From: Siddon, Stephanie

To: Hop Wo, Hilary GCPE:EX; Hume, Claire LASS:EX; Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX

 Cc:
 Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX

 Subject:
 RE: Meeting request: old growth

 Date:
 Wednesday, July 3, 2019 10:03:33 AM

Hi Hilary,

I think you're right, it doesn't look like this meeting ended up taking place. Availability on my end is flexible -\$.22 but I can keep her in the loop. I'd prefer not this coming Friday (July 5), but early next week should be fine.

Thanks, Stephanie

**From:** Hop Wo, Hilary GCPE:EX [mailto:Hilary.HopWo@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, July 3, 2019 9:54 AM

To: Siddon, Stephanie <Stephanie.Siddon@leg.bc.ca>; Hume, Claire <Claire.Hume@leg.bc.ca>;

Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX <Donna.Sanford@gov.bc.ca>; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX

<Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Meeting request: old growth

Hi all,

Following up on scheduling that Donna left. I don't think this one was completed, though it looks like it got close. I don't think this meeting took place on the days below. Shall we start again with availabilities?

Hilary

From: Siddon, Stephanie < Stephanie.Siddon@leg.bc.ca>

Sent: June 11, 2019 9:30 AM

**To:** Hume, Claire LASS:EX <<u>Claire.Hume@leg.bc.ca</u>>; Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX <<u>Donna.Sanford@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <<u>Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca</u>> **Cc:** Hop Wo, Hilary GCPE:EX <<u>Hilary.HopWo@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX

<<u>Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: RE: Meeting request: old growth

Hi Donna,

Either of those days work for me as well. Thanks for scheduling!

Best, Stephanie From: Hume, Claire

Sent: Monday, June 10, 2019 2:55 PM

**To:** Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX <<u>Donna.Sanford@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Siddon, Stephanie <<u>Stephanie.Siddon@leg.bc.ca</u>>; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <<u>Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca</u>> **Cc:** Hop Wo, Hilary GCPE:EX <<u>Hilary.HopWo@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX

<<u>Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca</u>>

**Subject:** RE: Meeting request: old growth

Thanks Donna,

Either of those days should work for me. Not sure about Stephanie's schedule. 028 is available for the meeting.

Best,

Claire

From: Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX [mailto:Donna.Sanford@gov.bc.ca]

**Sent:** Monday, June 10, 2019 2:47 PM

**To:** Hume, Claire < Claire. Hume@leg.bc.ca>; Siddon, Stephanie < Stephanie. Siddon@leg.bc.ca>;

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Cc: Hop Wo, Hilary GCPE:EX < Hilary. Hop Wo@gov.bc.ca >; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX

<Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>

**Subject:** Meeting request: old growth

Hello Lisa, Claire and Stephanie: this request is further to conversations with Tim Renneberg and with Green Caucus staff. FLNR would like to meet with Green Caucus regarding old growth, as follows:

#### Timing:

- June 24 or 25
- 30 minutes

# Attendees:

- Claire Hume and Stephanie Siddon, Green Caucus staff
- MA Tim Renneberg and FLNR staff (TBD by Tim)
- Donna Sanford, CASA Secretariat

#### Location:

Claire and Stephanie: can the Green Caucus meeting room be available (028)?

Let me know if you have any questions or if I can assist.

Thanks,

Donna

Donna Sanford Executive Director Confidence and Supply Agreement Secretariat 250-893-4771 From: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX

To: "chief@cowichantribes.com"; "chairperson@cvrd.bc.ca"; "jill@cowichanwatershedboard.ca"

Cc: "Alistair.MacGregor.C1A@parl.gc.ca"; Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Furstenau.MLA, Sonia LASS:EX; Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX; Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX; Sather, Kelly ENV:EX; McLaren, Kenn

FLNR:EX; McGuire, Jennifer ENV:EX; Sutherland, Craig FLNR:EX; Hadway, Sharon L FLNR:EX;

"tom@cowichanwatershedboard.ca"; "BCarruthers@cvrd.bc.ca"; Barr, Larry FLNR:EX; Kriwoken, Lynn ENV:EX;

"larry.george@cowichantribes.com"; Lapcevic, Pat FLNR:EX; Robinson, David FLNR:EX

**Subject:** RE: Letter from Cowichan Watershed Board Co-Chairs (ref: 248711)

**Date:** Wednesday, July 3, 2019 11:37:02 AM

Attachments: 248711 - response.pdf

CWB letter to Ministers RE April 8 2019 meeting.pdf

# Dear Chief Seymour and Chair Morrison:

Attached is the response to your letter addressed to Minister Donaldson and Minister Heyman. Please note, a hardcopy will not follow in the mail.

Thank you.

Sent on behalf of Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

**From:** Jill Thompson [mailto:jill@cowichanwatershedboard.ca]

**Sent:** Tuesday, May 7, 2019 2:55 PM

**To:** Minister, ENV ENV:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Chief Seymour; Chairperson **Cc:** Minister, IRR IRR:EX; Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX; Furstenau, Sonia;

Alistair.MacGregor.C1A@parl.gc.ca; Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX; de Bree, Jennifer FLNR:EX; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX; Llewellyn-Thomas, Marnie ENV:EX; Kriwoken, Lynn ENV:EX; Hadway, Sharon L FLNR:EX; Barr, Larry FLNR:EX; Lapcevic, Pat FLNR:EX; Robinson, David FLNR:EX; Larry George; Brian Carruthers;

Rutherford, Tom

Subject: Letter from Cowichan Watershed Board Co-Chairs

# Dear Honourable Ministers

Thank you for the opportunity to meet at the Legislature on April 8th regarding critical low water flow issues in the Cowichan and Koksilah watersheds.

Please see the attached letter from our co-Chairs acknowledging your collaborative support, and clarifying the outcomes of the discussion.

With best regards on behalf of Co-Chairs Chief William Seymour and Chair Ian Morrison.

Jill Thompson

Project Coordinator and Board Assistant

Cowichan Watershed Board

4335 Riverside Rd, Duncan BC V9L6M8

250-709-0492 (cell) / iill@cowichanwatershedboard.ca



Reference: 248711

July 3, 2019

# VIA EMAIL: chief@cowichantribes.com; chairperson@cvrd.bc.ca; jill@cowichanwatershedboard.ca

Chief William Seymour Co-Chair Cowichan Watershed Board Cowichan Tribes 5760 Allenby Road Duncan, British Columbia V9L 5J1 Chair Ian Morrison Co-Chair Cowichan Watershed Board Cowichan Valley Regional District 175 Ingram Street Duncan, British Columbia V9L 1N8

Dear Chief Seymour and Chair Morrison:

Thank you for your letter of May 2, 2019, regarding the meeting on April 8, 2019, with staff, MLA Furstenau, Minister Heyman and me.

I understand that staff from the West Coast Natural Resource Region worked with you to prepare an initial submission to the federal BC Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund. I am hopeful that this project is selected for a detailed proposal.

I appreciate the effort required to prepare a detailed proposal through the BC Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund. I am conscious of the role of statutory decision maker under the *Water Sustainability Act* to remain at arm's length, and cannot provide specific support on a proposal that suggests the province will take out a water licence. It is my understanding that the review of the proposals will be based on merit to determine the best use of the funding for salmon restoration and innovation from a biological perspective. I appreciate your reluctance to hold a water licence, as expressed in your letter, given the potential liability; however, as indicated in my correspondence of November 22, 2018, we continue to believe that it would not be appropriate for the province to apply for a water licence.

Staff in the West Coast Natural Resource Region are currently seeking internal funding to explore the feasibility of developing a Water Sustainability Plan for the Koksilah River, and will update the Cowichan Watershed Board staff at upcoming meetings.

Thank you for your invitation to visit the Cowichan Watershed. I will get back to you regarding this invitation. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Cowichan Watershed Board both now and into the future.

Sincerely,

Doug Donaldson Minister

pc: Alistair MacGregor, MP, Cowichan-Malahat-Langford

Honourable Scott Fraser, Minister of Indigenous Relations and Reconciliation

Honourable George Heyman, Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy Sonia Furstenau, MLA, Cowichan Valley

Doug Routley, MLA, Nanaimo-North Cowichan

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Jennifer McGuire, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

Craig Sutherland, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Sharon Hadway, Regional Executive Director, West Coast Natural Resource Region, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development Tom Rutherford, Executive Director, Cowichan Watershed Board

Brian Carruthers, Chief Administrative Officer, Cowichan Valley Regional District Larry Barr, Director, Resource Management, West Coast Natural Resource Region,

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Larry George, Lands and Treaty Manager, Cowichan Tribes

Pat Lapcevic, Section Head, Water Protection, West Coast Natural Resource Region, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

Dave Robinson, Acting Section Head Water Authorizations, West Coast Natural Resource Region, Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development



# Cowichan Watershed Board

May 2<sup>nd</sup> 2019

The Honourable Doug Donaldson Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, and Rural Development PO Box 9428 STN PROV GOVT Victoria, BC V8W 9V1 The Honourable George Heyman Minister of Environment & Climate Change Strategy PO Box 9360 STN PROV GOVT, Victoria, BC V8W 9M2

# **Dear Honourable Ministers**

We would like to express our thanks for the opportunity to meet with you and your staff on April 8<sup>th</sup> to discuss the next steps towards finally addressing the critical low flow situation on the Cowichan River. Thank you for your understanding of the full impacts of current and projected river conditions on the Cowichan people, and our region.

We would like to acknowledge and confirm the collaborative support offered by Minister Donaldson, directing FLNRORD staff to actively work with us to successfully secure funding from the *BC Salmon Restoration and Innovation Fund* for the next phase of work. This funding would be of benefit to all levels of government, providing necessary clarity on the feasibility, engineering and design of a new climate-appropriate weir for the Cowichan River, along with an assessment of any impacts to properties and the environment from increased water storage. As discussed, our staff is working on this project as part of a steering committee with representation from Cowichan Tribes, Catalyst (Paper Excellence) and the Cowichan Valley Regional District (CVRD). The CVRD has submitted a Letter of Intent on behalf of the partners and we are currently waiting for a response from the funder. We would like to acknowledge the helpful input of FLNRORD operational staff in crafting this letter.

The steering committee is currently working on a detailed proposal in anticipation of being invited to apply, and prepared to begin work immediately should we be successful in acquiring funding. We request that your Ministries use whatever means are appropriate to provide assurance to the funder that the Government of BC is supportive of this initiative and has confidence that an appropriate conservation water license applicant will be determined during this phase to successfully move the capital project forward to completion.

We greatly appreciate the added engagement and attention of your senior operational staff and ADM Craig Sutherland on this file and recognize the difference that will make to the successful completion of the project. We hope to have open lines of communication with Mr. Sutherland going forward to improve information sharing between political leaders, and to speed the progress of this important work between meetings, which we recognize take considerable time and commitment to organize.

We would also like to respectfully reiterate our request that the Province reconsider its position on holding water conservation licenses. As you recognize, B.C.'s new climate patterns are making seasonal water storage

an increasingly wise investment where geographically feasible. The responsibility for freshwater ecosystems and for providing leadership on climate change adaptation in B.C. lies with the provincial government. While we are doing everything we can to support that, including examining governance scenarios for Cowichan Tribes, CVRD and Paper Excellence to form a legal partnership to carry the project forward, we feel that it is likely unrealistic for First Nations, local government, industry and/or non-profit organizations to hold the liability that may be associated with a conservation license of this magnitude. Furthermore, the economic and other benefits that arise from a healthy Cowichan River water flow regime are enjoyed by the entire province. It should be noted that Catalyst has expressed willingness to maintain responsibility for operation and maintenance of the new structure.

Regarding the critical low flows in the Koksilah watershed, we are very interested to hear more about your Ministries' approach under the Water Sustainability Act and the possibility of using a Water Sustainability Plan to address the challenges in the watershed. While the unanimous priority of the Cowichan Watershed Board is resolving the water supply crisis in the Cowichan River system, we are also very involved with our community, NGO partners, farmers, and FLNRORD staff on the significant water issues facing the Koksilah watershed, and would be relieved to see the new WSA provide a forward-looking solution to minimize conflicts in this situation. We look forward to hearing from Mr. Sutherland about his intent to engage with MoECC to discuss next steps, and how the Cowichan Watershed Board can provide support.

Working together in the spirit of reconciliation to pursue innovative solutions to the challenges associated with salmon sustainability and climate change is a priority for all of us. We appreciate the strong support you expressed in that regard. We look forward to an ongoing collaborative relationship, and to achieving tangible success together for our community, for our ecosystems, for First Nations culture, and for the future of British Columbia.

Finally, a reminder of the invitation extended to you both to visit our watershed and tour our river with CWB representatives and local subject matter experts. Depending on the time available, we would be happy to arrange for a drift boat float (water levels permitting) or a vehicle tour. Spending a few hours on the Cowichan would provide a whole new perspective on the importance of ensuring a positive future our heritage river and the communities it supports!

Respectfully,

Chief William Seymour

Co-Chair Cowichan Watershed Board Chief, Cowichan Tribes 5760 Allenby Rd, Duncan, BC V9L 5J1 Chair Ian Morrison

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From: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
To: Datene, Tricia LASS:EX

Subject: FW: Logging of Old Growth - from an MLA office

**Date:** Monday, July 8, 2019 3:17:25 PM

Hello Tricia,

Please see answers to your questions below my signature line.

Thank you, Tristan

1. Can you tell me if this is true?

Yes, this is true – see articles at the locations below for more details: <a href="https://www.timescolonist.com/business/teal-jones-shuts-down-logging-in-honeymoon-bay-citing-high-log-costs-1.23841024">https://www.timescolonist.com/business/teal-jones-shuts-down-logging-in-honeymoon-bay-citing-high-log-costs-1.23841024</a>

https://vancouversun.com/business/local-business/teal-jones-to-halve-logging-lay-off-workers-in-vancouver-island-operations

2. If so, can you tell me how this fits with the ministry's "Guiding principles for proposed changes include putting the resiliency of the land first, public trust, reconciliation with First Nations and scientific knowledge, as well as flexibility and adaptation" as stated in the Ministry News Release of May 27, 2019?

The May 27, 2019 news release stated we are in the process of engaging the public on changes to FRPA which could include changes to where and how we harvest. I encourage you to visit the Engage BC website at the following location

https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/487/2019/05/DISCUSSION\_PAPER\_FRPA\_May-27.pdf where you will find the discussion paper that provides the Chief Forester's vision on the new forest planning framework for BC. We would welcome your comments which will be considered in the development of new legislation on how our forests will be managed.

- 3. How much old-growth remains in BC? Information coming shortly
- 4. How much old growth must be set aside to protect species and communities before more ancient trees are cut?
- Old Growth Forest provides valuable habitat for many species within BC, but it is one of many habitat types that the Province manages to protect species and ecological communities. BC has old growth forest retention targets defined for areas of low, intermediate and high biodiversity across the Province which are used to determine how much old growth is maintained in the landscape to support conservation of species and ecosystems.

5. What science-based is used to safeguard the species that depend on these ecosystems? Current peer reviewed research in the fields of aquatic and terrestrial ecology, plant and animal population dynamics, climate and conservation science is incorporated into the conservation management decisions made by the province.

**From:** Datene, Tricia [mailto:Tricia.Datene@leg.bc.ca]

Sent: Wednesday, June 19, 2019 10:17 AM

**To:** Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX **Subject:** Logging of Old Growth

A constituent read in the news that a logger from Honeymoon Bay had stopped logging second growth, because logging old growth was more profitable.

I have some questions for the Minister:

- 1. Can you tell me if this is true?
- 2. If so, can you tell me how this fits with the ministry's "Guiding principles for proposed changes include putting the resiliency of the land first, public trust, reconciliation with First Nations and scientific knowledge, as well as flexibility and adaptation" as stated in the Ministry News Release of May 27, 2019?
- 3. How much old-growth remains in BC?
- 4. How much old growth must be set aside to protect species and communities before more ancient trees are cut?
- 5. What science-based is used to safeguard the species that depend on these ecosystems?

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From: Hume, Claire LASS:EX

To: Hop Wo, Hilary GCPE:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Siddon, Stephanie LASS:EX

Cc: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX

Subject: RE: Meeting Request: Forest Act

Date: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 2:56:10 PM

Thanks Hilary,

We have a few meetings to work around, but are pretty flexible July  $15^{th}$  - $17^{th}$  and  $22^{nd}$ - $24^{th}$ . Any of those days/times work best for the Ministry?

We can meet in 028.

Best, Claire

**From:** Hop Wo, Hilary GCPE:EX [mailto:Hilary.HopWo@gov.bc.ca]

Sent: Monday, July 8, 2019 1:24 PM

**To:** Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>; Siddon, Stephanie <Stephanie.Siddon@leg.bc.ca>; Hume, Claire <Claire.Hume@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Meeting Request: Forest Act

All,

Further to the request from the June Consultation Committee Meeting for early briefings on fall legislation, can we set up a meeting between FLNRO and the Green Caucus to discuss the Forest Act?

Timing: next few weeks; 30 minutes.

#### Attendees:

- Green caucus staff: Stephanie Siddon, Claire Hume
- MA Tim Renneberg and FLNRO staff (TBD by Tim)
- CASA Donna Sanford and/or Hilary Hop Wo

#### Location:

- Can the Green Caucus meeting room be available (028)?

Please let me know if I can assist in any way.

# **Hilary Hop Wo**

Manager, Policy and Consultation

Confidence and Supply Agreement Secretariat

O: 778 974 3749 M: 250 213 3995 From: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
To: Datene, Tricia LASS:EX

Subject: FW: MO Request: TFL Owners and Subcontractors - MLA Furstenau office request for info (Bill 13)

**Date:** Tuesday, July 9, 2019 3:49:18 PM

Hi Tricia,

As discussed, and apologies for not getting this to you sooner. It is my understanding that staff have spoken with the \$.22

Tristan

- It is disconcerting to hear that this contractor is having challenges working with Timberwest on TFL 46. Certainly concerns have been raised by the contractors and Government engaged in the Contractor Sustainability review to address issues of this nature.
- Bill 13 rights are a reference to the Timber Harvesting Contract and Subcontract Regulation and covers replaceable contractors –s.22 would need to meet the definition as outlined in Section 12 of the Regulation.
- Section 23 of the Regulation specifies the procedure to dispute the amount of work available to a contractor. Basically a contractor must provide the licensee (Timberwest) with Notice of a dispute—the licensee has 30 days to respond.
- Should the dispute not be resolved section 23 (10) of the regulation outlines the process for mediation and arbitration. The Minister does not have an opportunity to engage directly with the parties as this is dicated by the dispute resolution process outlined in the Regulation.

For further information on the working of the regulation, please contact Emma Neil, Forest Tenures Branch at 778-974-2439.

From: Datene, Tricia [mailto:Tricia.Datene@leg.bc.ca]

**Sent:** Wednesday, May 8, 2019 3:51 PM

To: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX

**Subject:** TFL Owners and Subcontractors

that works in forestry related jobs: log truck driving, logging, and road building. s.22

He feels like he should be getting more work through the contract. Since 1.5 years ago, the lease holder of TFL #46 (tree farm license) has not been honouring the agreements brought in with Bill 13. s.22

s.22

The aim of the contracts under Bill 13 was to provide stability for contractors working for companies that held licenses to harvest timber on public land in the province. The legislation made it harder for license holders to replace contractors or demand they accept lower rates.

When Teal Jones took over the TFL they did not honour the previous contractor. Instead they hired Island Pacific Logging (Timber West). Teal Jones has other TFLs and they have done the same thing to other contractors. They have gone primarily to non-union companies.

s.22

### My Questions Are"

- 1. Can the Minister ensure that Teal Jones will honour the contract of s.22 outlined in Bill 13?
- 2. If there is a different process available for ending disputes of this sort, what is the process?
- 3. If Bill 13 is the law in BC, who is responsible for administering justice in these cases?

It seems like some TFL Licensees can get away with this sort of behavior and then "win" because the contractors are not in a position to go to court.

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 From:
 Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX

 To:
 Datene, Tricia LASS:EX

 Bcc:
 Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX

Subject: FW: MO Request: Forest Inventory

Date: Thursday, July 25, 2019 10:34:52 AM

Importance: High

Hi Tricia,

Thank you for your request for information for one of your constituents.

In future could you please direct these requests through me? This is for two reasons: First, if the request goes to the Minister's inbox it may be considered a request for a formal written response. Written responses have a whole process attached to them regarding timelines, approvals etc. and the response will be delayed. Secondly, it is important for the Minister's office to be aware of the issues that are important to BC residents and that are being brought forward to MLA offices for information or resolution.

Here are the answers to your questions.

Q 1: Who has authority?

A 1: The Office of the Chief Forester is responsible for collecting, maintaining and monitoring the forest inventory.

Q 2: What is the actual inventory and where can this information be found?

A 2: The forest inventory consists of the vegetation resources inventory (VRI) which is composed of both ground sample data and wall-to-wall air photo estimated information. This information is publicly available along with inventory planning, audit and monitoring reports derived from the inventory. The VRI information and its associated standards and reports can be accessed through the following publicly accessible websites:

DataBC Distribution Service:

http://apps.gov.bc.ca/pub/dwds/home.so

DataBC Data Catalogue:

https://catalogue.data.gov.bc.ca/dataset?q=VRI&sort=score+desc%2C+record\_publish\_date+desc

Forest Analysis and Inventory Branch:

https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/industry/forestry/managing-our-forest-resources/forest-inventory

Hope this helps.

Tristan

From: Tricia Datené [mailto:tricia.datene@leg.bc.ca]

**Sent:** Thursday, July 11, 2019 9:33 AM

To: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX Cc: Datene, Tricia LASS:EX Subject: Forest Inventory

One of our constituents works in the forest industry, and is trying to find information regarding forest inventory in BC.

He believes that responsibility with the forest is not with the Chief forestry officer anymore.

# Questions:

- 1. Who has the authority?
- 2. What is the actual inventory and where can this information be found?

Tricia Datené / Constituency Assistant

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From: <u>Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX</u>

To: s.17

**Subject:** IB Koksilah River draft3.docx

**Date:** Monday, August 19, 2019 9:10:52 AM

Attachments: IB Koksilah River draft3.docx

ATT00001.txt

Here is the draft info note Sonia on water use restrictions on the Koksilah R that I was trying to reach you about yesterday. The final IN was released publicly at 9 this morning. All users impacted are being contacted by FLNRORD staff.

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