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ISSUES:

IM * Northwest Landscape are considering applying for lease on their Spumoni claim on Brohm Ridge, following successful marketing of facing stone in Whistler; if expanded, this quarry operation will be a major concern to the proposed Garibaldi Alpen ski resort.

Island Copper * Completion of sale of Island Copper plant site for value-added wood processing plant requires government sign-off on contaminated soils clean-up before year-end; consultant's report is being filed with Contaminated Sites Unit of MELP, but a lengthy review period may jeopardize this government-supported economic development opportunity; Gregg Stewart will provide briefing material for ADM's office. (105)

Gaffers * The Pacheedaht First Nation have asked regional staff to delay processing a permit application for a bulk sampling and test milling program on the Gaffers mineral property near Port Renfrew; they claim the area is part of proposed Settlement Lands in their treaty negotiations; MAA have been asked to provide a Provincial response confirming that the Pacheedaht interest in this land will be protected under the treaty process.

* Gravel pit concerns raised by the District of Mission at UBCM are again forcing regional permitting staff to rationalize their mandated authority against public and local government interests; resolution of concerns over Allard/Keystone Pit will be very difficult.

* J. Alvarez found illegal gravel pit operation on routine inspection trip to Campbell River area; Island Redi-Mix has been operating without tenure, cutting authority or mine permit; operator has been put on notice and is seeking necessary approvals.

FYI:

* VIMDRC meeting and inspection held at Island Copper Mine; progress made on outstanding issues should lead to closure plan