



ARCS: 292-30
File: MOE-2014-00139

July 16, 2014

Sent via email: to _____ and _____

Dear _____ :

Re: Request for Access to Records
Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Environment. You narrowed your request on June 20, 2014 through conversation and email with Charlotte Van-Schalkwyk. Your request is for:

Request for BC Ministry of Environment's submissions to the federal government regarding consultations on the pacific Humpback Whale reclassification from "threatened" to "species of special concern". The timeframe is January 2012-January 2014. [The Canadian Gazette Part I, published April 19, 2014, pp. 971-980, discusses the federal reclassification of the Humpback Whale (North Pacific population) to a "species of special concern" from its previous designation as threatened, under Schedule 1 of the Species at Risk Act. The Gazette notes on page 975 that the federal government received two submissions from provincial ministries in British Columbia regarding this reclassification. I request the submission that was sent from the BC Ministry of Environment.] (Revised June 20, 2014)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. These records are provided to you in their entirety.

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of 72 hours after electronic release or a minimum of five business days after release by mail in hardcopy. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: <http://www.openinfo.gov.bc.ca/ibc/index.page>

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Charlotte Van-Schalkwyk, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250-356-5847. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604-660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1-800-663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250-356-5847.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kris Ghag', is positioned above the typed name.

Kris Ghag, Manager
Resource Team
Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:

Information and Privacy Commissioner
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street
Victoria BC V8W 9A4
Telephone 250-387-5629 Fax 250-387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.