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ISSUES:

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* The Concerned Citizen's of Sumas Mountain have indicated that the City of Abbotsford will not issue a soil removal permit for the proposed Western Rock Quarry, which is presently under review by MEI. If confirmed, this will again put the ministry toe to toe with local government (and the public) in a conflict over permitting of quarry operations.

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* A public meeting in Union Bay to review the proposed Tsable River Coal bulk sample program drew a large crowd of local residents opposed to the project. Further public meetings will likely be required to resolve issues related to truck traffic, noise, etc.

* Regional staff are reviewing an incident at Garibaldi Granite where an employee drank from an unlabelled bottle of methyl hydrate. The worker was hospitalized but apparently suffered no long term effects.

FYI:

* A two-day technical forum on the Vancouver Island Land Use Plan was held in Nanaimo. Extensive revisions to the interim technical report are planned by mid-summer, in response to pressure from environmental and community resource groups as well as to proposed changes in the Forest Practices Code. MEI will have ongoing input to the final report through the IAMC.

Island 4/04
* BHP have announced the sale of most of the remaining infrastructure at the Island Copper Mine to Royal Hoyalas Specialty Wood Products, a joint venture of the Quatsino Band and two Vancouver Island wood manufacturers. Royal Hoyalas will establish a sawmill and lumber kiln on the 30-hectare plant site, utilizing existing mine buildings and facilities, including the deep sea dock. Phase I will see construction of the sawmill, which will employ 40 persons, within a year, with further expansion to follow.