



Partner Organizations

Comox Valley Land Trust
Project Watershed Society
Tsolum River Restoration Society
Millard-Piercy Stewards
C.V. Water Watch Coalition
Morrison Creek Stream Keepers
C.V. Environmental Council
Brooklyn Creek Streamkeepers

Supporter Organizations

Portuguese Ck Watershed Stewards
Oyster River Management Committee
Black Creek Stream Keepers
Saratoga and Miracle Beach
Residents Association

Government Partners

Comox Valley Regional District
City of Courtenay
Town of Comox
Village of Cumberland

Funding Partners

Real Estate Foundation of B.C.
Ducks Unlimited B.C.
C.V. Community Foundation
RBC Blue Water Fund
Comox Valley Regional District
Vancouver Foundation

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Re: Raven Coal Mine Project

To: This is an open letter to the environmental assessment office (EAO) regarding the proposed Raven Coal Mine proposed for Fanny Bay,

The Comox Valley Conservation Strategy is a community partnership of 12 local environmental and resident groups focused on conservation of land and water resources of the valley. At our May meeting representatives of our member organizations raised concerns regarding this project and the environmental review process.

We are very concerned about the potential impacts of this project on local land and waters expressed by many groups and local governments such as Coal Watch, the BC Shellfish Growers association, the Islands Trust, the Comox Valley Regional District and Qualicum Beach municipal council.

The potential harm to local drinking water, fish and wildlife, ecosystems and the marine environment of Baynes Sound from this project requires a extensive review by the EAO.

ALL citizens need to be encouraged to become actively involved in the stewardship of our Island's remaining VITAL resources and ensure responsible representation and legislation from our elected officials. We are therefore requesting that the EAO hold public information meetings in all Comox Valley communities so that all citizens will have an opportunity to participate in the environmental review hearings.

Regards,

Comox Valley Conservation Strategy Steering Committee