



June 3, 2008

His Worship Jack Mar
Mayor of the District of Central Saanich
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Dear Mayor Mar and Councillors:

British Columbians are proud of our rivers, lakes, streams and watersheds and recognize that keeping them healthy is important to all of us. Throughout the province we rely on water for drinking, washing, food, industry, and practically every other aspect of our lives, either directly and indirectly.

BC needs clean water now and in the future for our growing communities and economy – and for healthy food, clean energy and the environment. The BC government has developed Living Water Smart: BC's Water Plan, which outlines our vision and commitment to ensuring our water stays healthy and secure now and for future generations.

All British Columbians will have a role to play in ensuring we are using water more wisely and sustainably. Included with this letter is a copy of the water plan and its accompanying brochure. You may wish to display them in your office so that interested individuals can have access to this information.

The documents will also be available on the new website www.livingwatersmart.ca. This site has interesting facts about water, tips on how to use water more wisely, a quiz to help you increase your water knowledge and an option to sign up for updates on water events, announcements etc. We encourage you and your constituents to visit the site often to find out the latest on BC's water.

If you require more copies of either the brochure or the report, please contact James McGarry, Provincial Distribution Centre, at 250 952-4669 or James.McGarry@gov.bc.ca.

Over the coming years, we will be challenging all British Columbians to think about how they can protect, preserve and conserve our water.

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Thank you for playing your part in helping to promote water sustainability and stewardship.
Your assistance is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Penner". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "B" and a long, sweeping underline.

Barry Penner
Minister of Environment and
Minister Responsible for Water Stewardship and Sustainable Communities

Enclosure: