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Honourable James Chabot,
Minister of Mines,
Parliament Buildings,
Victoria, B.C. V8V 1X4

Dear Mr. Chabot:

The Federation of British Columbia Naturalists held their annual meeting at Williams Lake, April 28 to 30. Several resolutions were debated at our business meeting and one, which was adopted, concerns possible logging and mining activities in the Southern Moresby Area, Queen Charlotte Islands. The resolution, quoted in full, is as follows:

Whereas the Southern Moresby Area is a region of unique national and cultural significance, and

Whereas the resource use of the Queen Charlotte Islands has to date occurred in a piece-meal fashion, without the consent of the native and non-native inhabitants, and

Whereas stepped-up logging is imminent for the Southern Moresby Area

BE IT RESOLVED that the Federation of B.C. Naturalists:

- (a) Urge the Minister of Forests to call for full public hearings into the renewal of Tree Farm Licence No. 24, to look particularly into the logging practices of the company concerned, and
- (b) Urge the Minister of Forests to impose a moratorium on all logging and mining development of the Southern Moresby Area until the following questions have been resolved to the satisfaction, primarily, of the residents of the Queen Charlotte Islands:
 - (i) The settlement of Haida Land Claims
 - (ii) Basic agreement by the native and non-native local people on the continuing utilization of the resources of the Southern Moresby Area, including the possibility of some kind of park designation so that all the Canadian people may enjoy and have access to the area's distinctive attributes.

We would hope that you would take our concerns into consideration when the government develops its resource plans for the Queen Charlotte Islands.

Yours sincerely,

R. Stace-Smith, Chairman
Conservation Committee

V. C. Brink, President
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