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Hello Ms. O'Neill:

Re: Proposed hydro-electric generating station at the Bala falls

Section 5.2.7.1 of the proponent's Environmental Screening/Review report states that to protect warm-water species reproduction there will be no in-water work from April 1 to July 15. This Section also confirms that installing a cofferdam or a working platform (that is, dumping rock into the river) is in-water work, so would not be allowed until after July 16.

I understand these dates may have been modified by subsequent approvals to be only from April 1 to May 31.

Please reply whether the proponent will therefore not be allowed to re-install their upstream cofferdam panels or dump rock into the Moon River until after May 31 or July 16.

Please also reply why I have not received any response to my following letters:

- 1) January 9, 2018, providing new evidence not considered by the MOECC's reply to my ECA Review requested.
- 2) January 23, 2018, noting that anyone tipping out of their canoe at the only boat rental in the area could be drowned within 45 seconds.
- 3) March 14, 2018, noting the proponent's failure to comply with the commitments concerning historical artifacts, in this case, remnants of the Bala #2 generating station.
- 4) March 20, 2018, noting the proponent's destroying fish habitat by the unauthorized dumping of fine particulate matter into the Moon River.

These are all serious issues which I have not brought to your attention before, so each deserve detailed reply.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Mitchell Shnier, on behalf of SaveTheBalaFalls.com

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