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Reference: 314501

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Leonard Piggin and Thomas Koester

c/o Elmer Fast

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Dear Messrs. Piggin and Koester:

Thank you for your email of March 12, 2018, and attachments, regarding the boat launch at Paul Lake Provincial Park. I apologize for the lengthy delay in responding.

I understand that BC Parks has met with Kamloops Fly Fishers' Association, Kamloops and District Fish and Game Association and other interest groups to discuss options regarding the design and use of the boat launch. The importance of maintaining the intent and integrity of a car-top boat launch was also discussed. This has resulted in a significant investment and a more accessible car-top boat access. The intent has and continues to be to maintain a car-top boat launch at this site.

While recent changes to the boat launch may not have met everyone's needs, BC Parks believes that the current facility is significantly better than what was previously offered, still meets the intent of the Management Plan, and is in the best interest of the public.

BC Parks also recently partnered with the Fresh Water Fisheries Society of BC to provide a mobility accessible fishing wharf at the Park. This provides access for people with a disability or for those that may not have a boat to partake of the fishing opportunities at Paul Lake.

BC Parks supports your efforts to pursue a speed restriction for Paul Lake through the process developed by Transport Canada. Should there be a change in current regulations for the lake, such as the proposed speed restriction, staff would be prepared to review the current management plan and facility operation.

Thank you again for your email regarding boat access at Paul Lake Provincial Park.

Sincerely,

George Heyman
Minister