



February 9, 1994

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Chair  
Tsolum River Enhancement Committee  
The Steelhead Society of  
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Comox Valley Chapter  
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Dear Father Brandt:

**RE: MOUNT WASHINGTON MINE SITE RECLAMATION PROJECT**

Thank you for your letter of January 18, 1994, in which you express concerns on behalf of the Comox Valley Chapter of The Steelhead Society of British Columbia, and seek information on our future plans for Mt. Washington.

We recently commissioned Dr. Randy Knapp of Senes Consultants Ltd. to undertake an independent review of our Mt. Washington program, and to give us advice on a future course of action, including treatment alternatives. My officials are currently reviewing Dr. Knapp's report and, with the assistance of the Mt. Washington Technical Committee, will be carefully assessing our options.

I share your desire that the Tsolum River be returned to a productive state, and assure you that my ministry is committed to this objective. While we are intent on solving this problem, we are, nevertheless, anxious to ensure that the next step in our remediation program is undertaken with a complete understanding of the hydrology of the pit.

The 1994 summer season will see, at a minimum, monitoring of surface and groundwater quality and discharge regimes, and measurement of leaching rate of copper in the pit floor and headwalls.

Yours sincerely,

Anne Edwards  
Minister

cc: see attached list

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Premier

The Honourable Sheila Copps  
Minister of the Environment

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