FORESTRY

WHEREAS many areas in BC are experiencing clear-cutting in their community watersheds in an unsustainable manner; and

WHEREAS both the Private Managed forest Land Act and the Forest and Range Practices Acts have unsustainable logging allowed within them which must be amended to meet today's dwindling forest supply; and

WHEREAS encroachment on community watersheds is creating slides, floods, fires and damaged drinking water sources thereby offloading remedial efforts onto local governments:

THEREFORE the Forest and Range Practices Act, the Private Managed Forest Land Act and associated regulations and BCTS regulations MUST be amended to prevent clear-cut logging and that the allowable cutting be amended to meet with today's realities in terms of allowed cutting; and

FINALLY, all logging MUST be paused until such amendments to the Acts are completed and become enforceable.

WATERSHEDS

WHEREAS many areas in BC are experiencing clear-cutting in their community watersheds in an unsustainable manner; and

WHEREAS drinking water sources are being damaged to the extent that communities are forced to purchase water treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS the clear-cutting is destroying streams and creeks, many of which are where salmon want to spawn; and

WHEREAS wildlife is being taken to extinction levels;

THEREFORE all community watersheds MUST be designated, once again, as WATERSHED RESERVES that do not allow any industrial activity within their boundaries.

FINALLY, all logging MUST be paused until such watershed reserves are designated and become enforceable.