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From: J C Eckstein [<mailto:jceck@telus.net>]

Sent: April 29, 2018 8:49 PM

To: Phil Germuth; Edwin Empinado; Mario Feldhoff; Rob Goffinet; Mary Murphy; Claire Rattée; Larry Walker

Subject: Camping Ban

Hello Mayor Germuth and Councillors:

I am writing this email in response to the possibility of a camping ban on the Kitimat river this summer.

Many of these campers have been coming to this area for many years and from some very distant places. Kitimat has always been a welcoming place and a very good place to fish. Our unique river and town are like no other on the West Coast.

I have been in the fortunate position to meet a few of these anglers and have sometimes had my boat chartered by some of them. They all love to fish and look forward to their annual vacation on the Kitimat River.

I would respectfully request that instead of a sudden and outright ban on river camping this summer, some modifications could be put in place to mitigate the effects camping has on this area. Such things as garbage containers, portable toilets, and free fishing/no camping zones could be put in place and implemented. Kitimat could then move forward with plans to build more permanent facilities for the years ahead. We could expand our current camping area to accommodate this influx of visitors who have come to rely on this area during the fishing season.

Regards,

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From: helga knechtel [<mailto:helga.knechtel1@hotmail.com>]

Sent: April 29, 2018 9:00 PM

To: Edwin Empinado

Cc: Phil Germuth; Rob Goffinet; Claire Rattée; Larry Walker; Mario Feldhoff; Mary Murphy

Subject: Fw: kitimat river

Importance: High

Attention Mayor and Council members of Kitimat B.C.

We are emailing you in regards to your agenda to **close camping on the Big Spruce Dyke**. Our families have not only camped on the dyke but have used several motels.

We have brought several groups of people from other provinces to enjoy the experiences of fishing and touring your area.

Using restaurant ,motels, grocery stores and tackle shops. Guiding on the salt water as well fresh water. Is only a plus for your community.

Restricting such opportunities of camping on the dyke will only force us to go else where.

Regards from our family

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