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The proponents of the Hills Bar Gravel project near Yale have begun the pre-application process for an EAA project certificate. If approved, the project could be supplying over 2 million tonnes per year of gravel by rail to the Lower Mainland and U.S. markets by summer 2001, and will also include a placer gold operation. MEM, BCAL and EAO officials toured the property this week. The Yale First Nation have suddenly taken an interest, and indicate they may try to include this large gravel deposit in their treaty claims.

FYI:

- J. Houle will be guest speaker at a CIMM Georgia Strait Branch Technical Presentation in Campbell River on December 4, 7:00 pm at the Coast Discovery Inn, presenting "Strategy for Renewed Exploration on Vancouver Island".
- The Technical & Research Committee on Reclamation met this week to discuss planning for the 25th Annual Mine Reclamation Symposium. Subject to confirmation of accommodations etc., the symposium will be held in Campbell River September 24 to 27, 2001 with a field trip to the closed BHP Island Copper mine in Port Hardy.

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