

# Oyster River plan opposed

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A proposed deepwater access channel at the mouth of the Oyster River is being strongly opposed by the Steelhead society of B.C.

Rev. Father Charles Brandt, an executive of the society, told directors of the Comox-Strathcona Regional Board in Courtenay last Monday: "We're very much opposed."

Directors agreed that a public meeting should be held before Environment Canada goes ahead with what it calls a "test channel" at the river's mouth just north of Black Creek.

They concurred with the

Crown Land Sub-Committee of the district's Technical Planning Committee "that a public hearing be held to weigh the recreational benefits of this area in its natural state with its potential benefits as a marina."

Before a marina could be built, the channel would have to be dredged.

District Secretary-Treasurer Eric Hiebert was instructed to write Environment Canada regarding setting a date for the hearing.

"I think we should await the results of the public hearing before forming a conclusion," said director Harry McQuillan of Area "C"