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Dear Angling Guide:

This letter is to inform you of a proposed change to section 9(1) of the *Angling and Scientific Collection Regulation* regarding Public Liability insurance. If implemented, this change will come into effect for the 2009/2010 Angling Guide Licence Year.

Please be advised that the Ministry of Environment is proposing an increase to the minimum amount of Public Liability insurance required to qualify for an Angling Guide Licence. Currently, a person must have Public Liability insurance in an amount of no less than five hundred thousand dollars. The Ministry is proposing to increase this amount to two million dollars (\$2M).

This change is required to meet industry standards in regards to insurance risk, as well as harmonize the liability insurance requirements affecting angling guides and guide outfitters. Since 2005, guide outfitters have been required to carry Public Liability insurance in an amount of no less than \$2M. Angling guides and guide outfitters operating within BC parks must also hold this minimum.

Angling guides who do not currently hold the new proposed minimum Liability Insurance can expect an increase in premiums for the 2009/2010 Angling Guide Licence Year. Please contact your insurance broker for more information about insurance rates.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at 250-356-2566 or by email: Katia.Gauvin@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,

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