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Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the modernization of the Water Act. It is much needed and I appreciate the progress made by introducing certain elements.

I consider it of prime importance to respect FN Rights and Title. The priorities I see are:

1. CONSERVE: Climate change will exacerbate water shortages therefore we must do all we can to conserve water which means absolutely no fracking operations since these would render water unfit for consumption. As well, a lid on water bottling and any water removal from corporations.
2. PROTECT AT SOURCE: aquatic life cannot benefit from water treatment therefore we must stop using our lakes and rivers as sewage dumping sites. We must move towards ecological sewage treatment systems that do not discharge to water, we must greatly reduce motorized water sports on lakes, we must treat all our waterways as if our life depended on the quality of the water at source, which it may well do.
3. PROMOTE ORGANIC AGRICULTURE: the pollution from intensive agriculture with GM crops and their pesticides and from factory farms negatively affects groundwater as well as surface water and must be stopped. Herbicides and insecticides are now proven to pollute water and affect health. They must be stopped.

A strong Water Sustainability Act is important as it can make the difference between a livable environment and one that is not. Please use all the power you have to ensure that BC has one.

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