

Fanny Bay Groundwater Collective



...unceded traditional territory of the Sahloot ('sath-loot), Sasilla (sa'seet-la), leeksun (eye-'ick-sun), Xa'xe ('ha'hey) and Pentlatch peoples, who together, make up the K'omoks Nation...

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Dexter Kotylak, Resource Manager
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BC Ministry of Water and Land Resource Stewardship
By email dexter.kotylak@gov.bc.ca

Dear Dexter

Re: Request for Copies of Existing Use Groundwater License Applications
Natural Glacier Waters and Cermaq

Further to our conversation of February 10, 2026 - which was very helpful - we have now received a grant from West Coast Environmental Law's Environmental Dispute Resolution Fund to support our efforts to protect our groundwater resources.

To begin this process, I am writing to request copies of the Existing Use Groundwater License Applications of both Natural Glacier Water and Cermaq.

As discussed, our short-term goal is to pause the Water Management Branch's review of these two applications to allow us time to adequately assess their impact on community and groundwater sustainability. Our impact assessment will draw heavily on research underway by Beaufort Watershed Stewards, in association with the University of Victoria, to map the capacity and recharge rates of our local aquifer(s). This ties directly into our community's medium to long term objective to develop and implement a localized Water Sustainability Plan (WSP) as envisaged under Division 4 of the Water Sustainability Act (Act).

We look forward to working with you to proactively pursue our community's objectives under the Act.

Kind regards,

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