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Dear Al:

We are considering undertaking a baseline study on Blind Creek in mid-August, 1988. The Dy and Swim developments will be in the Blind Creek drainage and we have initiated background water quality studies in this area.

I would like to apply for a permit for this study. As we will have Paul Harder and Dave Bustard (P.A. Harder and Associates Ltd.) here in August for the second part of the Rose Creek study, it would be cost-effective for us to combine the studies. However, we have not yet made the final decision as to whether or not the study will be done this year.

I have received a preliminary proposal from Paul Harder for the Blind Creek study; the relevant bits are excerpted below:

"The objectives of the program would be to assemble existing information, meet with DFO and undertake a biophysical assessment of Blind Creek and the Swim Lake tributary.

The proposed work would consist of fish sampling and detailed habitat descriptions throughout the system using ground and aerial surveys. It is proposed that ten sample sites be established from the Pelly River confluence throughout the mainstem creek and major tributaries to determine the distribution and abundance of fish in the system. Electrofishing and beach seining would be the main sample techniques used. Other techniques

including snorkeling, angling and minnow trapping may also be used depending upon the suitability of habitat and access. The extent and location of any chinook salmon spawning would also be investigated during this survey.

These data would provide a preliminary baseline of fisheries values in the Blind Creek system from which potential impact areas could be identified."

Once a decision has been made regarding this study, we will be in touch to discuss the details.

Yours truly,
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