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Date: April 11, 1997

To: Paul Kuster, District Manager, MoF
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Drew Carmichael, District Manager, MELP
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Re: Protected Areas Strategy for the Lower Mainland Region

As you know, Cabinet approved 23 new parks and protected areas for this region in October 1996. At the time these areas were approved Cabinet also directed staff to move all Study Areas or any other designations related to protected area proposals, such as Ecological Reserve Candidates.

I have had several inquiries from the public, primarily forest companies, with regard to the status of these areas. It seems they have had difficulty or delay in receiving approvals due to some line agency staff not clear on the status of these areas.

You will recall that a letter from Derek Thompson came to you on November 15, 1996, which stated "formal Study Areas originally designated by Cabinet, save for the newly created protected areas, have been released from study area status and therefore, are no longer subject to Interim Management Guidelines." I would therefore ask that you observe this direction and not withhold approvals due to areas formerly designated as Study Areas or any other designation relating to the Protected Areas Strategy in the Lower Mainland Region.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.


Yvette Wells
Director, Planning and Compensation
Land Use Coordination Office

cc: Ric Slaco/Bill Rosenburg, Interfor
Jim McCracken, Chair, I.A.M.C.
Darrell Robb, MoF



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MEMORANDUM

Date: August 30, 1996

**Re: Revisions to Report and Recommendations:
Lower Mainland Protected Areas Public Advisory Committee**

Please find enclosed a copy of a letter from Daniel Johnston, the facilitator for the Lower Mainland Public Advisory Committee, outlining revisions to his report, as well as the amended Report and Recommendations. Please replace your existing copy of the Report with the one attached.

I would like to apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Yours sincerely,

Catharine Read
Associate Deputy Minister
Land Use Coordination Office

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FILE:

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Dear Derek ;

**Re: Lower Mainland Protected Areas Public Advisory Committee
Revisions to Report and Recommendations**

On my return from holidays, it was brought to my attention that the copy of the Report and Recommendations that I delivered to you did not include the recommendation for a protected area at Sockeye Creek. This occurred as a result of a "software glitch" when repaginating the Report and Recommendations just prior to delivering them to you on August 14th, 1996. The protected area recommended for Sockeye Creek was included on the map attached as Schedule "G" and in the summary of recommended protected areas attached as Schedule "I".

Accordingly, please find enclosed a copy of the Report and Recommendations that has been amended to include on page 7 the reference to Sockeye Creek that was inadvertently omitted. This document has also been amended to reflect a small number of additional typographical errors that I have subsequently noted. I have attached a second copy of the document on which I have highlighted in yellow the specific changes made in this regard.

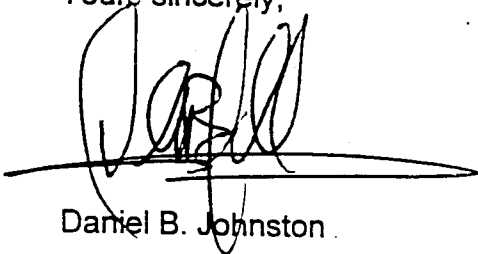
I understand from a discussion with Linda that a number of copies of the document have been distributed to various government agencies. I suggest that a copy of the attached be forwarded to each of those agencies and that they be requested to replace their existing copy of the Report with the one attached.

Furthermore, unless I hear from you to the contrary, I shall assume you will forward the attached revisions to Ministers Zirnelt, Ramsay and Miller. If you would like me to do this directly, please let me know and I shall attend to this immediately.

Finally, this will confirm that I have sent a copy of the attached document to each member, observer and alternate of the Committee and accordingly there is no requirement that you do this.

In closing, I apologize for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Daniel B. Johnston', is written over a horizontal line. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Daniel B. Johnston

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Attach.

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**LOWER MAINLAND PROTECTED AREAS
REGIONAL PUBLIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**RECOMMENDATIONS FOR FINALIZING
THE PROTECTED AREAS STRATEGY
IN THE LOWER MAINLAND**

AUGUST 9, 1996

INTRODUCTION

On June 8, 1995, the Lower Mainland Protected Areas Regional Public Advisory Committee (the "Committee") was (re)convened by the provincial government to develop recommendations regarding completion of the Protected Areas Strategy within the lower mainland region of the province as outlined on the map attached as Schedule "A" (the "Lower Mainland").

MANDATE

Upon (re)convening the Committee, the provincial government advised the Committee that its mandate (the "Mandate") was

"To recommend to Cabinet, through its Land Use Planning Working Group, new areas of provincial Crown land within the Lower Mainland Region that should be designated as Protected Areas under the Protected Areas Strategy such that, when taken together with existing Protected Areas within the region, they total 13% of the land base."

- of the 13%, approximately 12.5% should be land that meets PAS Goal 1 criteria (representativeness) and approximately 0.5% should be land that meets PAS Goal 2 criteria (special features);
- all land that needs to be permanently set aside as Protected Areas for Spotted Owl habitat must be part of the 13% - such land should also have protected areas value in the context of their ecosection variant and recreational potential;
- the recommendations of the Committee for new Protected Areas should take into account the high levels of recreation demand in the Lower Mainland Region - this may justify relative over-representation within the region of certain types and conditions of natural values;
- the Skagit Recreation Area shall be included within the 13% total;
- any additional Protected Areas created by the provincial government prior to the Committee completing its work shall be included within the 13%;
- regional and municipal parks and Greater Vancouver Water District lands shall be excluded from the 13% total;
- management planning for existing Protected Areas in the region shall continue outside of the work of this Committee and is not part of the Mandate."

It was specifically noted that regional and municipal parks and the Greater Vancouver Water District lands were excluded from the 13% and that management planning for existing Protected Areas in the Lower Mainland were excluded from the Committee's Mandate.

Subsequently, on December 12, 1995, the Committee was provided with the following refinement/clarification with respect to its Mandate.

- the Protected Areas Strategy goals and criteria need to be used as a basic guideline, recognizing that the degree to which these principles can be met is limited by the amount and condition of natural habitat.
- the work and recommendations of the Callaghan Advisory Committee must be considered.
- cultural heritage sites are an important component of the Protected Areas Strategy.
- given population projections and current demand, recreational supply and demand in the Lower Mainland must be addressed as a priority. This may result in an imbalance in the representation of certain ecosections.
- recreational demand in the Lower Mainland is primarily front country (easily accessed) and to a lesser extent, back country. This may impact the size, location and type of protected areas proposed.
- the target of approximately 104 000 hectares must be adhered to as closely as possible.
- economic impacts must be minimized and preferably balanced so as not to be disproportionate to any group or community.
- the need to address linkages to the work being undertaken by the province on Spotted Owl management and to achieve the commitment already made to protection of some of the Spotted Owl habitat in new protected areas.
- issues of continued and future access for operational activities, such as logging and mining, must be considered and planned for to the greatest extent possible.

COMMITTEE

The Committee consisted of twelve members, two observers and an alternate for each member and observer.

The Committee was chaired by an independent mediator/facilitator and operated by consensus, consensus being defined as no substantial disagreement. The Committee developed its own rules of procedure that, together with the Mandate were incorporated into overall Terms of Reference for the Committee. The Committee membership list is attached as Schedule "B". The Committee Terms of Reference are attached as Schedule "C".

PROCESS

From July 13, 1995 to April 3rd, 1996, the Committee met ten times in formal meetings for a total of thirteen days. In addition, time was spent outside of formal meetings discussing issues and developing recommendations.

In approaching its task, the Committee commenced with a discussion regarding rules of recommendations for completing the Protected Areas Strategy in the Lower Mainland. These discussions resulted in the rules of procedure that were incorporated into Terms of Reference. They also resulted in a "Framework for Productive Discussion" that was adopted by the Committee to help guide its discussions in a constructive and productive manner. The Committee Framework for Productive Discussion is attached as Schedule "D".

Following this, each Committee member was invited to make a proposal for completing the Protected Areas Strategy in the Lower Mainland and describe to the Committee how they believed that their proposal fulfilled the Mandate and otherwise met the criteria listed under the Protected Areas Strategy. The Forest Industry, BC Wild, ORC, BC Wildlife Federation, Federation of BC Naturalists, Federation of BC Mountain Clubs and the Lower Mainland Municipal Association each made presentations. Those members making presentations advised the Committee that their proposals had been developed with considerable consultation of their constituents.

For each of the areas identified/proposed in the presentations referred to above, a technical analysis was undertaken to determine the extent to which the proposed area met the criteria set forth in the Protected Area Strategy and to provide the Committee with information required to undertake an assessment of impacts. This analysis was done under the direction of the Regional Protected Areas Team, using a matrix developed by the Committee, based upon the Protected Areas Strategy, and subsequently reviewed/modified by the Committee.

Upon completion of the analysis, the Committee determined that it was necessary to find a way to move from the six proposals to a single set of recommendations in a manner such that the negotiating positions of each member would not be compromised if the Committee failed to reach agreement on a single set of recommendations. The Committee considered a number of ways in which this might be achieved and agreed upon a "single map approach" - this approach is described in greater detail in Schedule "E".

The first iteration of the "single map" was produced in mid-December, 1995 and this served as the starting point for more intensive discussions that along with negotiations of the "single map", culminated in the recommendations contained in this report.

RECOMMENDATIONS - GENERAL OVERVIEW

As a result of the discussions/negotiations described above, the Committee has reached consensus on an overall package of recommendations for completing the Protected Areas Strategy in the Lower Mainland. These recommendations include both the identification of specific geographic areas that the Committee recommend be designated as protected areas under the Protected Areas Strategy, (the "Recommended Protected Areas") as well as a number of related recommendations that form an integral part of the overall package (the "Related Recommendations").

The consensus reached by the Committee with respect to the Recommended Protected Areas is a consensus with respect to the entire package of recommendations. More specifically, there are a number of components of the overall package that, if acted upon in isolation, would contravene the spirit with which agreement was achieved and be unacceptable to some or all members of the Committee.

The consensus reached by the Committee is based upon the express understanding and agreement of Committee members that the Recommended Protected Areas complete the Provincial Protected Areas Strategy within the Lower Mainland and that Committee members will not seek changes to the area or general location of areas protected.

Furthermore, the consensus is based upon the understanding that the information provided by the government and used by the Committee was the best information available to government at that time.

Finally in reaching consensus on the package of recommendations contained in this report, Committee members have undertaken to fully support these recommendations in dealing with constituents, the media the public etc. and to recommend/encourage that the membership of their respective organizations, and associated organizations, fully support these recommendations.

THE RECOMMENDED PROTECTED AREAS

The Committee recommends that the Protected Areas Strategy within the Lower Mainland be completed by establishing the new protected areas as described below. Maps of each of the individual Recommended Protected Areas are attached in Schedule F as indicated below. A map of the Lower Mainland region showing all of the Recommended Protected Areas is attached as Schedule "G".

Bishop River - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 20,000 ha be established along the Bishop River in the location described on the map¹ attached as Schedule F-1.

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To the extent that any of the boundaries for any of the Recommended Protected Areas include within them interests such as private land, this is inadvertent - boundaries will be adjusted during implementation to address this - see Related Recommendation # 1 for more detail.

- Brackendale - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 550 ha be established at Brackendale in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-2.
- Callaghan - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 2,600 ha be established at Callaghan in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-3.
- Caren Range - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 2,825 ha be established in the Caren Range in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-4.
- Chilliwack/Greendrop - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 9,500 ha be established at the Chilliwack Greendrop in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-6.
- Clendenning - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 30,500 ha be established in Elaho/Clendenning/Simms area in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-7.
- Confederation Lake - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 2,615 ha be established in the Confederation/Haslam Lake area in the location described in Schedule F-5. This has been agreed to on the understanding that the area west of Inland Lake would be a special management area, that a buffer is established along the Lost Lake trail and that a way can be found to access timber on the west side of Haslam Lake without requiring access through the protected area.²
- Desolation Sound - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately [20] ha be established at the Curme Islands in the location described in the map attached as Schedule F-8.
- Duck Lake - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 770 ha be established at Duck Lake in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-9.

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In the event that this is not possible, it is agreed the government should fully consult with those RPAC members directly affected by this protected area prior to finalizing its boundary.

- Fraser Lowlands - **The Committee recommends** that one or more protected areas totalling approximately 1,000 ha be established in the Fraser Lowlands, in the locations identified by a local working group in accordance with the Terms of Reference attached as Schedule "H".
- Homathko Estuary - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 460 ha be established in the Homathko Estuary in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-10.
- Liumchen - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 2,080 ha be established at Liumchen in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-11.
- Mehatl - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 24,260 ha be established at Mehatl in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-12.
- Mount Elphinstone - **The Committee recommends** that three protected areas, totalling approximately 150 ha, be established in the Mount Elphinstone area in the locations described on the map attached as Schedule F-13 and that these protected areas be designated as ecological reserves.
- Mt. Richardson - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 1,070 ha be established at Mt. Richardson in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-14.
- Mystic Lake - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area be established at Dean Lake in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-16. This has been agreed to on the understanding that Fish Hatchery Creek will be designated as an S-1 stream.
- Nahatlatch Lakes - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 1,900 ha be established at Nahatlatch in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-17. This has been agreed to on the condition that the boundary, when finalized, must not create any access impediments to resource development outside of this protected area and that the existing road falls outside of this protected area.

- Rendezvous Island - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 120 ha be established at Rendezvous Island in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-18.
- Sockeye Creek - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 6,140 ha be established along Sockeye Creek in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-19.
- Tantalus - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 10,230 ha be established in the Tantalus Range in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-20. This has been agreed to on the condition that Interfor agrees to leave a 50 metre buffer on either side of the Sigurd Creek trail where it passes through approved Block 104 and that any subsequent development that affects the integrity of this trail will involve consultation with the Federation of Mountain Clubs of B.C.
- Texada Island - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately [1,000] ha be established at the south end of Texada Island in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-21.
- Triangle Lake - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 85 ha be established around Triangle Lake in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-22.
- Upper Lillooet - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 19,800 ha be established at the upper end of the Lillooet River in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-23. This has been agreed to on the condition³ that the provincial government confirm that any designation of this area as a protected area shall be without prejudice to any claim that the holders of Timber Licence 0776 and Timber Licence 0777 may have for compensation.

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This recommendation should be read in conjunction with Related Recommendation # 9.

- Yale Garry Oak - **The Committee recommends** that a protected area of approximately 5 ha be established at Yale Garry Oak in the location described on the map attached as Schedule F-24 and that this protected area be designated as an ecological reserve.

A summary of the Recommended Protected Areas is attached as Schedule "I". As can be seen from this summary, the Recommended Protected Areas, as described above, total approximately 137,910 ha which exceeds the Mandate of the Committee. The Committee determined that the 137,910 ha total described above was necessary in order to address the high level of recreational demand the Committee was directed to take into consideration while, at the same time, respecting the conservation objectives, representational requirements, and socio-economic considerations set forth in the Protected Areas Strategy.

RELATED RECOMMENDATIONS

The Committee's agreement with respect to the Recommended Protected Areas as described above is conditional upon the following, all of which are agreed by members of the Committee and form an integral part of the Committee's overall package of recommendation.

1. If minor boundary adjustments are required in the context of implementation (e.g. legal descriptions, surveying, dealing with issues of private land, etc.), **the Committee recommends** that a four person subcommittee that reflects a representative cross-section of Committee, be consulted to ensure that the general intent of the Committee regarding the location of boundaries is respected.
2. **The Committee recommends** that, once the Recommended Protected Areas have been established, the remaining Crown land base in all of the TFL's and TSA's within the Lower Mainland Region, other than settlement areas and private land, should be designated as forest land reserve under the *Forest Land Reserve Act* - this should be done in a manner that does not interfere with logical planning and administration of development approvals for agricultural and settlement developments.
3. **The Committee recommends** that the impact of the Recommended Protected Areas on jobs and on both the short and long term level of timber harvesting in the region should be mitigated against by the following measures⁴ wherever possible,

⁴ Strictly for illustrative purposes, it is recognized that each of these measures, if all other factors/constraints remain constant, will result in enhanced timber harvesting opportunities i.e. timber being made available for the purposes of mitigation of the protected areas recommended in this draft.

on the clear understanding that such mitigation must be done in a manner that does not contravene the *Forest Practices Code* (i.e. unduly impact on wildlife, biodiversity, fisheries, water quality, or soil productivity, etc.)

- designating portions/areas of each of the TFL's and TSA's within the region as high intensity timber emphasis zones - in agreeing to this it is recognized that portions/areas of the TFL's and TSA's will also be designated as special management zones;
- adjusting (e.g., relaxing within the parameters permitted by *the Forest Practices Code*) VQO's where appropriate:
 - the extent to which this is possible will vary throughout the region;
 - the extent to which this is possible in any given area within the region needs to be addressed at a larger scale than the entire region recognizing that some areas have high visual sensitivity (eg. the Whistler Corridor); and
- adjusting where appropriate (e.g., relaxing within the parameters permitted by the *Forest Practices Code*) adjacency ("green up") rules.

While ideally the mitigation measures outlined above would result in no net reduction in AAC as a result of creating new protected areas, it is recognized that the foregoing does not constitute a guarantee that there will be no reduction in AAC as a result of creating the Recommended Protected Areas nor is it intended to limit the mitigation of impacts arising from processes outside of the Protected Areas Strategy.

4. **The Committee recommends** that there should be no automatic designation of areas immediately surrounding protected areas as special resource management zones:

- each such area is to be considered on its individual merits;
- where special resource management zones are established adjacent to protected areas, these are not to be managed as "de facto" protected areas - industrial activity including forestry and mining may take place in these areas so long as it takes place in accordance with the management objectives established for that zone; and
- line agency staff (e.g. Ministry of Forests, Ministry of Environment, Lands and Parks, etc.) should be instructed to conduct themselves in accordance with the foregoing.

It is understood that, except as otherwise specifically provided for in these recommendations, areas outside of protected areas are to be managed in an integrated manner until such time as direction to the contrary is given by an LRMP. This includes recognition of all existing formal designations such as ecological reserves, identified wildlife areas, etc.

5. **The Committee recommends** that in establishing the Clendenning protected area that:
 - the area of TFL 38 south of the confluence of the Simms River and Elaho River should be designated as a timber emphasis zone;
 - there be no special resource management zone immediately adjacent to this protected area - notwithstanding the foregoing, it is recognized that there are specific features/areas within TFL 38, including the timber emphasis zone, that should be specially managed including by way of example, features/areas such as river corridors, recreations sites, authorized waterfowl areas, bogs, identified wildlife areas, salmon habitat etc.; and
 - an operationally acceptable alternate site for a bridge across the Elaho River be approved.
6. **The Committee recommends** that those matters referred to in recommendations 2 to 5 inclusive are to be implemented through incorporation in the Terms of Reference for the follow up LRMP's in each of the Squamish, Chilliwack and Sunshine Coast regions and developing the required Management Plans for each of the TFL's within these regions - it is recognized that each of the LRMP's will include any of the TFL's within such regions. The Terms of Reference as finalized, must be entirely consistent with recommendations 2 to 5 inclusive⁵.
7. **The Committee recommends** that the uncommitted AAC in TFL 38 (12,500 m³) be deleted from the land base of the TFL from within the Clendenning watershed and that this land subsequently form part of the protected area recommended in this watershed.

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The Committee has been advised by the Land Use Coordination Office that, as a result of this recommendation, the instructions for developing Terms of Reference for the LRMP's in the Squamish, Chilliwack and Sunshine Coast regions will be prepared in accordance with Recommendation 6.

8. **The Committee recommends** that recognizing that the Recommended Protected Areas include 1996, 1997 and/or 1998 operating areas for some license holders, and recognizing the need for continuity of operations:
- for those license holders who are operationally displaced by the Recommended Protected Areas, new operating areas for 1996 and/or 1997 must be immediately identified to ensure that there is no short term operational disruptions of those license holders;
 - the required permitting process needs to be fast tracked by line agencies - all members agree to work cooperatively to assist and support the line agencies in identifying appropriate areas, all within parameters of *the Forest Practices Code*;
 - as a result of the Recommended Protected Area at Mystic Lake, it is understood that some modification will be required with respect to Block 324 and that part of Block 326 that falls outside the protected area recommended at Mystic Lake; and
 - to the extent that addressing any operational displacements requiring any redistribution of existing operating areas, operating areas currently assigned to the SBFEP may be considered in any such redistribution.
9. **The Committee recommends that** the Ministry of Forests negotiate in good faith and on a without prejudice basis with MacMillan Bloedel and Squamish Mills to exchange TL 0776 and TL 0777 for (a) new Timber License(s) within the Soo TSA in accordance with Section 51(1) of the *Forest Act* and with the Ministry of Forests exchange of rights policy.
10. **The Committee recommends that** an amount of timber, equivalent to that in the Mehatl in terms of volume and/or AAC contribution (post *Forest Practices Code*) is made available from areas within the Fraser TSA that are currently administratively inaccessible.
11. Recognizing that this recommendation falls outside of the Committee's Mandate, **the Committee recommends that** those SOCA's identified in the final SOMIT report that are not included within the Protected Areas recommended by the Committee maintain their SRMZ designation and, in a manner consistent with other recommendations contained herein, be designated as high emphasis bio-diversity landscape units throughout the spotted owl range under the *Forest Practices Code*.

12. **The Committee recommends** FRBC establish a separate program to be used specifically for retraining and/or creating new employment opportunities for any logger, forest manufacturing worker or other forest worker whose job is eliminated as a direct result of the reduction in timber harvesting arising from implementation of the Recommended Protected Areas in the Lower Mainland Region;
- an initial allocation of \$5,000,000 should be made to this program;
 - in the event that the number of jobs eliminated or significantly reduced, in terms of hours or numbers of weeks worked, exceeds one hundred, an additional allocation of \$50,000 per additional job lost be made;
 - in order to access this envelope it will be incumbent on any logger, forest manufacturing worker or other forest worker and/or an employer or their employer union in conjunction with others where desirable, to submit proposals that comply with FRBC guidelines ie. it is recognized that proposals are subject to FRBC approval;
 - workers who face a significant reduction in their hours or number of weeks worked should be eligible for retraining and/or re-employment under this envelope ie. it is not necessary that they lose their job in its entirety;
 - an expedited approval process needs to be established for applications (e.g. proposals, projects) to access this program; and
 - to support this recommendation, Committee members have undertaken to each advise FRBC that they fully support this envelope.
13. **The Committee recommends** that FRBC internally allocate/designate an envelope for incremental programs in the Lower Mainland directed towards enhancing timber supply and undertaking watershed restoration projects where appropriate
- specific examples include, but are not limited to research on growth, yield, site indexing, etc;
 - the Sechelt Supply Block Plan Proposal (Interfor/IWA/Sechelt Indian Band proposal) and Bute Management Proposal (Interfor/Homathko Band) are to be fast tracked;
 - priority should be given to long term, comprehensive projects.
14. The Committee recommends that FRBC give favorable consideration to park management proposals for new protected areas that include employment for workers who have been displaced by land use decisions.

15. Recognizing that this recommendation falls outside of the Committee's Mandate **the Committee recommends** that the development at North Creek take place in the manner described in Schedule "J".
16. Recognizing that this recommendation falls outside of the Committee's Mandate, and recognizing it would be inappropriate for the Committee to recommend that private land be protected under the Protected Areas Strategy, **the Committee recommends** that the Provincial Government seek to negotiate the purchase of those parcels of private land located at Desolation Sound, Nelson Island, Burns Bog, Anvil Island and Princess Louisa Inlet as identified in Schedule "K-1 to K-5" with a view to subsequently designating them as protected areas and/or subsequently manage these lands in a manner that protected the integrity of and capitalizes upon their conservation/recreational values.

If the provincial government is successful in negotiating the purchase of the private land at Anvil Island, **the Committee** recommends that a protected area of approximately 106 ha be established on Anvil Island in the location described on the map attached as Schedule "K-6".

The Committee wishes to be clear that it is not recommending that any private land be expropriated or acquired if the owners of such land do not wish to sell.

17. Recognizing that this recommendation falls outside of the Committee's Mandate, **the Committee recommends** that the Roberts and Sturgeon Banks Area should be designated as a Wildlife Management Area;
- this includes Roberts and Sturgeon Banks Lands Area, Steveston Island, McDonald Slough and Swishwash; and
 - the process for establishing WMA's in this region should take place with full consultation of appropriate interest groups including transportation agencies, First Nations, environmental groups and other appropriate local and regional groups and to the extent not inconsistent with such consultation, fast tracked to the greatest extent possible.
18. Recognizing that this recommendation falls outside of the Committee's Mandate, **the Committee recommends** that the draft Squamish Estuary Management Area Master Plan for the Squamish Estuary be immediately reviewed with full consultation of appropriate interest groups including transportation industries, local conservation groups, local governments, First Nations and other appropriate local and regional groups and then acted upon by the provincial government in a timely manner.

CONFIRMATION OF CONSENSUS

The following confirm that the overall package of recommendations contained in this report reflect a consensus of the Committee . In signing this document, the BC and Yukon Chamber of Mines, while giving consensus to the entire package of recommendations, does not sign on behalf of those mineral tenure holders who may be negatively impacted by the drawing of the final boundaries of the proposed protected areas - the BC and Yukon Chamber of Mines understands that the government will immediately notify those tenure holders and either resolve the impacts or address, in a timely manner, any claims such individuals may have to compensation.

BC Chamber of Commerce
Karl Gustafson

BC & Yukon Chamber of Mines
Jack Patterson

BC Wildlife Federation
Jack Carradice

Southwest Wildlands Alliance
Kevin Scott

Canadian Parks and Wilderness Society
Bryan Evans

Coast Forest & Lumber Association
Ric Slaco

Federation of BC Naturalists
Elaine Golds

Truck Loggers Association
Rick Jeffery

IWA - Canada
Warren Ulley

Vancouver Coast and Mountain Tourism Association
Doug Banner

Outdoor Recreation Council
Don Griffiths

SCHEDULE "I"

SUMMARY OF RECOMMENDED PROTECTED AREAS

TSA/TFL	LOCATION	APPROXIMATE SIZE (ha)
Sunshine	Homothko	460
	Texada	1,000
	Triangle	85
	Confederation/Haslam	2,615
	Duck Lake	770
	Rendevous	120
	Mount Elphinstone	150
	Carren	2,825
	Mount Richardson	1,070
	Bishop River	<u>20,000</u>
		29,095
Soo	Tantalus	10,230
	Brackendale	550
	Upper Lilloet	19,800
	Sockeye	6,140
	Callahan	<u>2,600</u>
		39,320
TFL 38	Clendenning	30,500
Fraser	Mehatl	24,260
	Nahatlach	1,900
	Liumchem	2,080
	Chilliwack Greendrop	9,500
	Fraser Lowlands	1,000
	Yale Garry Oak	5
	Mystic Lake	<u>250</u>
		38,995
	TOTAL	<u>137,910</u>

COUNTERPART SIGNATURES

Attached are counterpart signatures from each member of the Committee, or their alternate. These were received by fax. A formal signature copy has been circulated for signature by each member on the same page. Upon return of the formal signature copy, a copy of the signature page showing all signatures on the same page will be circulated.

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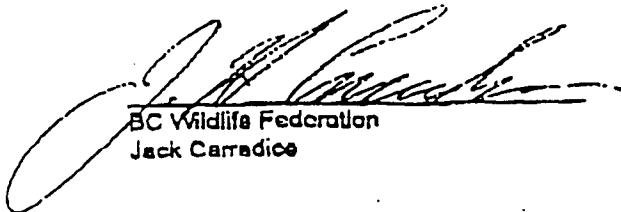
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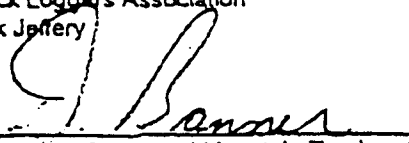
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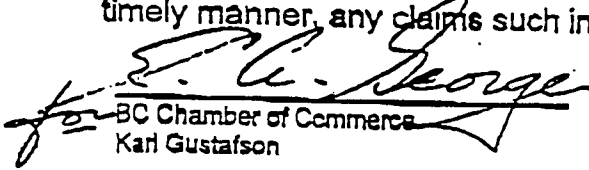
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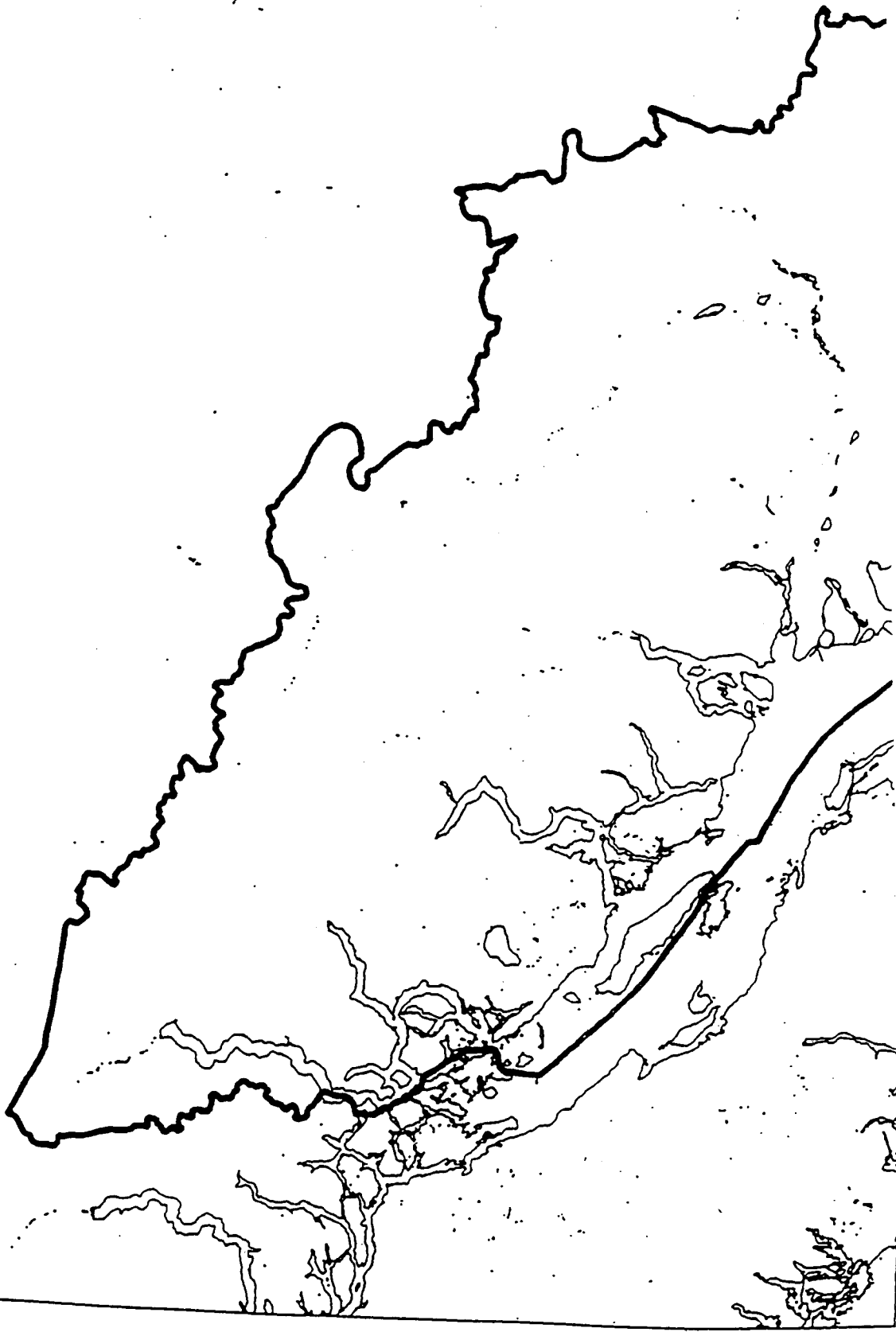
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