. gov't issue) and digging done by the company to install the pipe and its potential impact to fish and fish habitat (a DFO issue).

Phil Melnychuk has been told that a citizen called DFO through the ORR line to report there was digging near the North Alouette River and dirt in the water. The reporter would like to know what DFO did with that complaint. He called yesterday afternoon and has not called back since.

I have drafted the following media lines, which I have read to Herb Redekopp over the phone and he agreed with the messaging.

- When a call comes into the ORR line, DFO assesses the reported incident and puts the call into a queue based on an evaluation of its potential risk to cause harm to fish and fish habitat. DFO manages these calls on a priority basis: those that have the highest potential to adversely impact fish or fish habitat are dealt with first.
- A fishery officer telephoned the caller who reported the digging near the North Alouette River to obtain more details. This caller did **not** report any dead fish.
- A separate call reported the fish kill in the North Alouette River and that report was forwarded to Environment Canada as a suspected deleterious substance spill, which is often the case with fish kills. EC is the lead federal agency when it comes to water pollution under the Fisheries Act. EC staff inspected the fish kill.
- DFO is inspecting the site where the digging has occurred and is assessing the impact of the work done.

Thanks,
C

Davis, Terry

From: XNCR, Media
Sent: July 10, 2009 2:47 PM
Subject: 10/07/2009 – Weekend Look Ahead / Aperçu weekend - Daily Media Relations Report / Rapport quotidien des relations avec les médias

WEEKEND LOOK AHEAD/ APERÇU WEEKEND:

Nfld-T-N.:

Stewardship Cod Fishery 2J3KL for 2009. FFAW waiting for announcement. Some harvesters have suggested a considerable IQ increase over last year citing localized observations of cod abundance.

Maritimes:

A news release regarding a shellfish closure in Annapolis Basin **is anticipated** to go out this afternoon. A draft news release is attached. The harvesting of bi-valve molluscs, including oysters, clams, mussels, scallops, quahogs and whelks, for recreational or commercial purposes is prohibited until further notice. This closure is due to an increase in levels of Paralytic Shellfish Poisoning (PSP). The designated spokesperson is Rick Young.

Pacific:

Pacific Region is expecting media coverage of the Japanese Emperor's and Empress's visit to the Institute of Ocean Sciences. The imperial couple will tour the facility and have lunch with DFO scientists. PS Randy Kamp is representing the federal government. Comms strategy in place, spokesperson identified.

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We may also see media coverage related to a fish kill on the North Alouette River. [REDACTED]

Stakeholders claim that the pipe installation caused the fish kill. Environment Canada has investigated the fish kill, as it was initially believed to have been caused by the release of a toxic substance into the river. This has not been ruled out as the cause of the incident. Spokesperson identified, lines in regional approval.

Possible protest action on the Skeena by commercial gill-netters. C&P spokesperson identified, standard lines in place on respecting conservation-based closure. Monitoring situation and so on.

HQ/RCN:

Richard Brennan, Toronto Star; looking for information on whether or not DFO has a policy regarding naming individuals or companies which have been charged with a fisheries-related offence prior to a conviction as information in a bigger story he is working on regarding the CRTC. Reporter was told that it is DFO standard practice not to name individuals or companies who have been charged with a fisheries related offence prior to a conviction. Story to be published over the weekend.

Anne-Laure Jenson, Radar, Îles-de-la-madeleine, called yesterday asking to speak to someone who would be attending the meeting in Halifax later this month on the implementation of aid to the lobster fishery. She today revised her request to ask who was attending and what would be discussed. Communications advised reporter that it was a closed meeting with representatives from the industry and that she could follow up once the meeting concludes to see if information on the meeting is available. No publication date.

NFLD/T-N:

Brodie Thomas, Gulf News (Media - Print) Contacted reporter to clarify point in recent news article about inspection and confiscation of halibut at wharf in Codroy. Comment attributed to a fishery officer was incorrect. Provided clarification. (FAM) (N) (SW)

Pam Snow, Nor'wester (Media - Print) Requested update on the reconstruction project for the wharf at Nippers Harbour. Timeline for tenders and completion date provided. (SCH) (N) (SW) (July 9, 2009)

Natalie Alcoba, National Post (Media - Print) Preparing a story about a large 328-pound halibut that was caught by a commercial fish harvester in waters near Bay St. George, western Newfoundland, and reported by the St. John's Telegram on Thursday, July 9, 2009. The reporter would like to know if this is the biggest halibut ever caught in this region Fisheries and Oceans Canada does not maintain historical records pertaining to the physical size of individual fish caught in commercial fisheries in Newfoundland and Labrador. (S) (N) (SW) (July 9, 2009)

GULF/GOLFE:

Ian Petrie, CBC, Charlottetown, (Media - Television) called the DFO Charlottetown office wanting to talk to a habitat resource person about why silt ended-up in the Hunter River in PEI. Dely Keen, Chief, Oceans and Habitat talked to the reporter about the cause of incident. There was no request for an on-camera interview. (FAM)

Allison Northcott, CBC-Radio, Bathurst; François Lejeune, SRC-TV, Bathurst: Ces deux journalistes ont tous deux demandé pour des entrevues au sujet de l'introduction du pétoncle de baie dans le nord-est du Nouveau-Brunswick. Le biologiste Thomas Landry, biologiste des mollusques et membre d'un comité d'introduction et de transfert des mollusques, a accordé des entrevues pour expliquer le protocole à suivre pour introduire de nouvelles espèces dans une baie. Ces entrevues pourraient être diffusées dès aujourd'hui ou en fin de semaine. (Sciences)

MARITIMES:

Jack Jullian, CBC News, Halifax; Kelly Sundhall, CTV News, Halifax - Reporters contacted Communications Branch seeking an update on when the lighthouse at Peggy's Cove would be painted. Reporters were told a private contractor was on scene Thursday erecting scaffolding and painting was expected to begin Friday. CBC story ran Thursday while CTV will run its story on Friday after it has filmed workers actually painting. (RPSS) (July 9, 2009)

Tara Camus, Chronicle Herald (Sydney bureau), Sydney, N.S. - Reporter called to ask about the recreational fishery for cod in eastern Cape Breton. Reporter was provided with measures currently in place for the recreational groundfish fishery for the area, and was directed to DFO website with Fisheries Management Decisions page for commercial fishery information. No information on when/if a story might run. (FAM) (July 9, 2009)

M. Houle, National Film Board, Montreal - Researcher called looking for film footage of a large fish market. Researcher was told that DFO did not have such footage in the region and was referred to NSDOF for further inquiries. (FAM) (July 9, 2009)

QUEBEC/QUÉBEC:

Julie Godin, Constructo. Entrevue avec Jean Pineault concernant l'échéancier des travaux, les appels d'offres et autres détails en lien avec l'annonce d'investissement de 4,3 millions de dollars pour la modernisation de l'Institut Maurice-Lamontagne (communiqué émis le 5 juin 2009). (PPB) Diffusion à confirmer. (July 9, 2009)

Hubert Rioux de CFBF de Blanc Sablon. Entrevue avec Andrew Rowsell, Chef de secteur, secteur Côte-Nord concerning a call from the Gremm this AM regarding a humpback whale caught inside of a herring trap. I proceeded to go to the location (just south of Lourdes de Blanc-Sablon) in a small boat with an Officer from the provincial minister of Faune & Parc. Upon arrival the whale had just been released from the herring trap by the commercial fishers. There was no entanglement around the whale nor was the trap torn. We observed the whale several times. We remained on site for about an hour and continued to observe the whale. We identified it as an Humpback app 20 feet in length. It remained in the area and did not appear hurt or stressed in any way. (GRPA) Diffusion immédiate. (July 9, 2009)

CENTRAL & ARCTIC/CENTRE ET ARCTIQUE:

Keely Grasser, Markham Economist & Sun - Reporter looking for information re infilling currently occurring in the Rouge Water System (Markham Airport Holding) and if DFO is aware of the situation. Comms-Burlington is investigating with OGLA-Southern District Office re Conservation Authority (TRCA) responsibility and previous occurrences. (OHSAR)

Patricia Bell, CBC Radio (Iqaluit) contacted DFO scientist Rob Stewart for information on walrus research, potential for impacts of climate change and working with local hunters and benefits of joint research initiatives. She had previously interviewed Danish researcher who will be partnering research with Rob Stewart, for possible future documentary. No air date planned. (SC).

Joanne Awa CBC Radio Iqaluit. Contacted communications re two interviews. One of the Sylvia Grinnell River Char fishery and proposed regulations on the fisheries. Second interview regarding the bowhead whale hunts that will take place in Nunavut and Nunavik this summer. Both interview to take place next week with EA Area Director Eric Kan. Stories to run possibly Friday July 18. (FAM)

Lauren McKean News North. Contacted communications regarding background info for future story on bowhead whale hunts in Nunavut and DFO's role in the process of acquiring licenses. Interview will take place with EA Area Director Eric Kan. Story will run once DFO has reviewed and approved hunt plans. (FAM)

Maria Canton - Owen Sound Sun Times. Reporter called looking for information about the Howdenvale small craft harbour, specifically she wanted background information on the repair work done in 2008. Reporter is also looking for clarification about the intended use of the dock structure (recreational boaters or commercial fish harvesters). Regional Director Small Craft Harbours, Alan Kathan responding. Story to appear July 10. (SCH) (July 9, 2009)

Jeri Packer with The Voice Newspapers (U.S. community papers) contacted DFO research scientist Sarah Bailey with regards to upcoming experiment in St. Clair River using red dye. Reporter did not know what ballast water is and

was not familiar with "aquatic invasive species". Researcher provided background information on these subjects and provided with general information on how this experiment might help to better regulate ballast water, control AIS and that no impacts to public or environment were expected as a result of this study. Tentative publication date July 15. (SC) (July9, 2009)

PACIFIC/PACIFIQUE:

Jason Huelet, Kamloops Daily News: Called referencing the sinking/swamping of two small vessels in the South Thompson River last week. Reporter wanted to know what impacts the fuel onboard may have to the fish and fish habitat in the river. Spokesperson Michael Crowe responded that while the presence of fuel may be an issue on a water quality standpoint, given the substantial dilution rate the limited fuel carried onboard would have limited impacts to area habitat. Spokesperson recommended reporter contact the Environmental Protection division of the BC Ministry of Environment. (Habitat) (July 9, 2009)

Heinz Runkman, United Press International; Stephanie Coombs, Times Colonist, city editor; Tundy Fletcher, CTV; Kerry Kurato, Minbato Daily: Phoned to enquire about the Emperor and Empress of Japan's July 12 visit to the Institute of Ocean Sciences. Communications provided them with logistical details and photo opportunities. Regional CHEK TV will be interviewing Robin Brown today in advance of the visit. (Science) (July 9, 2009)

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Davis, Terry

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 10, 2009 12:52 PM
To: XNCR, Media
Subject: RE: Reminder / Rappel: Weekend Look Ahead / Aperçu week-end **s.16(1)(c)**

Pacific Region is expecting media coverage of the Japanese Emperor's and Empress's visit to the Institute of Ocean Sciences. The imperial couple will tour the facility and have lunch with DFO scientists. PS Randy Kamp is representing the federal government.

We may also see media coverage related to a fish kill on the North Alouette River. [REDACTED]

Stakeholders claim that the pipe installation caused the fish kill. DFO was advised on the ORR line that the company was installing the pipe, but did not investigate immediately. Environment Canada has investigated the fish kill, as it was initially believed to have been caused by the release of a toxic substance into the river. This has not been ruled out as the cause of the incident.

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From: XNCR, Media
Sent: July 10, 2009 7:43 AM
To: Garrett, Wanda; Racine, Sylvi; Currie, Jill N; Petersen, Krista; Swift, Lawrence; Davis, Terry
Cc: Robbins, Tom; Feldbauer, Mark; Fowler, Nancy; Dearn, Shawn; Belle-Isle, Alain; Beelen, Christine; Colpitts, Kerry; Dhaussy, Elise; Davies, Jennifer; Vachon, Kathryn; Cook, Kathy (NCR); Cheeseman, Leslie; Campbell, Michael (NCR); O'Farrell, Elaine; Higo, Marie-Eve
Subject: Reminder / Rappel: Weekend Look Ahead / Aperçu week-end
Importance: High

Please identify any issues you believe may generate media interest over the weekend to XNCR Media by **4:00 PM EST**. Please identify the issue and provide a brief description to be included in the email sent out at the end of day. Include relevant communications products, indicating their approval status, and the designated spokesperson in your email as well.

Thank you and have a nice weekend!

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S.v.p. veuillez préciser toutes les questions qui, selon vous, pourraient susciter l'intérêt des médias au cours du week-end et les envoyer par courriel à XNCR-MEDIA avant **16h00** heure standard de l'Est. Veuillez en préciser l'enjeu et fournir une courte description dans ce courriel. N'oubliez pas d'inclure les produits de communication appropriés, d'indiquer leur niveau d'approbation et le porte-parole assigné.

Merci et bon weekend!

Davis, Terry

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 9, 2009 4:02 PM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: FW: media call re: Alouette River

FYI. Looks like we have our spokesperson...

Terry

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From: Redekopp, Herb
Sent: July 9, 2009 3:30 PM
To: Williams, Chris; Davis, Terry
Cc: Jensen, Neil
Subject: RE: media call re: Alouette River

Chris, s.19(1)
Gary is [REDACTED]

I have spoken to Neil about this issue today and I feel confident that he could speak with the reporter if required.

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-----Original Message-----

From: Williams, Chris
Sent: Thursday, July 09, 2009 3:09 PM
To: Davis, Terry; Redekopp, Herb
Subject: RE: media call re: Alouette River

Thank you Terry

As far as spokespeople from C&P I would defer to Herb to make a choice of suitable spokesperson...

If Herb is comfortable speaking to it, or another person that comes to mind... is Gary Miller whom would have knowledge of the Allouette and has received media training.

Chris

-----Original Message-----

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 9, 2009 2:54 PM
To: Williams, Chris
Cc: Mishima, Carrie; Bate, Dan
Subject: FW: media call re: Alouette River

Chris,

As Randy is out of the office, I am forwarding this message to you.

Terry

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To: Reid, Rebecca; Nelson, Randy
Cc: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: FW: media call re: Alouette River

s.16(1)(c)

Rebecca, Randy,

We have developed media lines in response to the issue on the North Allouette River, which continues to draw media interest. Herb Redekopp has signed off on these lines. I am forwarding them to you for your consideration and approval. Any suggestions you have on who the spokesperson should be on this issue would be appreciated. The first element of the lines refers to C&P's role, the second to habitat's.

Terry

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From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: July 9, 2009 1:29 PM
To: Davis, Terry
Subject: media call re: Alouette River

Hi Terry,

A reporter, Phil Melnychuk, from the Maple Ridge News, has been following the story on the Alouette River where citizens have raised concerns over the discovery of dead fish in the river. There have been multiple facets to this story including concerns about: a potential toxic substance (and EC issue), large water withdrawals from the river and the unauthorized installation of a new irrigation pipe by Golden Eagle Group (a B.C. gov't issue) and digging done by the company to install the pipe and its potential impact to fish and fish habitat (a DFO issue).

Phil Melnychuk has been told that a citizen called DFO through the ORR line to report there was digging near the North Alouette River and dirt in the water. The reporter would like to know what DFO did with that complaint. He called yesterday afternoon and has not called back since.

I have drafted the following media lines, which I have read to Herb Redekopp over the phone and he agreed with the messaging.

- When a call comes into the ORR line, DFO assesses the reported incident and puts the call into a queue based on an evaluation of its potential risk to cause harm to fish and fish habitat. DFO manages these calls on a priority basis: those that have the highest potential to adversely impact fish or fish habitat are dealt with first.
- A fishery officer telephoned the caller who reported the digging near the North Alouette River to obtain more details. This caller did **not** report any dead fish.
- A separate call reported the fish kill in the North Alouette River and that report was forwarded to Environment Canada as a suspected deleterious substance spill, which is often the case with fish kills. EC is the lead federal agency when it comes to water pollution under the Fisheries Act. EC staff inspected the fish kill.
- DFO is inspecting the site where the digging has occurred and is assessing the impact of the work done.

Thanks,
C

Davis, Terry

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: July 8, 2009 2:05 PM
To: XNCR, Media
Cc: Davis, Terry
Subject: Pacific media

s.16(1)(c)

For Wednesday, July 8:

Phil Melnychuk, Maple Ridge News. Wanted to confirm that DFO did not issue an authorization for the installation of an irrigation pipe near the North Alouette River and asked about the process for approval.

He will explain that the B.C. gov't reviews water use applications and refers to DFO those applications that could impact fish habitat. DFO is inspecting the site to determine if the work complies with the Fisheries Act. (OHEB)

Davis, Terry

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: July 8, 2009 2:00 PM
To: Davis, Terry
Subject: latest version of Alouette lines
Attachments: Alouette River fish kill ML sum 09.doc

Hi Terry. FYI, here are the revised version of the Alouette lines, in case you need them. I have confirmed them with Bruce Clark. He advises that the case is technically not under investigation; it is better to say DFO is inspecting.

I have put this back into approvals.

FYI: Phil Melnychuk told Bruce Clark that he had talked to [REDACTED] and that [REDACTED] planned to discuss the Alouette issue with the RDG this evening.

Cheers,
C

s.19(1)

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MEDIA LINES

ALOUETTE RIVER FISH KILL

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[REDACTED]. The pipe is intended to pump water out of the river and into nearby reservoirs to irrigate the company's cranberry and blueberry crops.

[REDACTED] The story is receiving media attention and reporters are asking about DFO's involvement in the various aspects of this issue.

Media lines

- [REDACTED]
- A proponent planning to undertake works that could impact fish or fish habitat is responsible to ensure that the project complies with the *Fisheries Act*. Where a project might harm fish or fish habitat, the proponent should contact DFO to review the project and to apply for DFO authorization as applicable.
- [REDACTED]
- DFO understands that the B.C. Ministry of Environment/Water Stewardship Division is taking action over the company's unauthorized works and unauthorized diversion of water from the North Alouette River.

If pressed on DFO's role in water withdrawals:

- The B.C. Ministry of Environment/Water Stewardship Division reviews applications for licences under the provincial *Water Act* to withdraw water from rivers and streams.
- The provincial government periodically refers to DFO those water licence applications that could impact fish. DFO reviews these applications to ensure the water withdrawals or associated works would not harm fish or fish habitat.

• [REDACTED]

If pressed about why DFO did not respond to the fish kill:

DRAFT

- Environment Canada responded to the report of dead fish in the North Alouette River. EC takes the lead for the federal government in cases where there is a suspected deleterious substance, which is often the case with fish kills.
- An agreement between DFO and EC identifies EC as the lead agency in pollution cases under the *Fisheries Act*.
- EC staff inspected the site and is analyzing fish collected from the river.

Spokesperson

Bruce Clark, habitat biologist, Lower Fraser, 604-666-6140

Prepared by:

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Davis, Terry

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: July 8, 2009 9:18 AM
To: Davis, Terry
Subject: draft Alouette lines
Attachments: Alouette River fish kill ML sum 09.doc

Hi Terry,

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I haven't had a chance to update these media lines with comments from Herb Redekopp etc. So pls bear in mind that they will be revised again. [REDACTED]

Kirsten said you wanted the Alouette lines, so here they are. I will be revising them again with the latest information when I'm back in the office.

Cheers,
C

DRAFT

MEDIA LINES

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ALOUETTE RIVER FISH KILL

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Media lines

- [REDACTED]
- A landowner planning to undertake works that could impact fish or fish habitat should contact DFO to ensure the proposal complies with the *Fisheries Act* and to seek applicable authorization.
- [REDACTED] DFO staff have visited the site to inspect the project.
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Subject: Fw: Alouette River

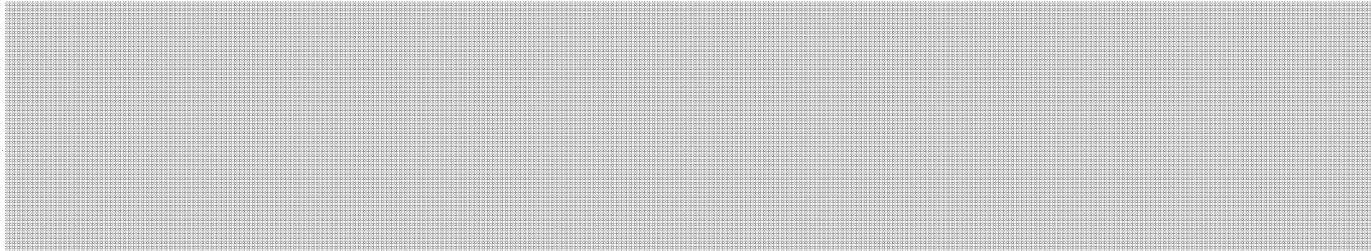
FYI. See my earlier message which provides additional details and stronger messages.

Terry

Terry Davis
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

From: Redekopp, Herb
To: Nelson, Randy; Davis, Terry
Cc: Jensen, Neil; Miller, Gary
Sent: Tue Jul 07 18:57:54 2009
Subject: RE: Alouette River

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From: Nelson, Randy
Sent: Tuesday, July 07, 2009 1:09 PM
To: Redekopp, Herb; Davis, Terry
Subject: FW: Alouette River

Any comments?

-----Original Message-----

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 7, 2009 11:33 AM
To: Reid, Rebecca; Nelson, Randy

Cc: Mishima, Carrie; Trager, Diana
Subject: Alouette River

Rebecca, Randy,

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[Redacted]
CBC is aware of the *Fisheries Act* and regulations that make it illegal to harm fish or fish habitat without authorization from DFO.

[Redacted]
If you have any additional information you can provide on our planned next steps, and could forward it to me, we will incorporate this into our media lines.

Many thanks.

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Terry

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Davis, Terry

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 8, 2009 7:34 AM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Cc: Bate, Dan
Subject: Fw: Occurrence at North Alouette River - May 2009

Carrie,

It looks like we can say that DFO is investigating -- see below. That should help with our media lines and our response to the Maple Ridge Times.

Terry

Terry Davis
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

From: Trager, Diana
To: Davis, Terry
Sent: Tue Jul 07 20:23:17 2009
Subject: FW: Occurrence at North Alouette River - May 2009

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Diana

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 7, 2009 3:24 PM
To: Trager, Diana
Cc: Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: Occurrence at North Alouette River - May 2009

Diana,

Further to your e-note attached following:

Craig has asked me to respond on his (LFA HM) behalf:

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Re accuracy of Terry's summary

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Has communications heard from EC (or others) regarding the results of EC testing of dead fish collected at the site by members of the public? HM is unaware of any such results.

Further steps - DFO involvement

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From: Trager, Diana
Sent: Tue 07/07/2009 11:46 AM
To: Clark, Bruce; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: Fw: Alouette River

Bruce and Craig,

Is the below an accurate summary? Any thoughts on what if any further steps will be taken (or if needed?)?

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To: Reid, Rebecca; Nelson, Randy
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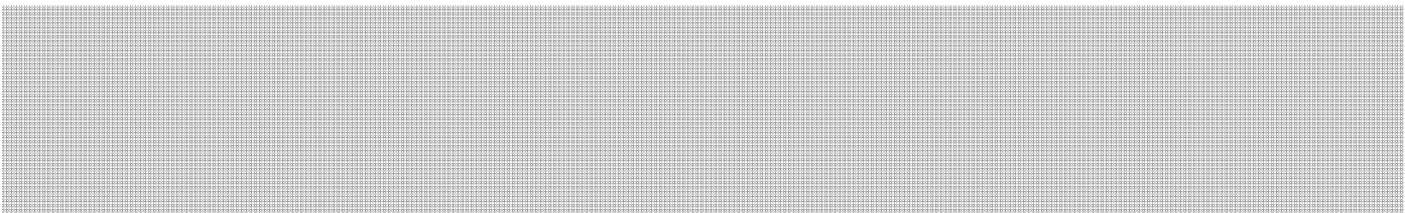
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Bruce and Craig,

Is the below an accurate summary? Any thoughts on what if any further steps will be taken (or if needed?)?

From: Davis, Terry
To: Reid, Rebecca; Nelson, Randy
Cc: Mishima, Carrie; Trager, Diana
Sent: Tue Jul 07 14:32:54 2009
Subject: Alouette River

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Rebecca, Randy,

We are anticipating that DFO will receive additional media calls related to the fish kill / water extraction issue on the Alouette River as a result of the coverage on CBC today and the concerns being relayed to media by stakeholder groups who are concerned about the issue.

Communications Branch is developing media lines, but it is proving to be challenging and I am hoping that you may be able to provide the additional clarity we need to complete this work.

[REDACTED] Stakeholders have advised CBC that the fish kill occurred at about the same time that the extraction pipe was installed. Our initial response to media calls was that Environment Canada was investigating the fish kill, as it was likely caused by the release of a toxic substance.

[REDACTED] CBC is aware of the *Fisheries Act* and regulations that make it illegal to harm fish or fish habitat without authorization from DFO. [REDACTED]

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

If you have any additional information you can provide on our planned next steps, and could forward it to me, we will incorporate this into our media lines.

Many thanks.

Terry

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Davis, Terry

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 7, 2009 4:48 PM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Cc: Reid, Rebecca; Redekopp, Herb; Nelson, Randy
Subject: Media Call, Alouette River

Carrie,

Phil Melenchek, Maple Ridge News, called asking for more information on the Alouetter River. He wants to confirm that no authorizations were issued by DFO for the water extraction pipe to be installed; and is asking what the usual procedure is for the type of work that was done in terms of DFO authorizations; whether harm has occurred to fish or fish habitat as a result of the project; and what happens next. His deadline is noon tomorrow. Contact info is 604-467-1122.

Carrie, please follow-up with habitat on our responses, update our media lines, and set up an interview for Phil.

Thanks.

Terry

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Davis, Terry

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 3, 2009 4:53 PM
To: Trager, Diana
Subject: Re: Urgent: Allouette River [REDACTED]

Thanks.

Terry

Terry Davis
Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Device

From: Trager, Diana
To: Davis, Terry
Cc: Reid, Rebecca; Mishima, Carrie; Macgillivray, Paul; Salomi, Corino; Clark, Bruce
Sent: Fri Jul 03 19:11:52 2009
Subject: Re: Urgent: Allouette River [REDACTED]

It is no to both.

From: Davis, Terry
To: Trager, Diana
Cc: Reid, Rebecca; Mishima, Carrie; Macgillivray, Paul; Salomi, Corino; Clark, Bruce
Sent: Fri Jul 03 19:08:21 2009
Subject: RE: Urgent: Allouette River [REDACTED]

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Rebecca has not signed off as of yet. [REDACTED] If we can say no to both, the other question is covered off, i.e. In any case, a landowner planning to undertake works near, or to withdraw water from, a river is responsible for contacting DFO directly to ensure the proposed proposal complies with the Fisheries Act and to seek applicable authorization.

Terry

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From: Trager, Diana
Sent: July 3, 2009 4:04 PM

RE: Urgent: Allouette River [REDACTED]

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To: Davis, Terry
Cc: Reid, Rebecca; Mishima, Carrie; Macgillivray, Paul; Salomi, Corino; Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: Urgent: Allouette River [REDACTED]

Terry, there were some draft Media Lines that I saw earlier in the week. Not sure if they have been approved yet, or if there were changes after I saw them. The comments I have made below come most from the draft lines.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] A landowner planning to undertake works near, or to withdraw water from, a river is responsible for contacting DFO directly to ensure the proposal complies with the *Fisheries Act* and to seek applicable authorization.

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From: Davis, Terry
Sent: Friday, July 03, 2009 3:50 PM
To: Salomi, Corino; Clark, Bruce; Trager, Diana
Cc: Reid, Rebecca; Mishima, Carrie; Macgillivray, Paul
Subject: Urgent: Allouette River [REDACTED]
Importance: High

Corino, Bruce,

Just got off the phone with Kathy Tomlinson of CBC. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Her sources are telling her that the fish kill occurred at about the same time the outflow was installed.

[REDACTED] and that all projects that

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have the potential to cause significant harm to fish or fish habitat should normally be referred to DFO, plus that if there are indications that harm could occur, DFO would normally undertake an environmental assessment, and that authorizations under the Fisheries Act would be required.

Hoping you can answer Kathy's questions and explain the process. Let me know ASAP. She is looking for a call back later today. I can provide her with the info that you pass on to me, or you may prefer to speak to her directly. She said a message on her cell would be fine [REDACTED]

Terry

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Davis, Terry

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 2, 2009 12:32 PM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: FW: Urgent, For Approval : CBC TV Interview Request re Allouette River

Carrie,

OK for Alouette interview.

Terry

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From: Morris, John W (NCR)
Sent: July 2, 2009 11:31 AM
To: Davis, Terry; Bishay, Nancy
Subject: Re: Urgent, For Approval : CBC TV Interview Request re Allouette River

OK fine. Thanks,
John

From: Davis, Terry
To: Bishay, Nancy
Cc: Zanin, Joshua; Morris, John W (NCR); Colpitts, Kerry; Cantin, Scott; Higo, Marie-Eve; Mishima, Carrie
Sent: Thu Jul 02 14:29:35 2009
Subject: RE: Urgent, For Approval : CBC TV Interview Request re Allouette River

Nancy,

Bruce Clark, our habitat subject matter expert, would provide the interview. Yes, the interview would be primarily for background. The reporter is asking what the federal government's role/involvement is.

Terry

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From: Bishay, Nancy
Sent: July 2, 2009 11:27 AM
To: Davis, Terry
Cc: Zanin, Joshua; Morris, John W (NCR); Colpitts, Kerry; Cantin, Scott; Higo, Marie-Eve; Mishima, Carrie
Subject: RE: Urgent, For Approval : CBC TV Interview Request re Allouette River

Hi Terry,

Who would the interview be with? Given the fact that this is an EC lead, which you'd need to stress, would this interview be solely for background?

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 2, 2009 2:22 PM
To: Bishay, Nancy
Cc: Zanin, Joshua; Morris, John W (NCR); Colpitts, Kerry; Cantin, Scott; Higo, Marie-Eve; Mishima, Carrie
Subject: Urgent, For Approval : CBC TV Interview Request re Allouette River
Importance: High

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Nancy,

We are recommending providing an interview to Kathy Tomlinson, CBC, on the Alouette River fish kill that occurred last week. The kill is believed to have been caused by the release of a toxic substance into the river. There are also concerns related to water extraction from the river. Environment Canada is the lead on the toxic substance aspect, and has conducted an investigation. We have provided Kathy with a contact at EC. The extraction is a provincial issue, although DFO has some involvement. Our messages stress that there are several factors that could be contributing to the problems on the Alouette -- a hot and dry June, leading to low water levels, the release of a toxic substance (EC lead), etc. We also explain our role in the licensing process, which is basically to assess water licence extraction proposals we receive from the provincial government for potential harm to fish and fish habitat.

The reporter is looking for a call back this afternoon.

Terry

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Davis, Terry

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 2, 2009 11:24 AM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: RE: CBC Call -- Allouette River

Carrie,

As we discussed, I sent up a request to MO. We will see what Nancy says. Kathy Tomlinson's contact info is:

Terry

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From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: July 2, 2009 11:10 AM
To: Davis, Terry
Subject: RE: CBC Call -- Allouette River

Re: water extraction issue, it is the B.C. gov't that has the lead on that. Ministry of Environment, Dan Gilmore, 250-356-0202, Suntanu Dalal, 250-387-9745, are the media relations contacts.

If you still think our spokesperson should call her back, pls let me know if we get MO approval.

Cheers,
C

From: Davis, Terry
Sent: July 2, 2009 11:04 AM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Subject: CBC Call -- Allouette River
Importance: High

Kathy Tomlinson, CBC, looking for info on the Alouette River re the toxic substance fish kill -- I referred her to Anne-Marie Clancy at EC on this -- as well as on the water extraction licensing issue. I indicated that we would have our spokesperson give her a call, and will get MO approval for an interview in the interim. She has asked to be called after 1:30 p.m. today, as she will be canoeing the river this morning. Looking to get a better sense of DFO involvement in the water extraction area.

Terry

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King, Robert (Pacific)

From: Rasmussen, Pia [PYR] [Pia.Rasmussen@ec.gc.ca]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2009 2:14 PM
To: King, Robert (Pacific)
Subject: FW: North Alouette Concerns

Bob,
As requested here is the email I received from Amanda Balcke.

Pia

From: Amanda Balcke [mailto:arms@telus.net]
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2009 10:54 AM
To: Rasmussen, Pia [PYR]
Cc: 'Gail Szostek'; 'Geoff Clayton'; gerrywmiller@shaw.ca
Subject: North Alouette Concerns

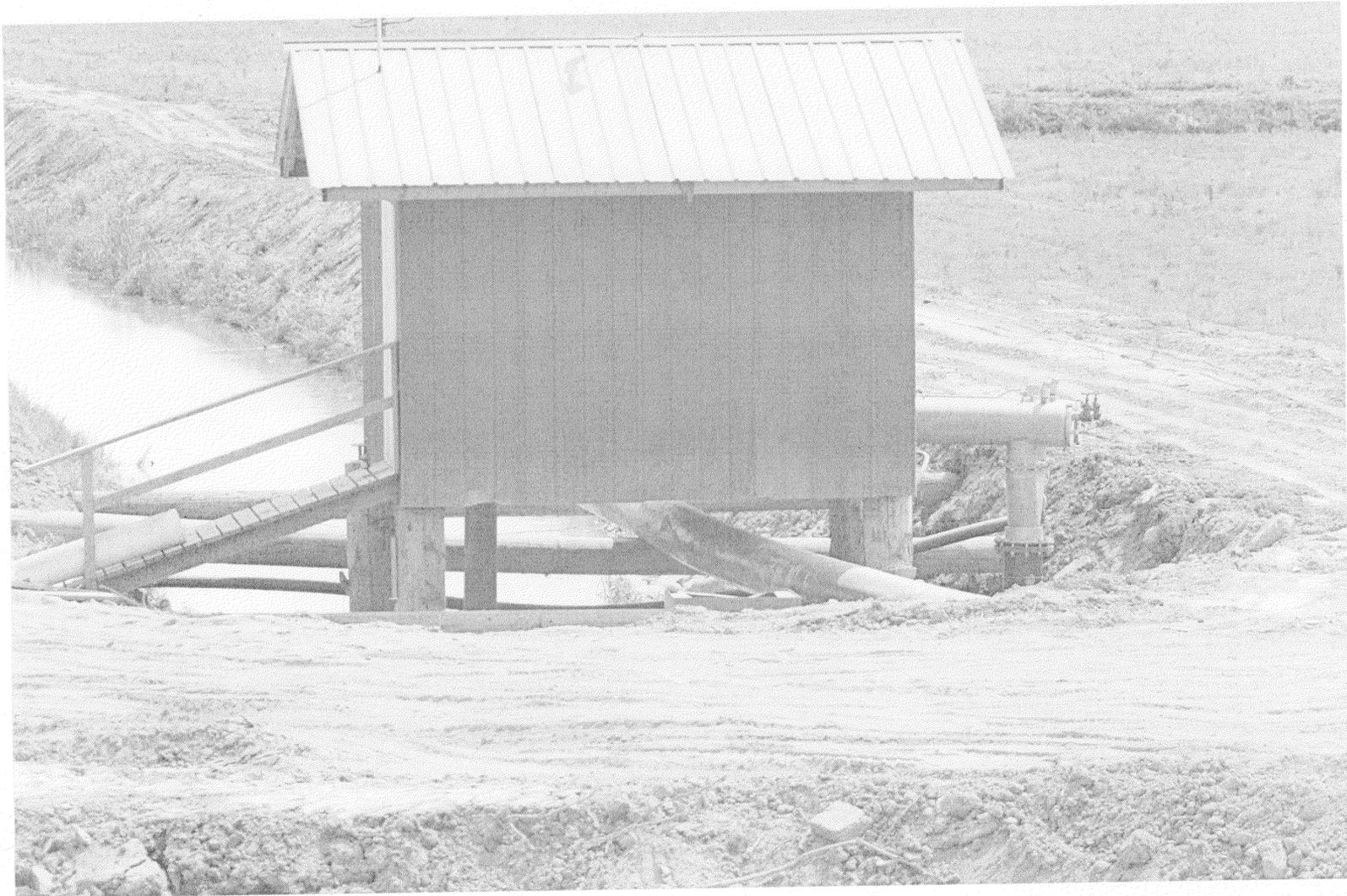
Good Morning Pia

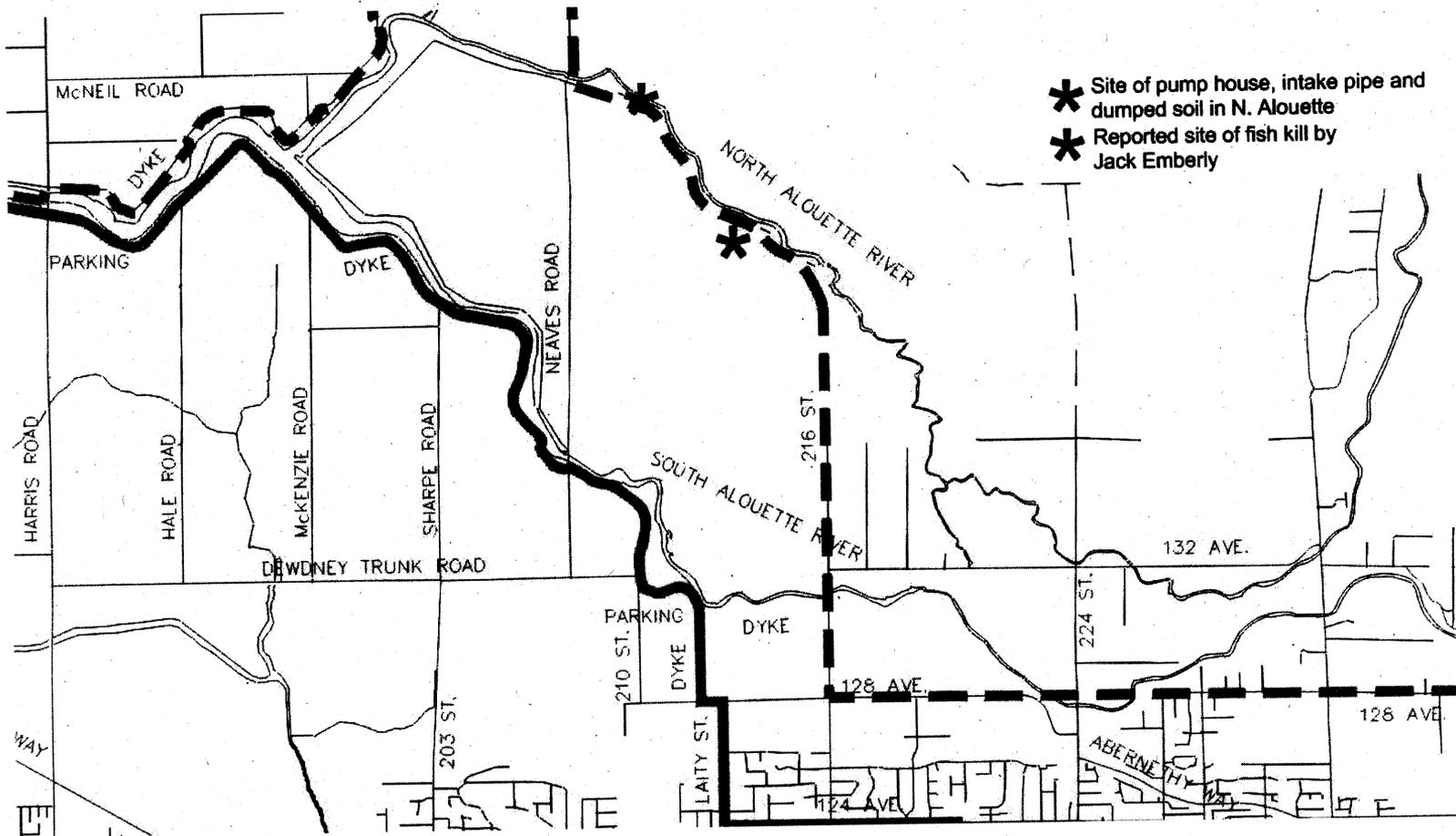
Here is a map showing the approximate location of the intake pipe and "sludgy" material dumped into the North Alouette River and also the approximate location where Jack Emberly found the dead fish. Mr. Emberly reported to me that he saw most of the fish at the bottom of the channel when he was in his canoe. I have also included some pictures of the former site.

Please feel free to give me call if you require further information.

Sincerely

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King, Robert (Pacific)

From: Rasmussen,Pia [PYR] [Pia.Rasmussen@ec.gc.ca]
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2009 2:15 PM
To: King, Robert (Pacific)
Subject: FW: Crisis on the North Alouette



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Bob,

Here is the "Tapping in" article.

Pia

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From: Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice [mailto:Maurice.Coulter-Boisvert@dfo-mpo.gc.ca]
Sent: Monday, June 08, 2009 2:03 PM
To: Rasmussen,Pia [PYR]
Subject: FW: Crisis on the North Alouette

Hello Pia!

I understand you are the officer dealing with the matter of fish kills and water extraction at a cranberry farm in Pitt Meadows. Can you inform me about what is happening or what is proposed to happen to cause a remedy for the situation out there. Please call my cellphone at your convenience.

Maurice Coulter-Boisvert

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-----Original Message-----

From: [mailto:]
Sent: June 6, 2009 4:24 PM
To: Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice
Subject: Fw: Crisis on the North Alouette

I am not sure if you have been kept in the loop on this one. If so, sorry for the cross posting. I am curious and wouldn't mind taking the bike down there tomorrow morning and poke around, see what I can see.

Cheers

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----- Original Message -----

From: "Bruce Hobbs" <bhobbs@stargate.ca>
To: "peter tam" <peter.tam@shaw.ca>
Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2009 10:56 AM
Subject: Re: Crisis on the North Alouette

> Here are the .pdf versions of the articles. "The Tapping" in one
> should be published in today's News, Also, please read "Re North
> Alouette Pipe" which is correspondence between myself and Geoff and
> will provide insight into the situation. . As you can see effects

> could be pretty devastating! I will try to draft a letter this morning
> to the MOE which I will send to everyone.

> Cheers Bruce

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> [REDACTED] wrote:

>> I'm going to try to take a run down there tomorrow and poke around.
>> The fact that sticklebacks were among those killed would probably
>> rule out a temperature / oxygen problem. The river at that location
>> is tidal this time of year so I wonder about stranding...just a
>> guess.

>> Cheers

>> [REDACTED]
>> ----- Original Message ----- From: "Peter Tam" <peter@petertam.ca>
>> To: "'Tower Ridge Farm'" <towerridge@shaw.ca>
>> Cc: <bhobbs@stargate.ca>
>> Sent: Saturday, June 06, 2009 8:01 AM
>> Subject: Crisis on the North Alouette

>> Hi Dave

>> The following 2 articles in the News were brought to my attention by
>> a friend with the Alouette Valley Association, and I thought I point
>> you to it and see if people are aware of it and know what they are
>> doing to the North
>> Alouette.

>> http://www.bclocalnews.com/tri_city_maple_ridge/mapleridgenews/news/46751532

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>> And heres the article about the effect.

>> http://www.bclocalnews.com/tri_city_maple_ridge/mapleridgenews/news/46751032

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>> Peter Tam

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King, Robert (Pacific)

From: King, Robert (Pacific)
Sent: Thursday, July 23, 2009 8:58 AM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009 - Meeting with MOE

Hi Bruce, I thought I replied back to you the other day but I see that I didn't. My apologize. Carmen and I will be meeting in Maple Ridge today at 1330. If you can't make it, I will send you an email detailing the meeting.

Bob

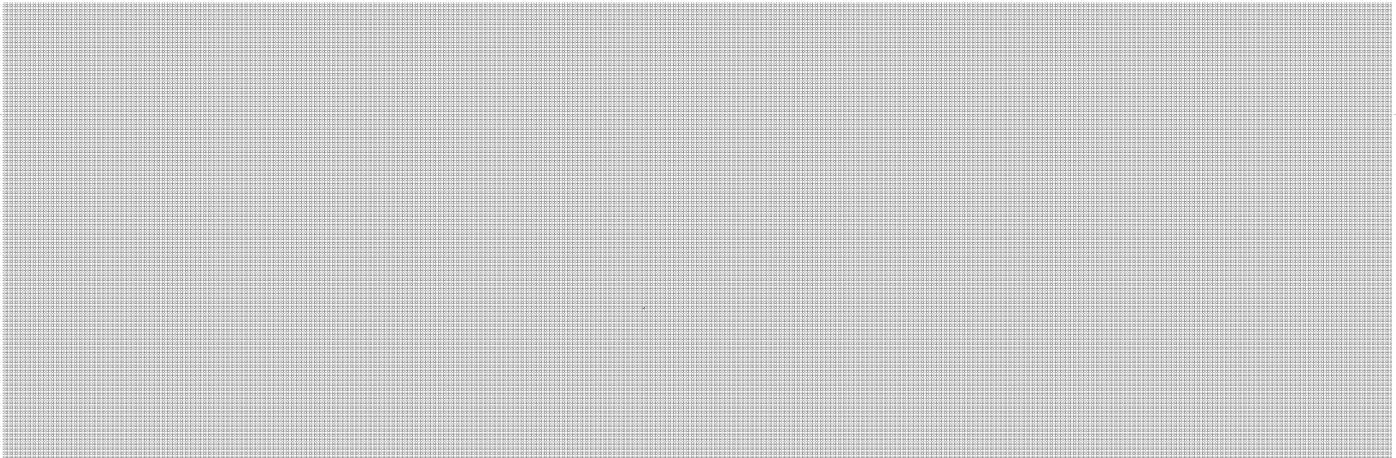
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From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: Tuesday, July 21, 2009 2:37 PM
To: King, Robert (Pacific)
Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk; Todd Gerhart; McDonald, Lisa; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009 - Meeting with MOE

Bob,

Further to your e-note attached following:

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I am often away from e-mail. The best bet to reach me is by voice-mail at 604-666-6140, or by cell.

Bruce.
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From: King, Robert (Pacific)
Sent: Tue 21/07/2009 2:01 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk
Subject: RE: North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009 - Information

Hi Bruce, I spoke with Environment Canada and the fish samples came back inconclusive and sounds like they are closing the file on their end.

Bob

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-----Original Message-----

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2009 12:20 PM
To: King, Robert (Pacific)
Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk
Subject: North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009 - Information

Bob,

Thanks for the update.

Re further information:

It would be good to confirm the location of the fish kill - directly with the informant, and a get a more precise location, perhaps by GPS.

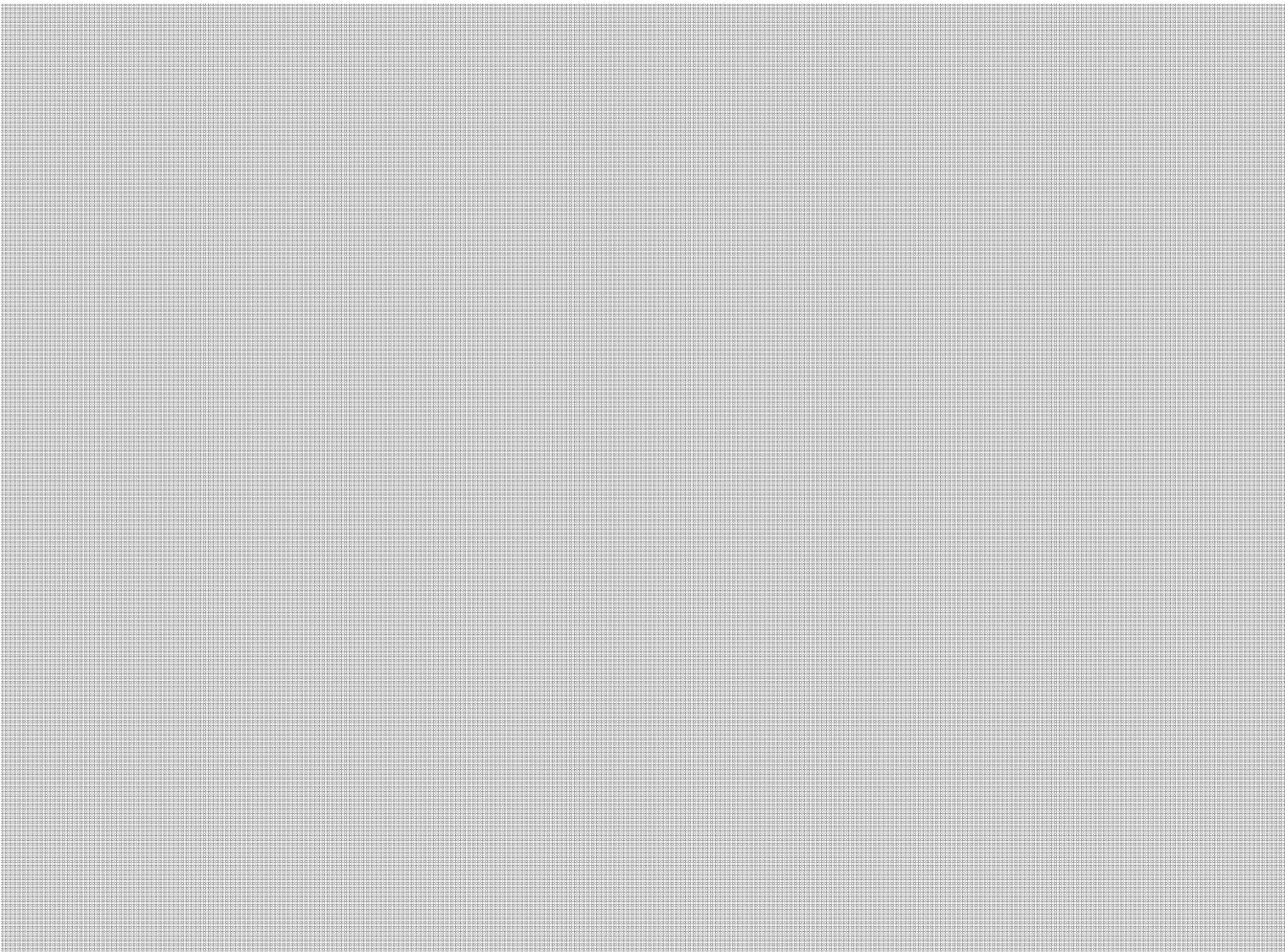
I have attached my earlier note outlining further information needs.

Thanks.

Bruce.
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From: King, Robert (Pacific)
Sent: Mon 20/07/2009 9:34 AM
To: Clark, Bruce
Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk
Subject: FW: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Hi Bruce,



The matter is still under investigation.

Let me know if you need any more information.

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Bob

-----Original Message-----

From: Jensen, Neil
Sent: Monday, July 20, 2009 8:29 AM
To: King, Robert (Pacific)
Subject: FW: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Bob,

Can you touch base with Bruce regarding your timeline and locations on this. Thanks!
Neil

-----Original Message-----

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 19, 2009 11:01 PM
To: Jensen, Neil
Cc: McCrae, Kirk; King, Robert (Pacific); XPAC PRMCU
Subject: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Neil,

Further to your e-note attached following:

Thanks for copying me on your note to MCU.

It seems that you might have some information on the location of the reported fish kill. So far I have none. I would appreciate it if you would let me know where the dead fish were found - and when they were first noted.

As the OHEB spokesperson and SME in this matter, I expect that I will be asked about a possible connection between the intake construction works and the fish kill. It would be nice to know where the dead fish were found - and when - in relation to the location and timing of the construction so that I might form an opinion about any linkage between the events.

Thanks.

Bruce.
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From: Jensen, Neil
Sent: Sun 19/07/2009 10:53 AM
To: XPAC PRMCU
Cc: Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Hi Candace,

Bruce's summary is very complete and there is not much that I could add at this point. However, from the perspective of C&P, I think that it would be safe to say at this point in the investigation that there is no evidence linking the fish kill to the installation of the water pipe. Based on available reports from the public, media reports and our on-site visits, the two incidents appear to be unrelated. The fish kill was found approx. 1.2 to 1.7 kilometers from the site of the pipe installation and there is no evidence to suggest that the incidents are related. Our investigation into the pipe installation is continuing and it would be too early to determine what enforcement action will be taken with respect to the unauthorized works.

Neil

-----Original Message-----

From: XPAC PRMCU
Sent: July 16, 2009 10:24 AM
To: Jensen, Neil
Subject: FW: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Hi Neil

Did you have any input to add to Bruce Clark's input, attached?

thanks
Candace.

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 16, 2009 12:34 AM
To: Sciankowy, Craig
Cc: Wong, Jennifer; Mishima, Carrie; Jensen, Neil; XPAC PRMCU
Subject: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Craig,

Further to your e-note and the e-mail train attached following:

I have attached some notes for your consideration and action.

Call me should you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter.

Bruce.
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From: Sciankowy, Craig
Sent: Wed 15/07/2009 1:37 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: FW: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Hello Bruce: can you please afford some time over the next day or so to respond to the request detailed in the e-note below. Thank you. Craig.

-----Original Message-----

From: XPAC PRMCU
Sent: July 15, 2009 11:22 AM
To: Clark, Bruce; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: FW: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)
Importance: High

Hi Bruce and Craig,
<<FW: MC:2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)>> <<Templnitial Request for 2009-001-01835.tif>>
This matter has been re-assigned to us. I attach a recent letter to the Minister. We'd like your input as the subject matter expert (SME). Specifically, Ottawa wants us to "acknowledge the concern and indicate that the Department is cooperating with other agencies." Can you please email us (bullets are fine) on your thoughts or any relevant information, so that our letter says more than "Thank you for your letter. We agree that this is a problem and DFO is working with other agencies to solve it". For instance, a bit more background on the problem, and steps taken to date to solve, what agencies we are working with, etc.

Either way, one of us in Pacific Region Ministerial Correspondence Unit (PRMCU) will then draft a response from your comments and send the draft to you for approval.

If you are not the SME, please either forward this to the SME with a cc to us, so we can keep track of where things are, or please return the letter to XPAC PRMCU and let us know who is the SME.

Thanks for your help,

Jennifer

Jennifer Wong and Candace McGuire

****Please direct all e-mails regarding ministerial correspondence to XPAC PRMCU.****

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From: Staciwa, Olivia
Sent: July 14, 2009 12:46 PM
To: XPAC PRMCU
Cc: Payne, Matthew
Subject: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)
Importance: High

Hi Jen and Candace,

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This urgent docket for Minister's signature [REDACTED] Please note that this was also sent to EC and the provincial environment ministry.

The meeting has taken place with [REDACTED] and the MO has requested that a brief reply be drafted which acknowledges the concern and indicates that the Department is cooperating with other agencies.

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Please provide input as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Olivia



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TO: BRUCE CLARK

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FROM: F/O MORRISH

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Clark, Bruce

From: King, Robert (Pacific)
Sent: July 14, 2009 2:03 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009

Thanks Bruce, That answers my question with regard to authorizations under S.32 or 35 in relation to water licences. BCMOE can explain their process to me when I contact them.

Bob

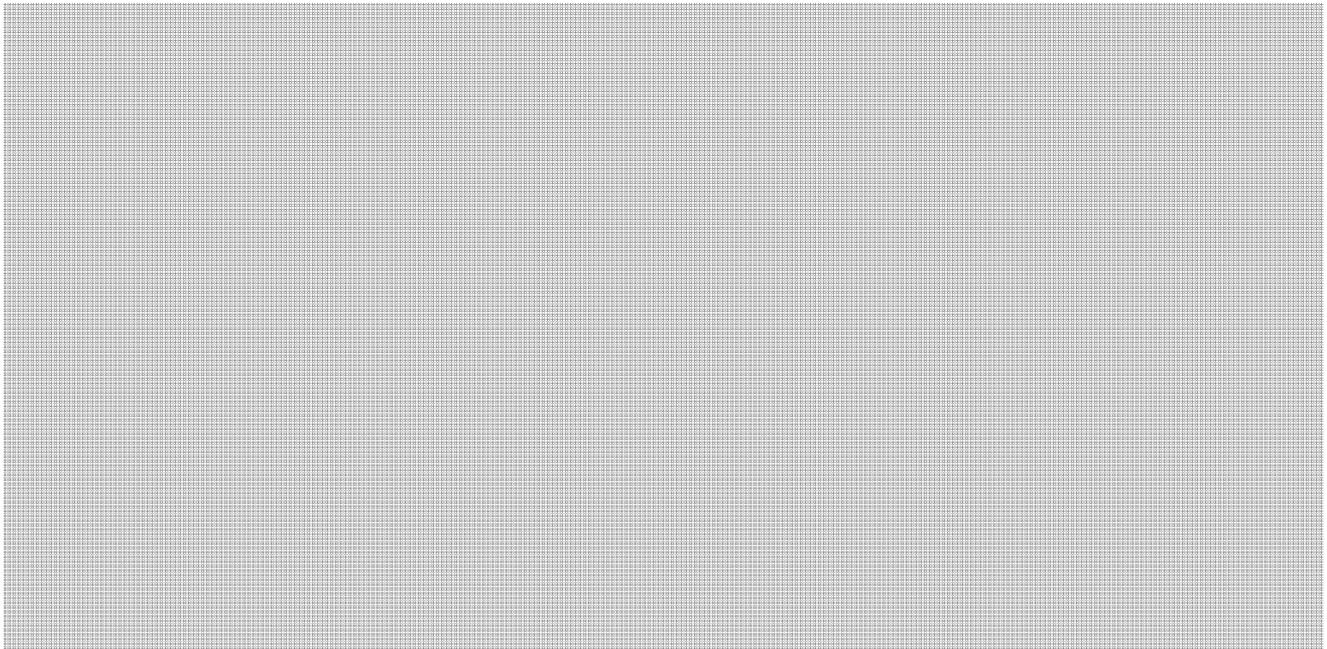
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From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 12:44 PM
To: King, Robert (Pacific)
Cc: McCrae, Kirk
Subject: North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009

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Bob,

Further to your e-note attached following:

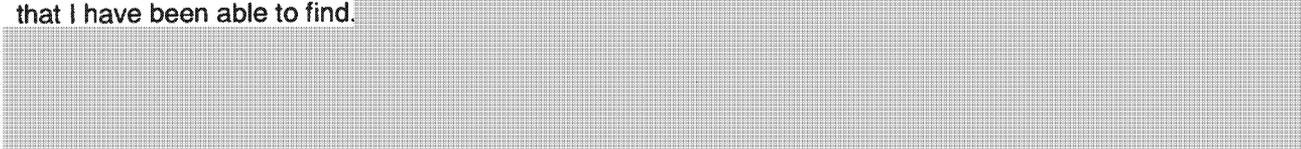


Contact me at your convenience should you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter.

Bruce.
Bruce Clark
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Oceans, Habitat, and Enhancement
Lower Fraser Area
tel.: 604-666-6140

From: King, Robert (Pacific)
Sent: Tue 14/07/2009 11:22 AM
To: Clark, Bruce
Cc: McCrae, Kirk
Subject: RE: North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009

Bruce, Thanks for the info. I have been reviewing the occurrence notices on this file and media publications that I have been able to find.



Thanks

Bob King
Fishery Officer / Agent de Pêches
Fisheries and Oceans Canada / Pêches et Océans Canada
Conservation and Protection
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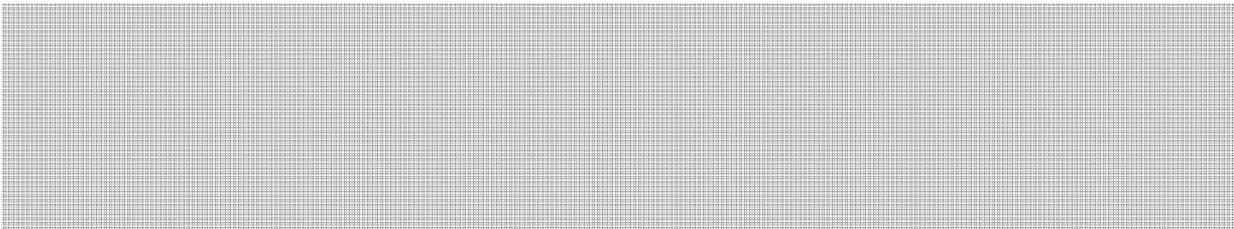
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Sent: Tuesday, July 14, 2009 12:02 AM
To: King, Robert (Pacific)
Cc: Jensen, Neil; McCrae, Kirk
Subject: North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009

Bob,

Further to your 'phone call of earlier today, and our subsequent discussion:

I have attached some notes regarding these matters for your consideration.

Water diversion



Report of dead fish

I suggest that you explore those notes regarding reports of dead fish with those parties who observed or reported the fish.

As with the diversion intake works, in addition to the informant who made a report to DFO, there are reports in the media and the NGO website of others who observed the dead fish. And of course there is also Environment Canada and the EC officials working on this matter.

Contact me at your convenience should you wish to discuss any aspect of this matter.

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Clark, Bruce

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 2, 2009 10:19 AM
To: Geoff Clayton
Subject: RE: The Allouett after the draining

Geoff,

Further to your e-note attached following:

Thank you for forwarding the photos.

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DFO takes your question as being rhetorical.

Should you wish to discuss this matter in any detail please contact me by phone, facs., or mail. In my view e-mail is not an appropriate avenue for substantive discussion.

Thanks.

Bruce.
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From: Geoff Clayton [mailto:]
Sent: Thu 02/07/2009 9:45 AM
To: Clark, Bruce; Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice; 'Solomi'; Don MacLean; Scott Barrett (scott.barrett@gov.bc.ca); Berardinucci, Julia F ENV:EX
Cc: ARMS office; Phil Melnychuk
Subject: FW: The Allouett after the draining

All

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Geoff

From: Zale Hammren [mailto:]
Sent: July 2, 2009 8:41 AM
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Subject: The Allouett after the draining

Hear are some of the pic I took I am going to choose one and send it to the papers
Zale

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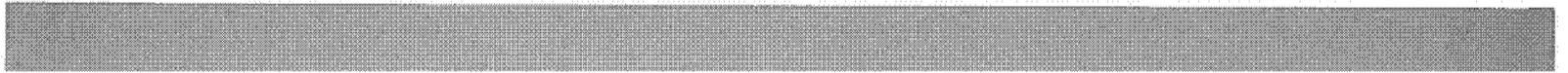
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Clark, Bruce

From: Amanda Balcke [arms@telus.net]
Sent: June 12, 2009 3:16 PM
To: Amanda Balcke
Subject: Water Licenses Could Systematically Destroy Heritage Watershed

Good Afternoon

On behalf of Geoff Clayton, Alouette River Management Society, and Bruce Hobbs, Alouette Valley Association, please see the attached document regarding serious environmental concerns about the North Alouette River in Maple Ridge, BC.

Sincerely

Amanda Balcke
Executive Director
Alouette River Management Society
24959 Alouette Road, Allco Park
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Clark, Bruce

From: Geoff Clayton [redacted] **s.19(1)**
Sent: June 25, 2009 4:23 PM
To: KGrout@pittmeadows.bc.ca; Don MacLean; Dbing@pittmeadows.bc.ca
Subject: Regulations on Pitt Meadows farming industries

Hi Kim, et al

City of Pitt Meadows and Farm Regulation?

Currently, there appears there is no apparent enforcement required by the City of Pitt Meadows regarding the pumping of water into or out of cranberry grow operations. Nor does there appear to be an environmental monitor/planner to oversee any environmental concerns happening in Pitt Meadows. All of this would appear to fall under bylaw enforcement and the bylaws are not in place for our concerns expressed here. It would also seem that there might not be any enforcement when things go awry. When water licenses are applied for, the City has a chance to express concerns or input requirements to the license holders. It appears the City of Pitt Meadows has passed on these licenses without comment!

Given the above I am now shocked (pun intended) to find that the GEG have install a 660 volt pump **in the public domain** on the bank of the North Alouette River too! On contacting the MOE Water Stewardship Division, we find that although they told the Press that the water licences were monitored (metered) they are not. Their pump for drafting out of the North Alouette is capable of pumping at 3000gal/min. to fill their cranberry water channels. In May they generally draw out of these channels, and induct diazinon (Bravo) into their sprinkler systems and drench the cranberry crop. The sprinklers have an overreach, or drift which means that the water channels become laced with this insecticide. **At some point, this water may be pumped back into the river.** The assumption is that time and rain dilution will have neutralized this potential fish poison contaminate. Again, the Agriculture Ministry appears to rely on a result based process where it is assumed the farmer will test the affluent before discharging field water back into the river.

The public I have spoken to and ARMS have no comfort in this self-regulation process. This frontier mentality must end and we hope the City of Pitt Meadows will demand better standards for the protection of our environment.

Thanks for reviewing our concerns.

Geoff Clayton
ARMS

Many CC sent out too.

Clark, Bruce

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: July 7, 2009 4:22 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: Occurence at North Alouette River May 2009 - draft media lines

Thanks, Bruce. Have made your suggested changes. Re: second bullet, that was suggested by Corino so I am confused when you say that this is pre-EPMP messaging. I'm not sure what to do with that bullet.

Have cleared the bullet re: EC with the EC communications director.

Pls let me know what you find at tomorrow's site visit and I may incorporate that in these lines.

Cheers,
C

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 7, 2009 3:50 PM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Cc: Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: Occurence at North Alouette River May 2009 - draft media lines

Carrie,

Further to your e-note attached following:

I have provided comments on your voice-mail - two messages.

Fishery officers attended the site of the intake pipe installation this afternoon and have asked me to join them in inspecting the site tomorrow.

Bruce.
voice-mail: 604-666-6140 (24/7)

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: Tue 07/07/2009 2:50 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: draft media lines

Bruce,

Here are the revised media lines. Could you pls review and let me know if the msgs look accurate? I am ordered to keep media lines brief, no more than five bullets, but I have broken the rules because of the multiple aspects of this issue.

Neil Jensen says C&P will visit the site; he will probably ask you to assist. Just a heads up.

Cheers,
C

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Clark, Bruce

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 8, 2009 8:48 PM
To: Geoff Clayton
Subject: RE: The Allouett after the draining

Geoff,

Further to your e-note attached following:

Thanks for the clarification re photos dates, and the flow info.

Bruce.
Bruce Clark
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Fisheries and Oceans Canada
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tel.: 604-666-6140

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From: Geoff Clayton [mailto:]
Sent: Wed 08/07/2009 1:37 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: The Allouett after the draining

Bruce,
The date on the photo was a modified date. When I looked at Zale Hammrens photos for the meta data it was Oct. 11th 2006 . The flow that day were around 1000 L/s
Geoff

From: Clark, Bruce [mailto:Bruce.Clark@dfo-mpo.gc.ca]
Sent: July 2, 2009 10:19 AM
To: Geoff Clayton
Subject: RE: The Allouett after the draining

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Thanks.

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From: Geoff Clayton [mailto:geoff.clayton@ec.gc.ca]
Sent: Thu 02/07/2009 9:45 AM
To: Clark, Bruce; Coulter-Boisvert, Maurice; 'Solomi'; Don MacLean; Scott Barrett (scott.barrett@gov.bc.ca); Berardinucci, Julia F ENV:EX
Cc: ARMS office; Phil Melnychuk
Subject: FW: The Allouett after the draining

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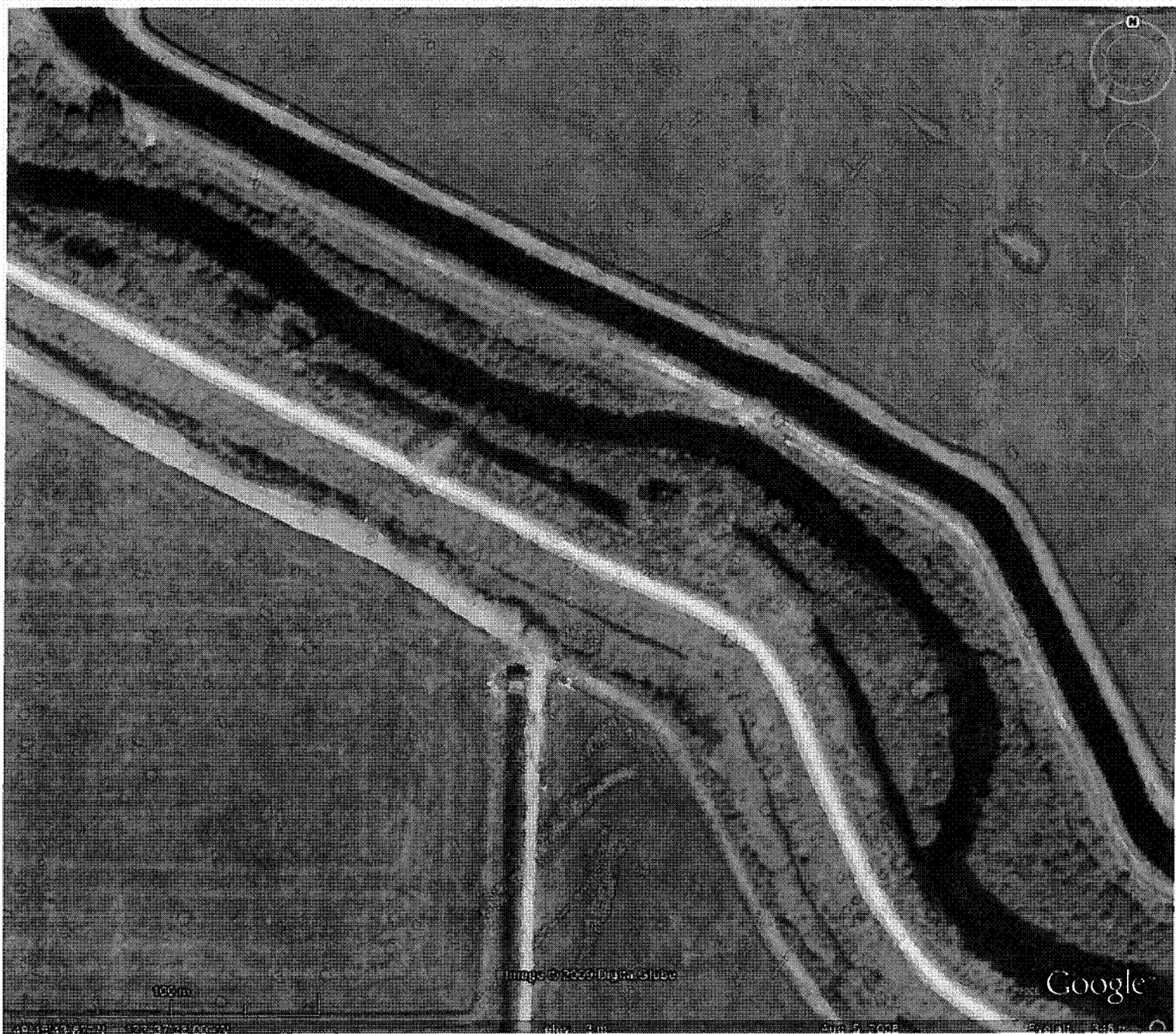
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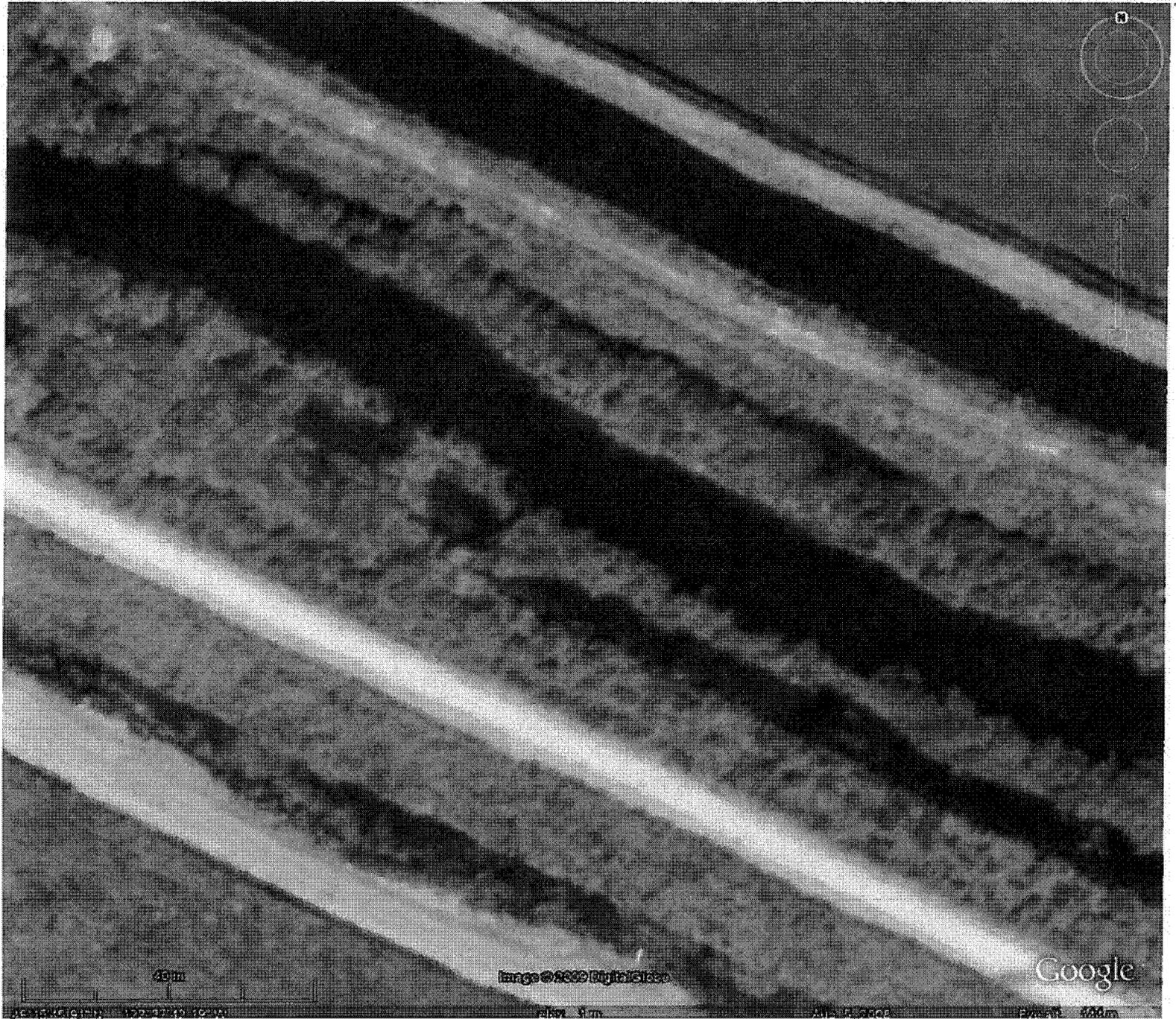
From: Zale Hammren [mailto:zale.hammren@gov.bc.ca]
Sent: July 2, 2009 8:41 AM
To: Zale Hammren
Subject: The Allouett after the draining

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Zale









**New Westminster (Station #7654)
7 days Tidal Prediction
Reference : Chart Datum**

Times and Heights for High and Low Tides

2009-07-08 (Wednesday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:06	2.4	7.9
06:22	2.8	9.2
15:15	1.1	3.6
21:35	3.1	10.2

2009-07-09 (Thursday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
02:49	2.3	7.5
07:04	2.7	8.9
15:42	1.1	3.6
22:05	3.1	10.2

2009-07-10 (Friday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
03:34	2.2	7.2
07:47	2.6	8.5
16:05	1.1	3.6
22:30	3.0	9.8

2009-07-11 (Saturday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
04:19	2.0	6.6
08:35	2.5	8.2
16:26	1.2	3.9
22:48	3.0	9.8

2009-07-12 (Sunday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:04	1.9	6.2
09:31	2.4	7.9
16:47	1.3	4.3
23:01	2.9	9.5

2009-07-13 (Monday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
05:46	1.7	5.6
10:41	2.3	7.5
17:10	1.5	4.9
23:19	2.9	9.5

2009-07-14 (Tuesday)		
Time	Height	
PDT	(m)	(ft)
06:28	1.5	4.9
12:02	2.2	7.2
17:41	1.7	5.6
23:43	2.9	9.5

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2009-07-10	2.8	2.6	2.3	2.2	2.2	2.3	2.5	2.6	2.6	2.5	2.3	2.1	1.8	1.6	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.2	1.6	2.1	2.5	2.8	3.0	3.0
2009-07-11	2.9	2.6	2.4	2.2	2.0	2.1	2.2	2.4	2.5	2.5	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.7	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.2	1.5	1.9	2.4	2.7	2.9	3.0

2009-07-12	2.9	2.7	2.4	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.9	2.1	2.3	2.4	2.4	2.3	2.1	1.9	1.7	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.5	1.8	2.2	2.6	2.9	2.9
2009-07-13	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.2	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.2	2.0	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.5	1.5	1.7	2.1	2.5	2.8	2.9
2009-07-14	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.2	1.9	1.7	1.6	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.2	2.2	2.2	2.1	1.9	1.8	1.7	1.7	1.8	2.0	2.4	2.7	2.9

Source: <http://www.tides.gc.ca/>



Clark, Bruce

From: XPAC PRMCU
Sent: July 15, 2009 11:22 AM
To: Clark, Bruce; Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: FW: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Importance: High

Hi Bruce and Craig,



FW: MC: TempInitial Request
9-001-01835 Balcke for 2009-0...

This matter has been re-assigned to us. I attach a recent letter to the Minister. We'd like your input as the subject matter expert (SME). Specifically, Ottawa wants us to "acknowledge the concern and indicate that the Department is cooperating with other agencies." Can you please email us (bullets are fine) on your thoughts or any relevant information, so that our letter says more than "Thank you for your letter. We agree that this is a problem and DFO is working with other agencies to solve it". For instance, a bit more background on the problem, and steps taken to date to solve, what agencies we are working with, etc.

Either way, one of us in Pacific Region Ministerial Correspondence Unit (PRMCU) will then draft a response from your comments and send the draft to you for approval.

If you are not the SME, please either forward this to the SME with a cc to us, so we can keep track of where things are, or please return the letter to XPAC PRMCU and let us know who is the SME.

Thanks for your help,

Jennifer

Jennifer Wong and Candace McGuire

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From: Staciwa, Olivia
Sent: July 14, 2009 12:46 PM
To: XPAC PRMCU
Cc: Payne, Matthew
Subject: MC: URGENT 2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)
Importance: High

Hi Jen and Candace,

This urgent docket for Minister's signature [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]
environment ministry.

Please note that this was also sent to EC and the provincial

The meeting has taken place with [REDACTED] and the MO has requested that a brief reply be drafted which acknowledges the concern and indicates that the Department is cooperating with other agencies.

Please provide input as soon as possible.

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Thank you,
Olivia

Clark, Bruce

From: Payne, Matthew
Sent: June 19, 2009 8:08 AM
To: XPAC PRMCU
Cc: Staciwa, Olivia
Subject: FW: MC:2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Jennifer/Candace

You might as well close your routing on this docket until we hear back from the MO?

Thanks
Matt

From: XNCR, MCCU
Sent: June 19, 2009 10:43 AM
To: Payne, Matthew; XNCR, MCCU
Cc: XPAC PRMCU; Staciwa, Olivia
Subject: RE: MC:2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

From: Winstan, Jules
Sent: June 19, 2009 10:32 AM
To: Piché, Murielle
Subject: FW: Mail Item:2009-001-01835 Balcke

FYI.

From: Cody, Dan
Sent: June 18, 2009 4:23 PM
To: Winstan, Jules
Cc: Johal, Sharan
Subject: RE: Mail Item:2009-001-01835 Balcke

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Jules,

I'd like to arrange the call between [REDACTED] and Corino Salomi first, then decide how to proceed re the correspondence. Sharan is copied, I'll work with her to set up the call.

Dan

From: Payne, Matthew
Sent: June 18, 2009 9:30 AM
To: XNCR, MCCU
Cc: XPAC PRMCU; Staciwa, Olivia
Subject: FW: MC:2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Hi MCCU

Can someone check with the MO to see if [REDACTED] will be taking care of the response for this incoming letter?

Thank you
Matt

From: XPAC PRMCU
Sent: June 17, 2009 6:18 PM
To: Payne, Matthew
Cc: Langill, Darria; Staciwa, Olivia
Subject: RE: MC:2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Hi Matthew

Our SME got back to me today and said this letter was the topic of their conference call with Dan Cody this a.m., and he believed that some arrangement was going to be made for [REDACTED] to respond...

I was not 100% clear on the process to be followed. Can you check in to see if this issue is being handled from NHQ, please?

thanks
Candace.

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From: Payne, Matthew
Sent: June 16, 2009 8:45 AM
To: XPAC PRMCU
Cc: Langill, Darria; Staciwa, Olivia
Subject: MC:2009-001-01835 Balcke (For Input)

Hi Jennifer/Candace

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This docket for Minister's signature [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Please note that this was also sent to EC and the provincial environment ministry.

Please provide input by June 29

Thank you
Matt

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Clark, Bruce

From: XPAC PRMCU
Sent: July 21, 2009 11:26 AM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: #945477 v1 - MCU 2009-001-01835 Balcke- PR draft - [REDACTED] Alouette River

Hi Bruce

Thanks for your edits and for the clear e-mail explaining your response. Much appreciated.

-Candace.

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 21, 2009 8:46 AM
To: XPAC PRMCU
Cc: Sciankowy, Craig; Trager, Diana
Subject: #945477 v1 - MCU 2009-001-01835 Balcke- PR draft - [REDACTED] Alouette River

Jennifer,

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Further to your e-note attached following:

I have noted the second paragraph in your note and essentially re-written the draft letter. I have used your material and re-presented that information in a manner that reflects our local operational perspective.

Should powers-that-be wish to shorten the letter to reflect the NHQ/MO request for "a brief reply...which acknowledges the concern and indicates that the Department is cooperating with other agencies", the body of the letter could be ended after paragraph 3 ("DFO field staff...other agencies.").

I have copied Diana and Craig for information only (I understand that you will contact them separately for their approvals of the final draft).

Thanks.

Bruce.
Bruce Clark
Biologist
Oceans, Habitat, and Enhancement
Lower Fraser Area
tel.: 604-666-6140

From: XPAC PRMCU
Sent: Mon 20/07/2009 3:41 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: #945477 v1 - MCU 2009-001-01835 Balcke- PR draft - [REDACTED]; Alouette River

Hi Bruce,

We're looking for your approval on this draft response. Please use track changes to insert any necessary edits in the attached document, and 'forward' the document back to us.

Subject matter experts/program managers are responsible for reviewing the complete response,

10/08/2009

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including tone, content, facts, consistency with policy direction, and the overall message being delivered, as program managers are best placed to make this assessment. Please do not make grammatical changes as the Ministerial Correspondence Unit is responsible for this aspect.

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These documents are drafts, and therefore unofficial, until the Minister signs them.

Thank you for helping with this process, Jen and Candace.

Clark, Bruce

From: XPAC PRMCU

Sent: July 21, 2009 4:30 PM

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To: Clark, Bruce

Subject: #945477 v3 - MCU 2009-001-01835 Balcke- PR draft - [REDACTED] Alouette River

Hi Bruce

here's the edited version of the response.

[REDACTED] Can you fill in, please?

thanks

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MEDIA LINES

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ALOUETTE RIVER WATER WITHDRAWALS

Issue: Citizens and environmental groups are concerned about that too much water is being withdrawn from the North Alouette River and harming fish.

[REDACTED]

DFO expects to be able to meet the comment deadline of July 31. The story is receiving attention from local reporters, who have been asking DFO about its involvement.

Media lines

- The B.C. Ministry of Environment/Water Stewardship Division reviews applications for licences under the provincial *Water Act* to withdraw water from rivers and streams.
- The provincial government periodically refers to DFO those water licence applications that could impact fish. DFO reviews these applications to ensure the water withdrawals or associated works would not harm fish or fish habitat.
- [REDACTED]
- [REDACTED]
- In any case, a landowner planning to undertake works near, or to withdraw water from, a river is responsible for contacting DFO directly to ensure the proposal complies with the *Fisheries Act* and to seek applicable authorization.

If pressed about the fish kill:

- Environment Canada responded to reports of the dead fish in the Alouette River and inspected the site. EC was not able to determine the cause of the fish kill. (?)
- EC takes the lead for the federal government in cases where there is a suspected deleterious substance, which is often the case with fish kills. An agreement between DFO and EC identifies EC as the lead agency in pollution cases under the *Fisheries Act*.

Spokesperson

Bruce Clark, habitat biologist, Lower Fraser, 604-666-6140

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Clark, Bruce

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: July 2, 2009 11:49 AM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: media call

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Hi Bruce,

Corino has suggested you be the spokesperson on the Alouette River. Are you in today? We've had a call from CBC TV asking how DFO is involved. I haven't spoken to the reporter yet, but the Comms Director has advised her that EC has the lead on the fish kill and that the Province has the lead on the water withdrawal issue given their jurisdiction re: water licences. She still wants to know DFO's role.

Here are our latest media lines, which explain that DFO reviews the water licence applications that are referred by the Province. [REDACTED]

Pls let me know your availability to speak to the reporter today.

Thanks,
C

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Clark, Bruce

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: July 7, 2009 2:51 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: draft media lines

Bruce,

Here are the revised media lines. Could you pls review and let me know if the msgs look accurate? I am ordered to keep media lines brief, no more than five bullets, but I have broken the rules because of the multiple aspects of this issue.

Neil Jensen says C&P will visit the site; he will probably ask you to assist. Just a heads up.

Cheers,
C

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MEDIA LINES

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ALOUETTE RIVER FISH KILL

Issue: Citizens and environmental groups have raised concerns over the discovery of thousands of dead fish in the North Alouette River that they believe could have been caused by a toxic substance in the water, the installation of a new irrigation pipe near the river or large water withdrawals from the river.

[REDACTED] The pipe is intended to pump water out of the river and into nearby reservoirs to irrigate the company's cranberry and blueberry crops.

[REDACTED] The story is receiving media attention and reporters are asking about DFO's involvement in the various aspects of this issue.

Media lines

- [REDACTED]
- A landowner planning to undertake works that could impact fish or fish habitat should contact DFO directly to ensure the proposal complies with the *Fisheries Act* and to seek applicable authorization.
- [REDACTED] DFO staff are visiting the site to examine the project.
- DFO understands that the B.C. Ministry of Environment/Water Stewardship Division is taking action over the company's unauthorized works and unauthorized diversion of water from the North Alouette River.

If pressed on DFO's role in water withdrawals:

- The B.C. Ministry of Environment/Water Stewardship Division reviews applications for licences under the provincial *Water Act* to withdraw water from rivers and streams.
- The provincial government periodically refers to DFO those water licence applications that could impact fish. DFO reviews these applications to ensure the water withdrawals or associated works would not harm fish or fish habitat.

- [REDACTED]

If pressed about why DFO did not respond to the fish kill:

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- DFO received the citizen's report on May 25 and advised Environment Canada. EC takes the lead for the federal government in cases where there is a suspected deleterious substance, which is often the case with fish kills.
- An agreement between DFO and EC identifies EC as the lead agency in pollution cases under the *Fisheries Act*.
- EC staff inspected the site and is analyzing fish collected from the river.

Spokesperson

Bruce Clark, habitat biologist, Lower Fraser, 604-666-6140

Prepared by:

<i>Communications Contact:</i> Carrie Mishima 604-666-0392	<i>Program Contacts:</i> Bruce Clark/Neil Jensen 604-666-6140/604-607-4163
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Clark, Bruce

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 7, 2009 5:47 PM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Cc: Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: Occurence at North Alouette River May 2009 - draft media lines

Carrie,

Further to your e-note attached following:

To recognise the EPMP assertion that DFO shares responsibility and liability with the project proponent in the assessment of the potential environmental effect of the proponent's project, you might revise the second bullet as follows:

- A project proponent planning to undertake works that could impact fish or fish habitat is responsible to ensure that their project is in compliance with the *Fisheries Act*; where a project might adversely affect fish or fish habitat the proponent is encouraged to contact DFO to review the project and to apply for DFO authorization as applicable.

You comment that EC confirms the line (last bullet) that EC "is analysing fish collected from the river". This suggests that EC has not yet determined whether or not their analyses have identified any toxic substances associated with the dead fish.

Earlier this afternoon, Terry Davis, in an e-note to Rebecca Reid suggested that "it now appears that no toxic substance was involved...". We are not aware of any report from EC (or others) regarding the results of EC analyses. Are you able to clarify the basis for Terry's comment?

Thanks.

Bruce.

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: Tue 07/07/2009 4:21 PM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: Occurence at North Alouette River May 2009 - draft media lines

Thanks, Bruce. Have made your suggested changes. Re: second bullet, that was suggested by Corino so I am confused when you say that this is pre-EPMP messaging. I'm not sure what to do with that bullet.

Have cleared the bullet re: EC with the EC communications director.

Pls let me know what you find at tomorrow's site visit and I may incorporate that in these lines.

Cheers,
C

From: Clark, Bruce
Sent: July 7, 2009 3:50 PM

To: Mishima, Carrie
Cc: Sciankowy, Craig
Subject: Occurence at North Alouette River May 2009 - draft media lines

Carrie,

Further to your e-note attached following:

I have provided comments on your voice-mail - two messages.

Fishery officers attended the site of the intake pipe installation this afternoon and have asked me to join them in inspecting the site tomorrow.

Bruce.
voice-mail: 604-666-6140 (24/7)

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Clark, Bruce

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: July 8, 2009 9:03 AM
To: Clark, Bruce
Subject: RE: Occurence at North Alouette River May 2009 - draft media lines

Thanks, Bruce. Re: EC, I understand that EC has not yet received results from its analysis of the fish. At least this is what I was told yesterday.

I believe Terry's statement is based on information I received last week from an EC communications advisor. She told me that in EC's site visit staff had found no evidence of a deleterious substance, but that was before they sent fish samples for analysis.

Cheers,
C

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Thanks.

Bruce.

Clark, Bruce

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: July 8, 2009 1:55 PM
To: Sciankowy, Craig
Cc: Clark, Bruce
Subject: urgent: media lines for your approval

Hi Craig,

Could you pls review these media lines and let me know ASAP if you are OK with them? Bruce Clark has already reviewed them and I have incorporated his comments. The second bullet was developed with Bruce's help. The last bullet about EC was confirmed with the EC Communications Director.

Thanks,
C

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North Alouette River Occurrences May-June 2009 Media lines

Original Message-----

From: Clark, Bruce

Sent: July 13, 2009 7:18 PM

To: Jensen, Neil

Cc: Bate, Dan; Sciankowy, Craig

Subject: North Alouette River Occurrences May/June 2009 - Media Lines

Neil,

Further to the e-mail train attached following:

Re the media lines provided by Carrie (attached following):

In my view, Dan's suggested bullet / line does not capture the current situation in that it confuses inspection and investigation, and is too specific with too narrow a focus.

I suggest that Carrie's fourth bullet be revised to read as follows:

DFO has inspected the site of the reported physical disturbance of the North Alouette River, and has commenced an investigation of the reported occurrences.

Give me a call should you wish to discuss this matter further.

Bruce.

Bruce Clark

Biologist

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tel.: 604-666-6140

From: Jensen, Neil

Sent: Mon 13/07/2009 1:15 PM

To: Clark, Bruce

Cc: Bate, Dan

Subject: FW: ML re: Alouette River

Hi Bruce,

Can you please give Dan your opinion on adding this to our media lines on the issue. Thanks!

Neil

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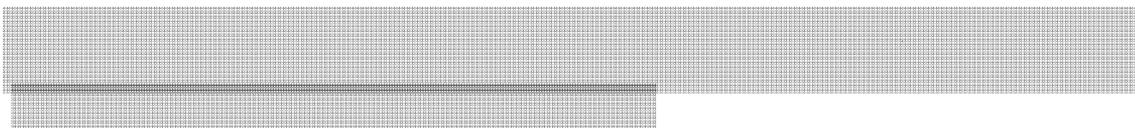
From: Bate, Dan

Sent: July 13, 2009 12:48 PM

To: Jensen, Neil

Subject: RE: ML re: Alouette River

Thanks Neil – I've amended the bullet to read:



Let me know if that's captured incorrectly.

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Thanks,
Dan

From: Jensen, Neil
Sent: July 13, 2009 8:53 AM
To: Mishima, Carrie
Cc: Bate, Dan
Subject: RE: ML re: Alouette River

Thanks for the update and Herb had sent me the email so I was aware. An update for you on this issue is that it is now an investigation with respect to HADD. C&P is continuing to work with OHEB (Bruce Clark) and we have started an investigation, which is in its early stages.

Neil

-----Original Message-----

From: Mishima, Carrie
Sent: July 10, 2009 1:55 PM
To: Jensen, Neil
Cc: Bate, Dan
Subject: ML re: Alouette River

Hi Neil,

I just wanted to make sure you had the media lines I drafted to answer the question from the reporter about what DFO did after it received the call May 19, through the ORR line, reporting digging near the North Alouette River. I read the messages to Herb R. over the phone and he thought they sounded fine.

We missed the reporter's deadline yesterday, but if he calls back, Communications will call you. I will be away next week and Dan Bate (604-775-8809) will be looking after this issue in my absence. Hopefully this issue will begin to die down soon.

Media lines

- When a call comes into the ORR line, DFO assesses the reported incident and puts the call into a queue based on an evaluation of its potential risk to cause harm to fish and fish habitat. DFO manages these calls on a priority basis: those that have the highest potential to adversely impact fish or fish habitat are dealt with first.
- A fishery officer telephoned the caller who reported the digging near the North Alouette River to obtain more details. This caller did **not** report any dead fish.
- A separate call reported the fish kill in the North Alouette River and that report was forwarded to Environment Canada as a suspected deleterious substance spill, which is often the case with fish kills. EC is the lead federal agency when it comes to water pollution under the Fisheries Act. EC staff inspected the fish kill.

- DFO is inspecting the site where the digging has occurred and is assessing the impact of the work done.

Thanks for your help on this.

Carrie Mishima

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