

February 20, 2004

Mr. Paul Macgillivray
Regional Director General
Fisheries and Oceans Canada, Pacific Region
200-401 Burrard Street
Vancouver, BC V6C 3S4

Re: Marine Conservation Caucus Representation on harvest committees

Dear Paul:

The Marine Conservation Caucus at its November 28 2003 meeting agreed on NGO representation on various federal consultative committees overseen by your department.

Names of members were put forward for each of the two harvest committees. The members chosen from the MCC for the southern harvest committee are Craig Orr (Watershed Watch), Ken Wilson (Sierra Club), and Suzanne Tank (David Suzuki Foundation). The two NGO sector representatives for the northern harvest committee are John Nelson (Raincoast Conservation Society) and Bruce Hill (Canadian Parks and Wilderness Committee).

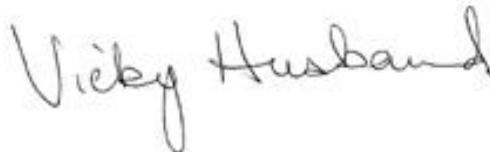
These individuals have considerable experience with salmon and fish conservation issues, and the nominees were endorsed unanimously by all present, including the streamkeepers, to represent the MCC. As per guidelines established by the Review Panel, two individuals from these NGO/stewardship groups (with one alternate in reserve for the southern committee) will attend harvest committee meetings as representatives of the MCC and report back to the MCC. Their names, along with other NGO representatives, are contained in a December 21 2003 letter to Jay Hartling, which we have included again as a courtesy.

This should clear up any confusion you or your staff may have about who will attend harvest committee meetings, or how representatives were chosen. Despite the disproportionate numerical imbalance in the committees, the MCC is still pleased to work with others participating in this process, and also looks forward to a new and productive relationship with the Department of Fisheries and Oceans.

Sincerely,



Craig Orr
Co-Chairs, Marine Conservation Caucus



Vicky Husband

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Paul Ryall
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