

Fletcher Challenge supports watershed

A letter addressed to Father Charles A.E. Brandt, chairman of the Oyster River Watershed Committee, the Steelhead Society of British Columbia, and filed with this newspaper for publication.

I appreciate your concern for the Oyster River Watershed and commend your efforts to protect its important values. It is gratifying to hear that you are working cooperatively with staff at our Courtenay logging operation -- I am certain that our people are equally concerned about the impact of logging and road building on fish habitat and water quality.

As you request, we would be only too pleased to sit down with you to do a detailed analysis of the Oyster River Drainage Study sponsored by the Steelhead Society of B.C. However, I feel the appropriate representatives would be Steve Lorimer, environmental forester with our Coast Wood Products group, and Bob Willington, who heads the Integrated Resource Analysis Section of our Timberlands and Forestry group. A meeting can be arranged by calling Steve at 654-6169. Naturally, our local divisional staff will also con-

tinue to work with you.

At that time, we would be pleased to discuss formation of the proposed Oyster River Drainage Watershed Management Committee and how Fletcher Challenge Canada can best participate in that process.

Father Brandt, our company's Environmental Purpose Statement commits us to using British Columbia's natural resources in a manner which meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their needs. Achieving this goal means meeting or exceeding all government requirements applicable to our operations, regularly monitoring our environmental performance and sharing this information with our employees.

Rest assured that in all areas of the company we are working hard to fulfill this commitment. While changes in operating standards and practices cannot realistically come overnight, we are voluntarily doing a great deal to reduce the potential environmental impact of our operations, set our harvest at sustainable levels, maintain forest values other than timber and ensure long-term community stability.

I commend your efforts on behalf of the Oyster River Watershed and offer you our full co-operation.

IAN DONALD
President and Chief Executive Officer
Fletcher Challenge Canada

Leadership

A letter addressed to Principal, Clyde Woolman, Highland Secondary School and filed with this newspaper for publication.

I am writing this letter to you on behalf of all the parents of the graduating students who have participated on the Highland Senior Rugby Team.

We would like our appreciation passed on to Mr. D. Laird and his staff for the tremendous job they have done with our boys over the past three years.

We feel that they have passed on to the boys a huge amount of leadership, loyalty, camaraderie, and respect which the team members will carry on into their new lives and which will surely affect them in a positive way. It is felt that their time spent with the boys has helped them advance from young men into

adults, and this has made our jobs as parents just a little bit easier.

The staff have taken young men who think they know it all and taught them the true meaning of team work, discipline and taught them to work on improving their skills to a winning level, or do their utmost in an attempt to gain the same.

Once again, Mr. Laird, we applaud you and thank you very much for all your efforts from the bottom of our hearts.

M.B. CLISBY
Comox

Grads sought

Malaspina College is looking for all the people who have graduated from its vocational and academic programs and who have taken community education courses over the years.

We're looking forward to our 25th anniversary in 1994 and have opened a Register of Alumni and Friends to include everybody from the first graduates from the original Dominion Provincial Vocational School in Nanaimo from 1936, through the formation of Malaspina as a community college in 1969, to our first

university degree alumni this summer.

If you're a Malaspina grad or have one in your family, please send details on where you are now and what you are doing to the Alumni Office, Malaspina College, 900 Fifth Street, Nanaimo, B.C., V9R 5S5.

ROGER PRIOR
Alumni and Friends Officer

It's wasteful

While taking my recyclables to the Pigeon Lake Dump I noticed three large bales of damp, rotting clothing.

The attendant informed me the residents of Hornby Island had left them there, assuming they could be shipped off to a processing plant. He also told me several other bales had already ended up as landfill because it wasn't logistically possible for them to be shipped at this time.

I think this is an absolute waste of otherwise good materials. Therefore, I have a suggestion to Hornby Islanders before you send us any more.

It's really noble of you to save your un-needed things to be re-used in one form or another but as it now stands,

your old clothes are doing more harm than good. There are so many contaminants in your bales, such as carpeting, that they couldn't be used in papermaking or any other process even if there was a plant close by.

So why not send them to Goodwill or the Salvation Army instead? Both organizations are non-profit and provide cheap clothing to those of us on limited budgets. In addition, Goodwill employs people who might not otherwise be working, to mend and launder items that come in less than perfect condition.
CHARLOTTE OSTROWSKI
Courtenay

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