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Subject: Emailing: SEHAB - Living Water Smart Blog

Here's what I just posted on the Living Water Smart blog...

don't know what, if anything will be edited out...apparently my comments are "being reviewed and approved/disapproved" under the "moderation policy"

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  Attention:
  John Slater, MLA
  Parliamentary Secretary for Water Supply and Allocation

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  Subject: FYI – Living Water Smart Blog now live.

  Hi ***PERSONAL IDENTIFIERS REMOVED***,

  Re: BC Water Act Update

  I'm Ambivalent and Dubious…

  Yup…no question an updated Water Act would be handy.

  Especially one that includes groundwater legislation and water for fish….

  BUT…. it has to be vigorously monitored and enforced…

  Eg: All existing water licenses need to be reviewed, pruned and monitored for compliance/non-compliance and no nonsense penalties meted out swiftly…no more shilly-shallying.

  Eg: the Wood Lake system was documented in 1974 as being "over allocated" (also again in 2000/2001)…here we are 35 years later and nothing has changed (it may, in fact, have gotten worse) nor has anything been done about it. eg: Middle Vernon Creek was permitted to go dry in 2003 during the fall Kokanee run and again this year…just a local example.

The updated Water Act also needs to address adequate funding for on-going monitoring, testing, compliance with and adherence to "The CANADIAN DRINKING WATER GUIUDELINES"…AND…"The CANADIAN WATER QUALITY GUIDELINES for the PROTECTION of AQUATIC LIFE"…

The BC Government's position, under the Campbell cabinet culture, seems to be….there is no money for anything even remotely involving the environment…whether that be fish, wildlife, inventory, habitat, water or whatever…leadership and political will appear understandably absent, in view of that do-nothing position or the do-as-little-as-possible-to-stay-out-of jail position.

Mr. Campbell apparently put BC's natural environment "up for sale", eg: run-of-the-river IPP's (eg: Ashlu River watershed – See: "49 Megawatts"), and other examples too numerous to list here from over the past 9 years.

I'll go with the physical on-the-ground, real-world evidence – past, present and in the future.

So, I'm ambivalent and dubious…as much as an updated Water Act might be desired, needed and wanted.

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