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Dear Katherine

This letter is in response to your letter dated September 28, 2020.

Thank you for the clarification of the EAO's view on whether the proposed project is in the headwaters of the Skeena River. You have stated in your letter: "As described in the Morrison Environmental Assessment Report (2012) and the Reasons for Decision (2012), the EAO understands the project to be located in the headwaters of the Skeena River".

You have also said that the EAO would like to "put this issue to rest". PBM would also like to put this issue to rest. Unfortunately, that would mean that PBM accepts the statement that the Morrison Project is located at the headwaters of the Skeena River. That is not accurate and therefore, PBM cannot "put this issue to rest".

You have stated that the source for the Skeena River Headwaters statement is the Assessment Report and Reasons for Decision. We ask that you provide the scientific source for that "statement of fact" used in those reports.

Added to the descriptions of the project location in those documents are variations of the statement "at the headwaters of the Skeena River watershed".

Can you explain why there is this discrepancy between the Certified Project Description (called Schedule A in the 2012 decision materials) and the Environmental Assessment Report (2012)?

Please, do not say that it is not a material fact when it is the first reason stated for the refusal of our EAC in 2012.

All of the descriptions that I have found refer to the headwaters of the Skeena River in almost identical terms. As follows:

*From the Skeena Watershed Conservation Coalition website:*

([https://skeenawatershed.com/about/about\\_the\\_skeena\\_watershed](https://skeenawatershed.com/about/about_the_skeena_watershed)) The Skeena's Journey-- It begins its journey in the Sacred Headwaters, an alpine basin in northern BC adjacent to Spatsizi Wilderness Park, where the Nass and Stikine Rivers also find their birthplace. From the Sacred Headwaters, the Skeena flows southeast, between the shallow peaks of the Skeena Mountains. It continues past the Slamgeesh Range, then westward to Fourth Cabin where it turns south. After Kuldo it turns eastward, then flows again south below Cutoff Mountain and Mount Pope. It continues past the communities of Kispiox and Hazelton, where it receives the waters of Bulkley River, then turns southwest. At Kitseguecla, the river is crossed by Highway 37, and then turns south around the Seven Sisters Peaks and Bulkley Ranges, then between the Nass Ranges and Borden Glacier, past the ferry crossing at Usk, through the Kitselas



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Canyon, and then through the Kleanza Creek Provincial Park. It then flows south-west through the city of Terrace, where the river widens. It continues westwards, passes near the Exchamsiks River Provincial Park, and finally flows into the Pacific Ocean at Eleanor Passage, between Port Edward and Port Essington.

*From the SkeenaWild Conservation Trust website:* (<https://skeenawild.org/lesson-plans/>) In one of their lesson plans for Grade 4-9 students, is the following description of the Skeena River: From its northern headwaters high in the Skeena Mountain range (Spatsizi Plateau), the river flows about 610 km and drains into the Pacific Ocean.

*From Wikipedia:* ([https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skeena\\_River](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Skeena_River)) The Skeena originates south of the Spatsizi Plateau Wilderness Provincial Park in north western British Columbia, forming a divide with the Klappan River, a tributary of the Stikine River. It flows for 570 km (350 mi) before it empties into Chatham Sound, Telegraph Passage and Ogden Channel, east of the Dixon Entrance, all part of the Pacific Ocean. The Skeena drains 54,400 km<sup>2</sup> (21,000 sq mi) of land with a mean annual discharge of 1,760 cubic metres per second (62,000 cu ft/s). The website also shows the coordinates of the source of the Skeena River as 57°9'6"N 128°41'29"W and the mouth of the Skeena River as 54°8'15"N 130°5'40"W. For reference, the coordinates of Morrison Lake are latitude 55°11'24"N and longitude 126°19'7"W. Each degree of latitude is approximately 111 kilometers (69 miles) apart.

*From the BC Government website:* (<https://declaration.gov.bc.ca/2019/10/15/the-klappan-valley/>) The Klappan Valley is a remote area located 150 kilometres southeast of Dease Lake in northern B.C., and is the territorial land of the Tahltan Nation. Known as the Sacred Headwaters, the valley is the birthplace of three salmon-bearing rivers: the Skeena River, Nass River, and Stikine River, and also the valley's namesake, Klappan River.

From the National Geographic website: (<https://blog.nationalgeographic.org/2011/06/20/sacred-headwaters/>) In the publication titled "The Sacred Headwaters: The Fight to Save the Stikine, Skeena, and Nass", written by Wade Davis, Explorer-in-Residence of the National Geographic Society is the following description: "In a rugged knot of mountains in the remote reaches of northern British Columbia lies a spectacularly beautiful valley known to the First Nations as the Sacred Headwaters. There, on the southern edge of the Spatsizi Wilderness, the Serengeti of North America, are born in remarkably close proximity three of the continent's most important salmon rivers—the Stikine, the Skeena, and the Nass."

Why does the EAO description of the Skeena River headwaters differ so significantly from the commonly used descriptions?

There is little point in PBM submitting another draft SAIR until this error in the location of the project is acknowledged and addressed publicly in some form or until the EAO can prove it a correct statement by scientific fact.

Regards,

*"original signed by Ruth Swan"*

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