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Mr. Adrian de Groot
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Dear Mr. de Groot,

Thank you for your letter dated May 16, 2007, regarding the Bulkley Valley Community Resources Board (BVCRB) letter commenting on the Bulkley LRMP Implementation Plan and Progress Report (IPPR). We appreciate the time and effort the BVCRB took in reading and considering the report, as your comments were constructive and helpful.

For projects 4.2 and 4.3, at the time the monitoring report was being written water stewardship division of the Ministry of Environment (MOE-WS) was completing its mandate revision. Project 4.3 relates to priority watersheds assessments in community watersheds and for water quantity issues. At the current time, MOE-WS staff have been involved in flood preparations and could not be contacted for comment. For the next monitoring report, MOE-WS representatives will be clarifying this point. If you have any further questions, please contact myself in September or James Cuell, at your convenience.

Attached to this letter is an updated project description and status for project 3.2 – the angling management plan for the Bulkley River. This version will appear in the next monitoring report.

Regarding inclusion of projects 5.3 (Snowmobile Trail Identification) and 9.5 (Blunt Mountain Area Plan) into a RAMP completion process, the BVCRB comments will be sent to the ILMB staff in lead of the project. Decisions such as this would take place at the initiation of any project.

Based on the project priority levels noted in your letter, we have compared those to priority levels in the report. The BVCRB highest priority projects are consistent with the report. For 'other priority' projects (3.3, 11.5, 11.6, and 12.3) there was only one listed priority in the report which was lower than that indicated by the CRB. For low priority projects, the report is consistent with the CRB. A listing of these projects and the BVCRB priority for

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them will be given to the corresponding ministry employees. In addition, we will record your priority levels for the next monitoring report.

Thank you again for your comments and suggestions. ILMB is committed to sharing this information with lead agencies. If you have any additional questions, please feel free to contact myself or James Cuell.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kerrith McKay', written over a printed name.

Kerrith McKay
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cc: Eamon O'Donoghue
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KM/km

Resource Value: Fish Habitat Management
Project 3.2: Angling Use Plan
Lead: MOE-ES

Description:

As a strategy to implement and enforce the objective of having an effective angling use plan on the Bulkley River, update the existing Angling Use Plan for the Bulkley River (from December 23, 1998), with the following principles in mind:

- increasing overall quality of angling;
- protecting the interests of local users;
- capping non-guided non resident use; and
- maintaining guided activity consistent with allocation.

This project results from the Bulkley SRMP, not the Bulkley LRMP¹.

Supporting Agencies

ILMB - Planning

Project Timelines

Start Date: November 2006
 Completion Date: late 2009

Priority

High

Product(s)

- Formed the Skeena Regional Quality Waters Management Committee (Nov. 2006)
- Product will be an Angling Management Plan using tools from the Quality Waters Strategy², not an updated version of the 1998 Bulkley River Angling Use plan.

Progress Summary

Report	NS	I	M	SC	C	Comments
May 2006	X	X				Currently in the scoping stage of the project.
June 2007	X	X	X			Committee had a process design workshop in April 2007.

¹ Bulkley Valley Sustainable Resource Management Plan, section 4.0 Fish Habitat and Fisheries, 4.2 Bulkley River Angling Use, strategy 2, p. 22

² Quality Waters Strategy document - http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/home/quality_waters/