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Subject: Northwest Region Update to June 7, 1996

ISSUES:

- * A mineworker at Snip suffered a fatal heart attack June 1st, but was not pronounced dead until medivac arrived in Wrangell, Alaska. Jurisdictional issues between B.C. Coroner's Office and Alaska authorities resulted in autopsy being performed in Ketchikan by American coroner, at Prime Resource's expense, before body was returned to B.C.
- * The Sierra Legal Defense Fund on behalf of Cheslatta Nation will file a Notice of Motion in the B.C. Supreme Court on June 14th, applying for an injunction against further development of the Huckleberry Mine until their petition has been dealt with by the courts.
- * The Huckleberry Mine Aboriginal Liaison Committee chaired by MEI was established at an organizational meeting on June 7th; of the five First Nation groups invited, only the Skin Tye attended the meeting. Wildlife issues related in part to the Cheslatta petition were discussed.
- * Gwaii Haanas National Park Reserve officials have submitted review comments on the proposed Ruanco exploration project on Queen Charlotte Islands, and have called for an environmental assessment under the CEAA. We do not accept their arguments, and will be responding with referral to the CEAA Pacific Region office.
- * Poor linkage between environmental assessment process and permitting processes was identified as issue at managers' meeting on FPC implementation; workshop to be organized for MOF, MELP and MEI to follow up on Part 5 of Timber Cutting MOU.

FYI:

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- * A consultant for New Pacific Ventures advises that the company is exploring the feasibility of dredging marine tailings at old Tasu Mine for reprocessing and disposal of wastes into the pit.
 - * Productive meeting of regional MEI staff and Northwest Treaty