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Peter Steblin
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Re: Letter of Concern and Opportunity in the case of the Nooksack Dace – Endangered

Dear Peter,

As the Members of Parliament for Port Moody-Coquitlam and for New Westminster-Burnaby, we are writing to add our support to the citizen campaign regarding the ongoing contaminations in Stoney Creek. We also remind your organization of the obligation under the federal Species at Risk Act to protect the Nooksack Dace which has been listed since 2003.

Stoney Creek is part of the Brunette Watershed and one of the few remaining creeks in our area that has a salmon run. It is also home to the endangered Nooksack Dace, Western Brook Lamprey, and other species. Currently, industrial development and urbanization are causing harm to the quality of water and wildlife habitats in this vital freshwater way. There have been numerous reports of sewage, construction runoff, and contaminants entering Stoney Creek putting an already endangered species at further risk.

We support the citizen's call for proactive action in the creek, and add, with residential redevelopment in the area there comes opportunity to increase water quality and environmental protections for the future. With that in mind, now is a crucial time to follow and adhere to the [Nooksack Dace Recovery Strategy 2020](#), to improve the habitat in Stoney Creek throughout redevelopment, and to contribute positively to the protection and recovery of this endangered species.

We stand ready to work with you to help protect this important freshwater resource. Please contact us at bonita.zarrillo@parl.gc.ca and peter.julian@parl.gc.ca if we can be of assistance.

Sincerely,



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NDP Critic for Infrastructure and Communities
NDP Critic Disability Inclusion
NDP Deputy Critic Health



Peter Julian
MP, New Westminster-Burnaby
NDP House Leader
NDP Critic on Canadian Heritage
NDP Deputy Critic on Finance

cc. George Chaffee, Councillor, kʷikʷəłəm First Nation
Alan James, Director at Large, Stoney Creek Environment Committee
George Kovacic, Stoney Creek Environment Committee
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