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To All Local Governments and Regional Districts (See attached distribution list)

On June 30, 2005, an extension to the implementation date of the Riparian Areas Regulation was granted to your local government. The decision to extend the deadline was based on input from Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) and individual local governments, to ensure the orderly and efficient implementation of the regulation.

In order to gauge the overall status of implementation of the regulation, ministry staff will be contacting you shortly to determine your progress and offer assistance in developing your implementation strategy. If you have implemented the Riparian Areas Regulation, we would like to link your approach on our website to serve as a resource for other local governments.

Protecting riparian fish habitat, while facilitating urban development that exhibits high standards of environmental stewardship, is a priority of the Government of British Columbia. I look forward to working with you and the UBCM on the implementation of this regulation and on other environmental issues of mutual interest.

Yours truly,

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