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ISSUES:

* A shooting incident at the Ajay Ventures gravel pit near Hope, which endangered an off-duty ministry employee who inadvertently entered a restricted area, was investigated by the RCMP without charges being laid. Additional signage is being ordered on the property boundary. In the meantime, all inspectors entering this pit are advised to enter via the main gate and make their presence immediately known to the property owner.

John Slesse
* Permitting of a 10,000 tonne bulk sample on the North Slesse Limestone quarry has been put on hold at the last moment due to notice from the Chilliwack District Forest Manager that he intends to protect a karst cave formation in the limestone deposit. It is not yet clear under what authority this protection will be established (FPC?); the question of compensation will likely be raised.

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* Consolidated Logan are considering an option agreement with Falconbridge to carry out exploration and development on the Catface Property, located in an environmentally sensitive area within the Clayoquot Decision Area near Tofino. Obtaining regulatory approvals and First Nations support for this project will be challenging.

FYI:

* Construction Aggregates Ltd. (Sechelt Pit) received the 1998 MELP Minister's Environmental Award in the business/industry category for their ecological approach to site operation and rehabilitation, as well as their willingness to work with the surrounding community to identify and implement innovative environmental solutions.

ADMIN:

* Wayne Wishlow is convalescing comfortably at home following major surgery, and hopes to return to light duty on June 15th.