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To: Young, Bruce [CEAA]
Cc: Nadeau, Richard
Subject: draft letter re: Whites Point Quarry

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Paul letter White
Point Quarry...

Bruce,
Further to the meeting Friday afternoon and a conversation I had with Steve Chapman this morning, I am forwarding to you a draft letter for your review and comments. We would like to send the letter later today.

Thanks,
Bruce

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June 2, 2003

Mr. Chris Daly
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Dear Mr. Daly:

RE: Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal - Environmental Assessment

I am writing to update you on Fisheries and Oceans Canada (DFO) review of the proposed Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal.

DFO has determined that due to the need for a *Navigable Waters Protection Act* Ss. 5(1) approval, the terminal portion of the project will require an environmental assessment pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act (CEAA)*. The type of assessment required on the terminal is a Comprehensive study, pursuant to the *CEAA – Comprehensive Study List SS. 28(c)* – marine terminal designed to handle vessels larger than 28,000 DWT.

DFO is presently reviewing the proponent's blasting plan for a 3.9 ha. test quarry and conducting discussions and field work of the overall 155 ha. quarry site to determine if approvals are required under the *Fisheries Act* Ss. 35(2) or S. 32, either of which would necessitate an environmental assessment under CEAA.

Your Department has previously expressed interest in a co-ordinated environmental assessment of the Whites Point Quarry and Marine Terminal project. In the interest of effectively harmonizing the federal and provincial review processes, DFO is considering referring the project to the Minister of Environment for a Panel Review.

To this end, I am interested to know if your Department would be interested in participating in a joint review panel of this project.

Sincerely,

Paul Boudreau
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