From: ***PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS REMOVED***
Sent: Thursday, April 29, 2010 9:58:55 AM
To: Living Water Smart ENV:EX
Subject: My opposition to proposed amendments under Water Act Modernization.

Dear Sir/Madam,

Regarding BC's proposed Water Act Modernization, I understand that modifications are being considered by the BC government and involve changing the existing water license rights system into a 'permit' system, as a way of providing a 'predictable investment climate across the province'. Such amendments would considerably weaken common law water rights by allowing government to determine 'priority of use'.

I forcefully object to such proposed amendments.

The proposed 'permit system' in not acceptable. Water is part of the public commons and cannot be licensed through permits to any private interest under any circumstance.

The BC government, which does not own BC's water, does not have the right to transform our common law riparian water rights into a permit system which would mostly benefit private corporations. Such an amendment would be both immoral and illegal.

Yours truly,

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