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Subject: Re: Living Water Smart Blog Launch

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Good Morning John,

Thank you for the information. I found the government position statements very interesting and will follow the progress closely.

MIIWSS presented a position approximately 2 years ago on hydrofracturing to the Water Advisory panel expecting results in Phase 2, which now appears to be a dead issue. Can you tell me if Living Water Smart will be addressing this topic in any fashion?

MIIWSS is holding a 1 day Septic Systems workshop May 1 on Mayne Island stemming from our concerns about the interface between groundwater and older septic systems. We plan to cover the why, the old, the new, the watchdogs, and Q&A after every speaker. The Southern Gulf Islands, Mayne in particular, rely solely on groundwater but also have about a 95% reliance on septic systems for disposal.

We feel this is an integral part of our water conservation educational mandate!

At all events (this is our 6th annual) we have about 3 tables loaded with information on all things water, and I would like to order about 250 Living Water Smart brochures. Any that are left from this event, will be used at our Mayne fall fair booths in August and our booth at the Pender Island Stewardship day in September. The attendance at all of these workshops has been consistently between 120-140 from all islands up to Gabriola and Vancouver Island.

I also would appreciate receiving the full Living Water Smart book for my own use in writing my monthly articles for the 5 island papers. I think it is important to get the more positive upcoming changes out to our islanders.

To get a better handle on the coverage and goals of MIIWSS, may I suggest that you visit our website mayneisland.com/water.

Regards, Mary Cooper, President,
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On 18-Dec-09, at 3:16 PM, Living Water Smart ENV:EX wrote:

To those interested in BC's water future,

[Living Water Smart](#) is the provincial government's plan to keep our water healthy and secure for the future. A key commitment in the plan is to modernize our water laws to improve the protection of ecological values, provide for more community involvement, and provide incentives to be water efficient.

Over the coming weeks and months, we will be using a new *Living Water Smart* [Blog](#) to encourage water stewardship in BC, share your ideas and stories and celebrate our water smart successes. The Blog will also be used to support dialogue on modernizing the *Water Act* and will complement a public discussion paper and a series of regional meetings to be announced early in the New Year.

As Parliamentary Secretary for Water Supply and Allocation, I will be championing the public engagement process and encourage you to get involved. I invite you to take a look at our [Blog](#), make comments and join the conversation. Visit our [website](#), contact us at livingwatersmart@gov.bc.ca, or call (250) 387-4734 for more information.

We look forward to hearing from you.

John Slater, MLA
Parliamentary Secretary for Water Supply and Allocation