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Ms. Martha Kostuch Box 1288 Rocky Mountain House, Alberta TOM 1T0

Dear Ms. Kostuch:

Thank you for your letter of May 21, 1991, concerning the Parlby Creek Buffalo Lake Development Project.

At the outset, I should inform you that Transport Canada has not received an application for this project under the <u>Navigable</u> Waters Protection Act. Consequently, my department cannot initiate an Environmental Assessment Review Panel (EARP) at this time.

I understand that the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans recently conducted an initial assessment of the project pursuant to the EARP Guidelines Order. As this matter concerns the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, I have taken the liberty of forwarding a copy of your letter to my Cabinet colleague, the Honourable John C. Crosbie, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, for his review and consideration.

I trust this action will be satisfactory.

Sincerely,

Jean Corbeil