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ISSUES:

* Consultant's report following one-day audiometric test run at Baker Quarry did not demonstrate that operations will comply with proposed maximum noise levels; letter from Concerned Residents group indicates quarry operator failed to comply with key approval conditions during test; permitting decision to be reviewed.

* Failure of Jack Cewe Ltd. to submit mine plan documents has resulted in review of enforcement options and planned follow-up in cooperation with Geotechnical Section.

* Forest Land Commission has indicated they will not be in a position to issue approval for Englishman Aggregates Ltd. gravel pit proposal until at least September. It is therefore unlikely the VIMDRC will receive the final permit application for review and public consultation until next fall.

* Proposed exploration work on the Wim Group claims has been cancelled due to special permit conditions which were considered restrictive by prospector, but which were required to satisfy FPC and Clayoquot Regional Board. Prospector copied his concerns to the BCYCM.

FYI:

* T. Hall and G. Carriere planning June 25th site meeting at Mattison-Patterson Pit in Colwood to review public complaints regarding earth berm and reclamation issues.

* Office enquiry received regarding possible pilot project for re-processing of tailings at old Argonaut Mine near Campbell River; developer sees potential for 600,000 tonnes/year operation to recover magnetite and garnet.

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