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Dear Minister.

I am forwarding to you a copy of a presentation given to Scott Northrup, DFO, with respect to the marine habitat in the Davie Bay area, Texada Island. This project has been assigned a CEAR reference number 09-01-49595. The Texada South Quarry project is in an RCA, adjacent to a Provincial UREP, in a sensitive fish habitat zone on the south west coast of Texada Island, up from the Jedediah Island Marine Park.

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It would appear to us that the Texada South Quarry and the associated barge loading facility is a critical test case for the RCA in BC. The DFO have stated the RCA network will only work if the designated areas are kept in a somewhat pristine condition to ensure maximum productivity from those fish spawning within the closed areas and in order to maintain the high level of productivity, industrial activity such as those proposed should be avoided. Anyone familiar with this part of the Georgia Strait will appreciate that the prevailing south easterly wind blowing up the strait causes a widespread dispersion of limestone dust in the general and more immediate area.--one can witness this at the TQL quarry north of Gillies Bay--and efforts at mitigation would prove highly ineffective. Eilgrass beds are widespread in the Davie Bay area as we point out in the presentation of October 14-09.

To our knowledge there are no barge loading facilities in BC situated in an RCA as joint or shared use would be highly incompatible to the principle of the RCA's.

Furthermore you should be aware that the actual production rate of Texada South Quarry is expected to be vastly more than the projected 240,000 tonnes per year, and hence the actual barge movements would be expected to exceed the application movements by a wide margin, with obvious implications for water quality. Our legal council has raised this issue with Hon B Penner, Minister of the Environment, BC. I have attached a copy for your reference. This is filed on our web site <http://www.daviebay.com/submissions/>

Yours truly

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Attachments; Presentation to the DFO Oct 14-09
David Perry letter, Sept 24-09