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Father Charles Brandt, Chair
Tsolum River Enhancement Committee
Comox Valley Chapter
of the BC Steelhead Society
2364 Catherwood Rd
Black Creek BC V9J 1J3

Dear Father Brandt:

Thank you for your letter dated January 18, 1994, regarding acid mine drainage entering the Tsolum River. Remediation of this problem is vital to protect and enhance the fisheries in the Tsolum River.

As you are aware, the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources is the lead agency for remedial work at the Mount Washington abandoned minesite. This ministry has supported the Ministry of Energy, Mines and Petroleum Resources with impact assessment and monitoring activities and has provided advice to technical planning committees. This ministry will continue that support and further, will pursue all reasonable avenues to find a long-term solution to this problem.

I appreciate the time you took to write about your concerns for Tsolum River water quality.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Moe Sihota".

Moe Sihota
Minister

cc: Honourable Anne Edwards, Minister of Energy,
Mines and Petroleum Resources