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Dr. Doug McFee
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Dear Dr. McFee:

Thank you for your letter of March 24, 2006, regarding enforcement in British Columbia. I apologize for the delay in responding.

I wish to congratulate you and the volunteer community that continues to do so much for the Pacific Salmon resource. Since receipt of your letter there have been positive developments. I announced, on June 20, 2006, an investment of \$2.4 million that will help increase the number of enforcement staff in British Columbia from the current 162 to a total of 176. I also announced the addition of twelve new Habitat Monitors to carry out much of the habitat monitoring and compliance promotion work currently done by Fishery Officers. This will allow Fishery Officers to be more focused on fisheries-enforcement work and high-risk habitat investigations. I attach the *News Release* for more information.

Again, thank you for sharing your concerns with the department.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Loyola Hearn".

Loyola Hearn, P.C., M.P.

Attachment

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