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## Pearl of a river

Sir— Re Moira Farrow's article (Sept. 10) on "Everyone wants a piece of the Oyster River action."

I hope that the people of the Courtney-Campbell River area and the thousands from North America, et al, who have enjoyed the true recreational value of the Oyster River will rise and with the support of their elected representatives, Karen Sanford and Tom Barnett, pronounce a resounding "no" to Mr. George Ward's ill-conceived idea of a "New York Coney Island" for the mouth of the Oyster, adjacent to Saratoga Beach. Although Mr. Ward reluctantly admits to having scrapped his original concept, his modified plans are still too New Yorkish to warrant anything but a resounding "no!" This is B.C.! We don't want any facsimile of New York.

For some 15 years, I lived one quarter mile from the mouth of the Oyster. I ranged its banks searching for its ever-elusive cutthroat or steelhead while encountering many bears, cougars and even wild cattle who, collectively, did not deny my right to be there. Six months ago I made my annual return, there was little sign of the aforementioned, just Pacific Playgrounds with its boat basin, denying my right as a resident of B.C. to again range those banks. However, that is another story.

Cheers to Bob Borland, Bert Sewell, Rev. Brandt and the thousands of others who are opposing the destruction of the Oyster. If you need anyone else to block the bulldozers, count on me.

One question. Where is Roderick Haig-Brown in all this? In my callow youth, when conservation was not really an "in" thing, he jolted me out of my complacency when he opposed the desecration of Butte Lake. But desecrate it they did! Not the Oyster, too, please.

Yes, Moira, I would like a piece of the Oyster River action, too; so that my

children and their children's children can enjoy the natural beauty of the Oyster River as I did.

Perhaps if everyone says "no", Mr. Ward and his cohorts will go to Coney Island or Hell or somewhere equally as repugnant.

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