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Dear Honourable Keith Ashfield:

**Re: Gravel Removal from the Lower Fraser River, British Columbia**

The attached resolution was passed by BC Nature members at our recent AGM in Kelowna.

Our 5000 members throughout BC urge government to continue the moratorium on gravel removal from the reach of the Fraser River between Hope and Mission, until the gravel budget is better defined.

The resolution includes the request that senior levels of government appropriately fund monitoring of gravel removal, the input of gravel from upriver and the level of water relative to flood control. June is a timely month to review this resolution given the Fraser River freshet, however the science of monitoring needs to be addressed throughout the year. We have separately written to the provincial government regarding their responsibilities.

We would appreciate a response describing the efforts the federal government is currently funding with respect to gravel management in this reach of the Fraser, the Water Survey, and with focus to maintain this world class river's habitat for several salmonids and other wildlife.

Could you please reply by August 31<sup>st</sup> so that I can inform our members of your response at our Fall General Meeting. Thank you in advance.

Yours truly

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