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To whom it may concern:

Further to the ongoing concerns that the WKABC has regarding the numerous micro-hydro projects which are proposed for the streams and rivers in British Columbia, please find included with this letter, two other letters. The first dated from September of 2001, the second from October of 2002.

These letters were distributed, via e-mail on November 8, 2002, to all of the offices on the CC list. The WKABC hopes that this will help identify our ongoing concerns regarding paddlers input on projects, which may impact any streams or rivers in British Columbia, and assist in streamlining the communications process, so that we are notified of any projects that are proposed, and able to distribute that information to the appropriate local people, so that the paddling community is informed, and can respond to these issues. As awareness of these issues increases, and the paddling community becomes more involved, there are Regional River Impacts Committees being formed, which will all work through the umbrella of the WKABC's River Projects Coordinator, and through the WKABC, to provide input to the provincial and federal regulatory agencies, and to the proponents. This will help ensure one clear point of contact for any input from the paddling community, and also allow one clear point of contact for any regulatory agencies, or for any proponents, that need information from the WKABC. This is the internal process that the WKABC has established to assist our volunteer organization in the efforts to handle these issues, and any concerns surrounding them.

The WKABC would like to ask for your assistance in ensuring that notice of any projects is given to the WKABC River Projects Coordinator, regarding any projects that may impact streams and rivers in British Columbia. Again, the WKABC would ask that we be notified early of any and all projects which may impact any streams in your specific area.

The included letters are to help each of you understand that the WKABC has attempted to ask that the provincial government recognize the association as a stakeholder on all river projects that may impact in-stream river users, and to open lines of communication with the people involved. Our original letter went out to the following provincial offices last September:

Minister of the Environment

Licensing Unit Head, Water Planning and Allocation Branch, MSRM

Director, Sustainable Development Unit Resource Planning Division, MSRM

Major Project Engineer, Resource Planning Division, Water Management Branch, Licensing Unit, MSRM

Manager, Water Planning and Allocation Branch, Ministry of Sustainable Resource Management, MSRM

Project Assessment Director, Water Management, Containment & Diversion Projects, BC Environmental Assessment Office

Project Assessment Director, Power Projects, BC Environmental Assessment Office

Project Director, Water Planning and Allocation Branch, MSRM

Water Manager, Resource Planning Division, MSRM

We do recognize that the rearrangement of the government offices over the past year has been unsettling. To date the WKABC has established a good working relationship with some offices, and we continue to strive to achieve the same relationship with other offices. We would appreciate your efforts to assist us in this regard and would like the individual assigned to handle the licensing issues with any river projects from your office to contact the River Projects Coordinator, at the numbers below to discuss how this might be facilitated.

Sincerely

Stuart Smith

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Please Note: After **November 30**, the new phone/fax will be: **(604) 815-4113**

CC: Land Acquisition and Inventory Branch, Land and Water British Columbia Inc.
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Prince George Service Centre, Land and Water British Columbia Inc.
Kamloops Service Centre, Land and Water British Columbia Inc.
Nanaimo Service Centre, Land and Water British Columbia Inc.
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