



File: COORS 2014-05371

February 20, 2015

REGISTERED MAIL

Michael s.22 Buttle
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Minstrel Island BC

Dear Mr. Buttle:

Re: Warning, Unauthorized Discharge from Business Activities at DL 498, Range 1, Coast Land District, Cracroft Island.

It has come to the attention of the Ministry of Environment that you have introduced and may be continuing to introduce waste into the environment in the course of conducting business.

On September 4, 2014, Conservation Officer staff visited Port Harvey and discovered overflow to the marine environment from two five-gallon pails of used oil from your dock. The ministry has received a number of complaints concerning pollution from your business. Photos are included for your reference of the following activities:

- power washing vessels at your site introducing wastewater directly to the marine environment,
- significant amounts of litter in the water including Styrofoam balls,
- generation of hazardous wastes such as used oil and spill to the marine environment.

Complaints also include concerns regarding sewage discharged to the marine environment without adequate treatment.

All of these actions may have resulted in unauthorised waste deposition to an aboriginal, commercial, or recreational shellfish harvesting zone that is currently closed due to concerns about pollution from local business activities.

According to section 6 of the *Environmental Management Act (EMA)*, waste cannot be introduced into the environment unless the disposition of the waste is authorized under EMA. By discharging waste in the course of conducting business without valid authorization, you are in violation of this section of the Act. A person who fails to comply with a provision of EMA may be found guilty of an offence and could be liable, on summary conviction, to a penalty.

Copies of EMA and all related and pertinent British Columbia Laws can be found at <http://www.bclaws.ca/>. For your reference enclosed with this letter are copies of the following:

- Hazardous Waste Regulation,
- Municipal Wastewater Regulation,
- Spill Reporting Regulation,
- Recycling Regulation, and
- Storage of Recyclable Material Regulation.

The selection of documents above is for your convenience only and does not imply that all applicable British Columbia Laws are included in this package.

In order to come into compliance with the *Environmental Management Act*, you must comply with all of the provisions of EMA and the associated codes and regulations. Within 30 days of receipt of this letter, provide to the Ministry in writing a description of the full range of your business activities as well as a plan describing the action you will take to come into compliance with the *Environmental Management Act* and associated regulations.

This letter constitutes an official warning and will form part of a compliance history with the British Columbia Ministry of Environment. Continued discharge in the absence of an effective authorization will result in referral of this file to the Conservation Officer Service for potential investigation which may lead to enforcement action being taken against you.

If you have any questions with regard to this Warning, please contact the undersigned at laura.hunse@gov.bc.ca or 250.751.3224.

Sincerely,



Laura Hunse
Environmental Protection Officer, Compliance Section

Attachments: Hazardous Waste Regulation
Municipal Wastewater Regulation
Spill Reporting Regulation
Recycling Regulation
Storage of Recyclable Material Regulation
Photo record

cc: Bryce Casavant, Conservation Officer Service, North Island Zone
Paul Bastarache, NRO C&E Supervisor, North Island Central Coast
Jarrett Brochez, Enforcement Officer, Environment Canada Pacific and Yukon

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Photos from site located at DL 498, Range 1, Coast Land District, Cracroft Island

Photo 1

2014-08-26
Powerwashing
activities



Photo 2

2014-07-29

Styrofoam
fragments



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Photos from site located at DL 498, Range 1, Coast Land District, Cracroft Island

Photo 3

2014-09-04

High water
debris line
with
Styrofoam
fragments

Photo 4

2014-09-04

High water debris
line with
Styrofoam
fragments

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Photos from site located at DL 498, Range 1, Coast Land District, Cracroft Island

Photo 5

2014-09-04

High water debris
line with
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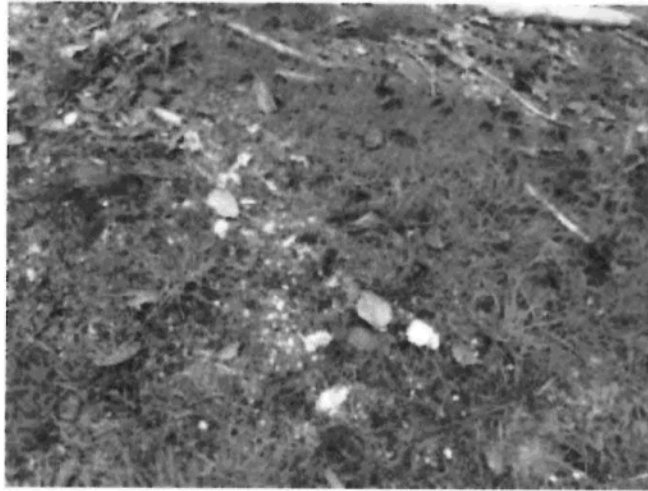


Photo 6

2014-09-04

Fuel spill 1



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Photo 7

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Fuel spill 2



Photo 8

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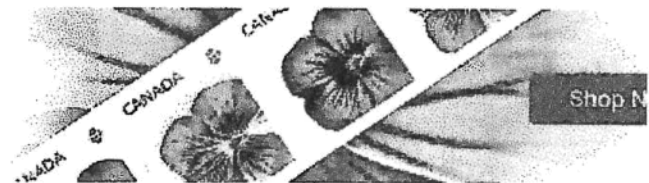
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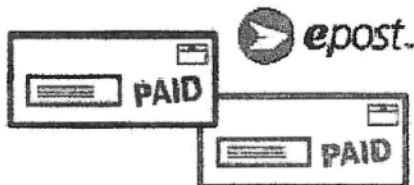
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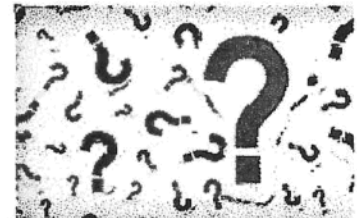
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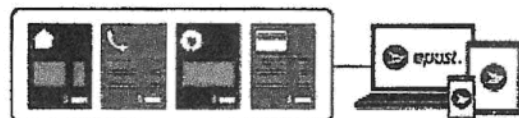
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