



November 7, 2019

Dear Sir or Madam:

**RE: Drought in the Coldwater River Watershed**

Drought occurs in many climates around the world, but occurrence has been significant in the Coldwater River watershed, over the last several years. In 2019, there was a lower than normal snowpack and very little rain within the watershed, resulting in lower flows heading into the dry summer months. With continued lack of rain, water levels were trending below normal and we sought help from water users to conserve water.

As a water user, your water reductions and ultimate 100% voluntary shut down prevented a bad situation from getting much worse. **Your helpful and responsive actions** allowed as much water as possible to remain in the river. As a result, the resident and spawning fish had the best chance for survival and success over the drought period.

I want to express my appreciation for your water conservations efforts, supporting salmon at risk in the Coldwater River. This is a great example of the community of water users working together to deliver this important outcome.

Thank you!

Sincerely,

Paul Rasmussen  
Assistant Deputy Minister