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Hi Steve,



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The letter was copied to CEAA via Bill Coulter.

The proponent is seeking a meeting. I'm not sure of the full agenda (I'm waiting to hear back from Paul Buxton), but it includes the blasting plan. I suspect Global is still pushing ahead with the 3.9 Ha quarry and will want to discuss this. I think CEAA's position should be that if DFO has a FA s.32 trigger, they should not exercise it at this time. Even if the proponent can eliminate the need for the s.32 authorization (by modifying the blasting plan or providing additional mitigation), I think proceeding with the 3.9 Ha quarry is not consistent with CEAA-recommended practice (project splitting). It would also be poor PR and optics - likely undermining what little credibility the proponent has that it intends to "do the right thing".

The proponent is, to my knowledge, unaware of DFO's desire to refer. I still feel that a Comp Study, with an appropriate scope and public participation plan, would be the correct path - and I have said this to Phil Zamora. To me, a referral to facilitate harmonization reflects poorly on both governments and is perhaps an undesirable precedent. But, hey, public review is the Canadian way!

Do you want to participate in the meeting? Do you think we should try to buy time until the referral is made?

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