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Mr. Alistair MacGregor, M.P.
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Dear Mr. MacGregor:

Thank you for your correspondence of February 4, 2016, and enclosure, concerning Shawnigan Lake, British Columbia.

I understand that on August 21, 2013, the Government of British Columbia issued a permit to South Island Aggregates Ltd./Cobble Hill Holdings Ltd. to establish a soil remediation facility in the Shawnigan Lake watershed. The issuance of a permit by the provincial government falls outside my authority. For further details regarding the issuance of the permit, you may wish to contact the province's Minister of Environment, the Honourable Mary Polak, at P.O. Box 9047, Station Provincial Government, Victoria BC V8W 9E2.

As noted by the Minister of Fisheries, Oceans and the Canadian Coast Guard's letter of January 25, 2016, Environment and Climate Change Canada is responsible for administering and enforcing the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*, which prohibit the deposit of deleterious substances into water frequented by fish. These provisions are enforced in accordance with the Compliance and Enforcement Policy for the Habitat Protection and Pollution Prevention Provisions of the *Fisheries Act*. For more information, please visit www.ec.gc.ca/alef-ewe/default.asp?lang=en&n=D6B74D58-1As.

Environment and Climate Change Canada is aware of the decision taken in regard to the permit for the site and continues to monitor the situation closely. However, at this time, no potential violation of the Act has been identified.

In the case of an environmental emergency or to report details relating to a deposit of a deleterious substance into water frequented by fish, the public should contact British Columbia's emergency management 24-hour line at 1-800-663-3456.

I trust that this information is helpful. Please accept my best regards.

Sincerely,

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

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