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Re: Submission on enforcement matters under Articles 14 and 15 of the

North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation
Submitter(s):

B.C. Aboriginal Fischeries Commission et al.

Party: Canada
Date: 2 April 1997
Submission No.: SEM-97-001

Dear Sirs/Madams:

The Secretariat of the Commission for Environmental Cooperation has concluded that your submission satisfies the initial screening criteria under Article 14(1) of the North American Agreement on Environmental Cooperation. Accordingly, the submission will now be reviewed under Article 14(2) to determine whether the submission merits requesting a response from the Government of Canada.

We will keep you informed of the status of your submission in accordance with Articles 14 and 15 and the Guidelines for Submissions on Enforcement Matters.

Yours truly,

Commission for Environmental Cooperation - Secretariat

per: Greg Block Director

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