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Subject: DFO Blasting Guidelines

Brad, as a follow-up to our telephone call, attached is the web link with our national blasting guidelines.

By copy of this memo I'll alert both Joy and Jerry that the original application has been turned down but another is on the way that will not have a wharf component.

I would like to add. If the proponent eventually needs to get approval for a wharf to transport the end product to distant markets, the construction of the wharf would likely trigger the need for an environmental assessment under either or both the Fisheries Act and the Navigable Waters Protection Act. We are legislated to follow the Canadian Environmental Assessment Act. Under that piece of legislation, project splitting for review purposes is not permitted. The wharf would be required by the quarry. The quarry would be part of the review. Also the ultimate size of the quarry would be reviewed, not just this phase.

Jerry Conway, our marine mammal person spoke to me only briefly about this project as he had to leave the office and was to be away from his desk for several weeks. Jerry had significant concerns about the use of explosives and their impact on the whales in the area. He wanted documented proof the charges to be employed would not have any disruptive influence on the species. I am sure the local people who make their living charting vessels to tourist wishing to see the whales would be equally concerned.

BJ

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<http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/habitat/explosguide/download/english.pdf>

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