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File: FNR-2019-90670

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Sent via email:

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 Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Your request is for:

Records relating to flood conditions in the Thompson-Nicola region, near Merritt, including any records or information regarding lake elevations or seasonal flooding in that region during the spring of 1948, specifically, the surface elevation in 1948 of Stoney Lake and Minnie Lake, both located on the land of the Douglas Lake Cattle Company - other lakes of interest would Pennask Lake, Douglas Lake or Nicola Lake. (Date Range for Record Search: From 01/01/1948 To 08/31/1948)

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00

Another potential source records is through the Water Survey of Canada (WSC) hydrometric archive, which is publicly available data. There does appears to be some water level records on the Nicola and Pennask Lakes, however these would be outside the scope of this FOI search.

Your file is now closed.


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These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of ten business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Eric Shiplack, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-9155. 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 250 356-9155.

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 black ink, enclosed in a red rectangular box. The signature appears to read "Eric Shiplack".

Eric Shiplack, FOI Specialist
On behalf of Meghan Kane, Manager
Resource Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>

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.