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Ottawa, 26th July 1915.

Sir,-

Mr. Wm. Halliday, Indian Agent, Alert Bay, has reported that a large delegation of Indians from the Nimpkish, Kwawkeelh, Masalillekulla and Tanaktesk Bands of Indians have called at his office and have represented that Messrs. White Bros. Lumber Company who own large timber limits on Vancouver Island and who propose to erect and operate a large export saw mill at Beaver Cove, have made application for a licence to take and use 7000 feet of water per second and to store 400,000 acre feet of water out of Nimpkish River.

The Agent states that this river, while not navigable for power propelled vessels, is navigable for canoes and also abounds with fish. The Indians of the tribes mentioned, get the greater part of their food supply from this river and anything that will be done to obstruct the river or interfere with their fishing, will be a very great hardship to them.

I shall be obliged if you will be good enough to take this matter into consideration in connection with any proposed issue of a licence to the applicants and if necessary to delay the issue until this Department has had opportunity to make inquiry into the facts of the case. I may say that Mr. W.E. Ditchburn, Inspector of Indian Agencies, Victoria, has been instructed to make special inquiry.

Your obedient servant,

Wm Young
Controller Water Rights
Victoria B.C.

[Signature]

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