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Re: Proposed Fishway - Sproat Falls Klehkoot Indian Reserve #2

With reference to your letter of March 31st, the Department of Fisheries have completed their survey at Sproat Falls and a paper print of the plan is enclosed. You will note that the fish ladder will be located in the Sproat River below highwater mark and therefore outside the boundaries of the Reserve.

Temporary access to the site of the ladder will be required, however, and temporary buildings will be necessary on the 3.97 acre parcel. It is proposed, with the consent of the Band, to issue a permit to the Department of Fisheries covering temporary use of the area for a period of one year. It is thought that if Fisheries restore the 3.97 acre parcel to its original condition following completion of the work the Band may be willing to permit them to use the area without payment of compensation but I should like you to take the matter up with the Chief and Councillors and secure their consent in the form of a resolution. If compensation is required the amount should be specified in the resolution.

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W. S. Arneil, Indian Commissioner for B.C.

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