



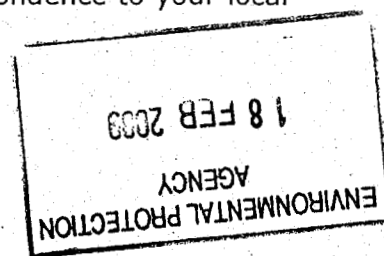
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CONCERNING LOCAL AUTHORITY ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION RESPONSIBILITIES

If you have a query or complaint about general environmental pollution matters or about facilities under the control of local authorities, you should always contact the relevant local authority in the first instance, preferably in writing. Always keep a copy of any correspondence between yourself and a local authority and details of phone calls. If a local authority has failed to respond to your complaint and the environmental pollution problem persists, please fill out this form and submit the relevant details, including copies of your correspondence to your local authority, to:

Environmental Complaints Unit
Office of Environmental Enforcement
Environmental Protection Agency
P.O. Box 3000
Johnstown Castle Estate
Co. Wexford



Email: info@epa.ie

The OEE will, generally, only investigate complaints relating to local authority functions where there is clear evidence that the local authority has been made aware of the complaint and been given an opportunity to deal with and resolve the issue. It is therefore important that you provide the OEE with details of your contact with the relevant local authorities. You should note that information submitted may be forwarded to the relevant Local Authorities for the purposes of investigation. Information submitted to the OEE is also subject to the provisions of the Freedom of Information Act 1997.

Having completed this form, please also send copies of any correspondence or other supporting information such as photographs and maps to the above address.

Please complete this form in **BLOCK LETTERS**.

1. Your Name: The Ramelton Community Action Group Ltd.
2. Address: The House on the Bnate
Bridge Street, Ramelton
Donegal
3. Telephone Number: 074-9151180, 074-9151584, mobile



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Environmental
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Fax: _____

E-mail address: _____

The name of the relevant Local Authority: Donegal County

Council

Name and Address of the industry, site, facility or individual to which the complaint relates. Please provide description of the location including identifying landmarks and directions from nearest town/village if available. Please continue on a separate sheet if necessary.:

Donegal County Council

8. Fulllest possible account of facts giving rise to the complaint (INCLUDING TIME, DATE AND DURATION OF OCCURRENCE). The description should be as specific as possible and concentrate on the facts surrounding the issue being complained about. If you have photographs please include copies with this form.:

The only sewage facility in Ramelton is a settling tank (marked with a red O on map) Overflow pipe from this extends to the river channel (marked on photo). Settling tank was installed sixty years ago and is inadequate for increased volume of sewage from extensive new housing developments. This fact has been recorded in objections to planning applications but has been disregarded in permissions granted for large scale development. Raw sewage is entering the river at different locations, see map.



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9. Details of the approaches already made (by telephone or in writing) to the local authority (attach copies of correspondence). Please include the local authority contact name if available.:

The Ramelton Community Action Group Ltd has made numerous approaches to the Local Authority regarding sewage pollution in the River Lannan at Ramelton over a 10 year period. copy of recent complaint enclosed.

10. Have you reported your complaint to the Illegal Dumping Line (1850 365 121)? Yes _____ No _____ Reference Number: _____ *n/a*

11. Have you contacted the OEE previously in relation to this complaint? If Yes, provide details of most recent contact.

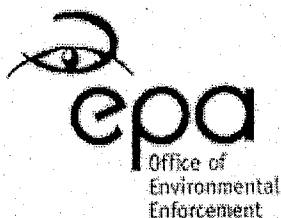
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12. Details of any approaches that you already made to other authorities (e.g. Department of the Environment, Heritage and Local Government, Fisheries Board, European Commission). Please include copies of your correspondence with this form.:

A letter was sent to: Environment Section, Donegal County Council; The Northern Regional Fisheries Board; The North Western Regional Fisheries Board; And the National Parks and Wildlife Service on Oct 27, 2008. A reply was received from the Northern Regional Fisheries Board only. See copies

13. Details of any court or other legal actions that you have already taken in relation to the issue being complained about.

n/a



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14. Confidentiality

Please tick ☒ beside the statement below if you wish to EPA **not** to disclose your identity in its investigation of this matter.

I request the EPA not to disclose my identity in its investigation of this matter. ☐

15. Date and Signature of complainant:

Paul Bui
~~DATE~~

CHAIRPERSON

5-2-09
~~SIGNATURE~~

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**The Ramelton Community Action Group Ltd.
The House on the Brae
Bridge Street
Ramelton, Co. Donegal**

October 27, 2008

Environment Section
Donegal County Council
County House
Lifford

Re: Pollution of River Leannan

Dear Sir or Madam,

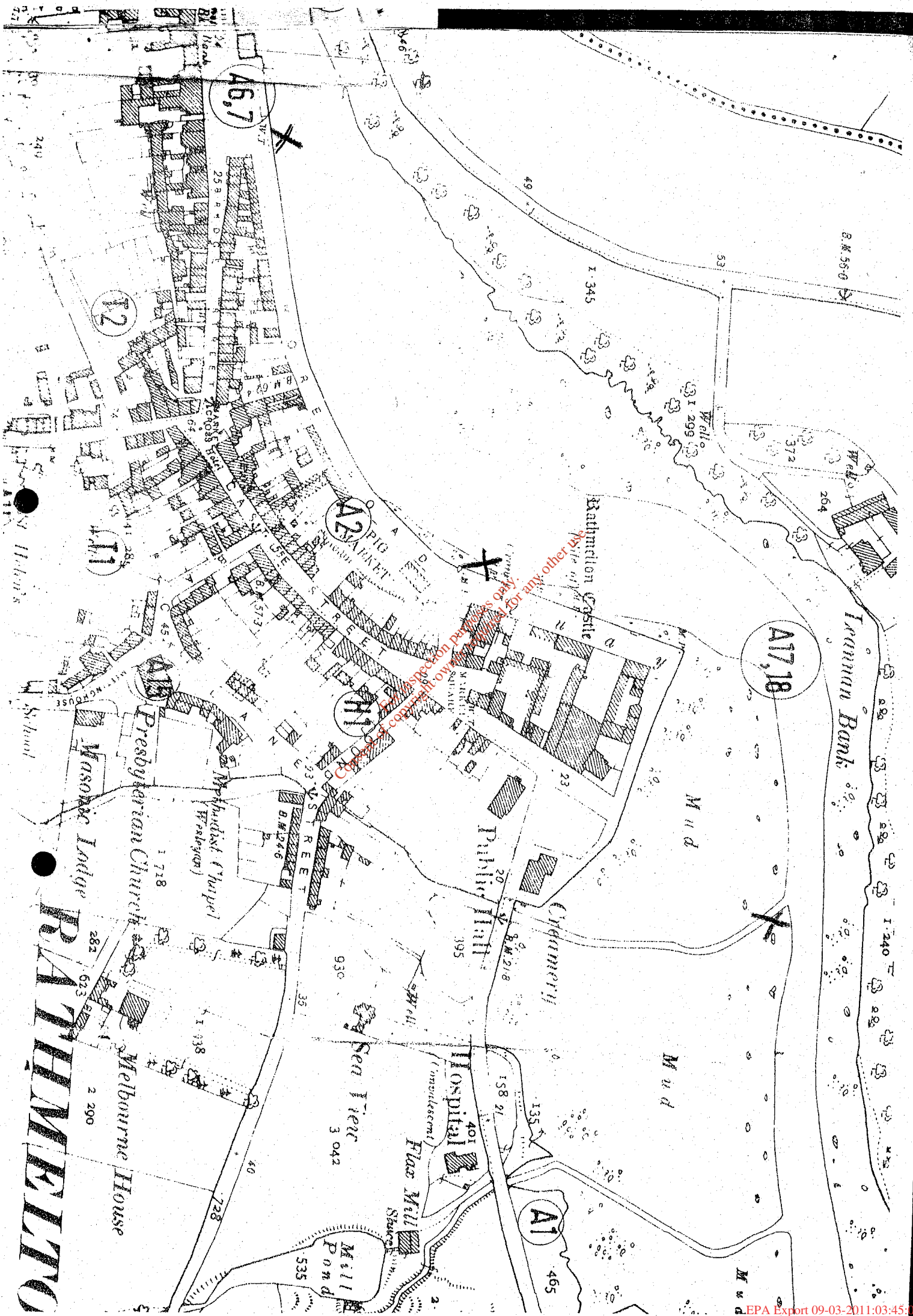
We wish to inform you of serious, ongoing pollution of the River Leannan from raw sewage and domestic waste water. We have been informed by Cllr. McGarvey that 100% of Ramelton's sewage is released into the river daily and this is visible on the surface of the water from the Quay to the Bridge of Ramelton. Most of the sewage is released from the main pipe that empties into the channel off the Quay. Sewage has also been seen coming out of a stone drain below Gamble's Square, a drain below the Quay, and from a pipe below the Bridge on the Bridge End side of the river. A stream running through the Bayhill into the river is also polluted. This stream is below a new housing development. We enclose a map showing abovementioned areas.

The Leannan is a salmon and trout river. The Bayhill is a rare wetland. These environments are being seriously compromised by the escalating levels of pollution. We request that you take measures to correct this situation, and we look forward to hearing from you.

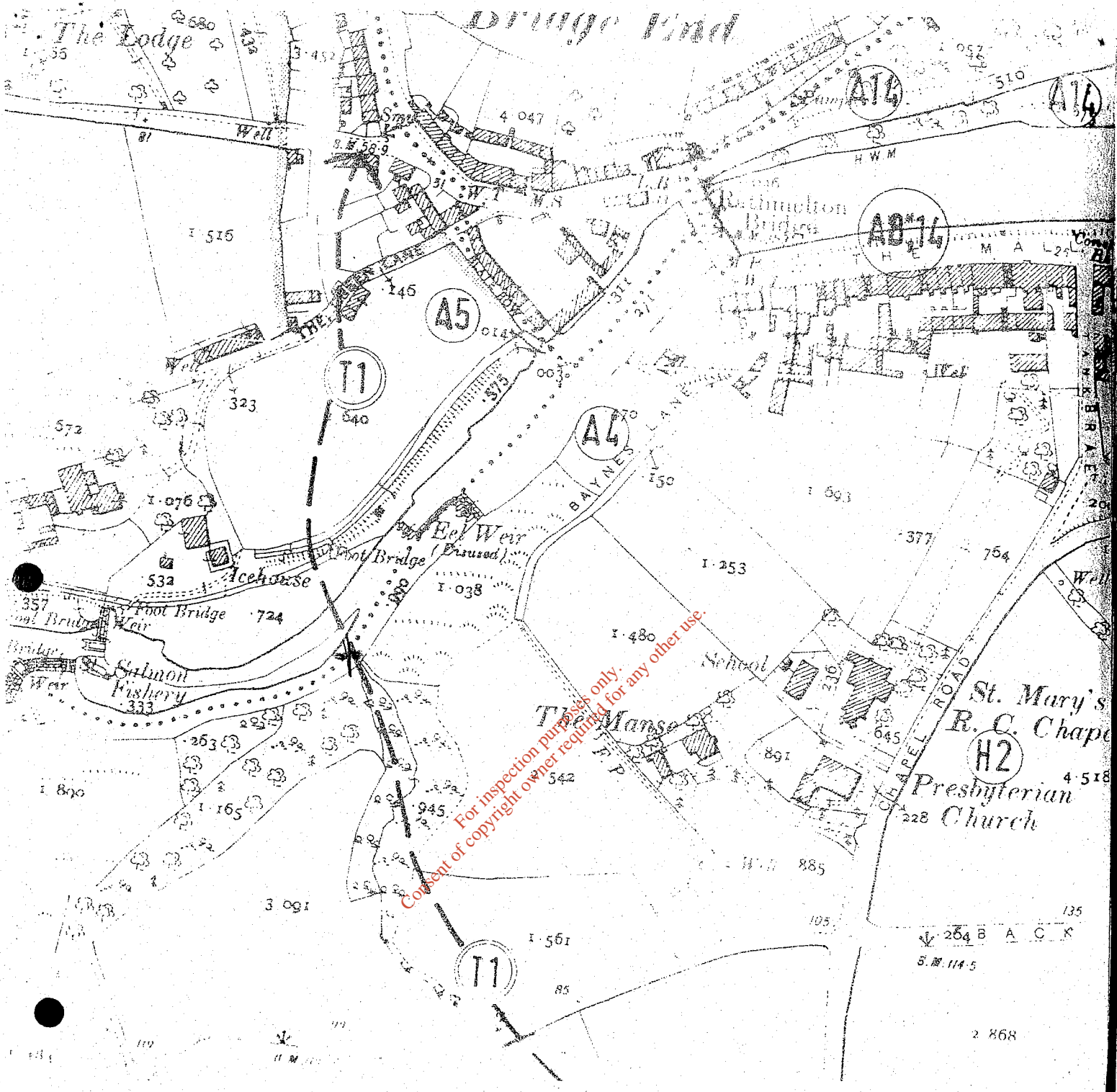
Yours sincerely,

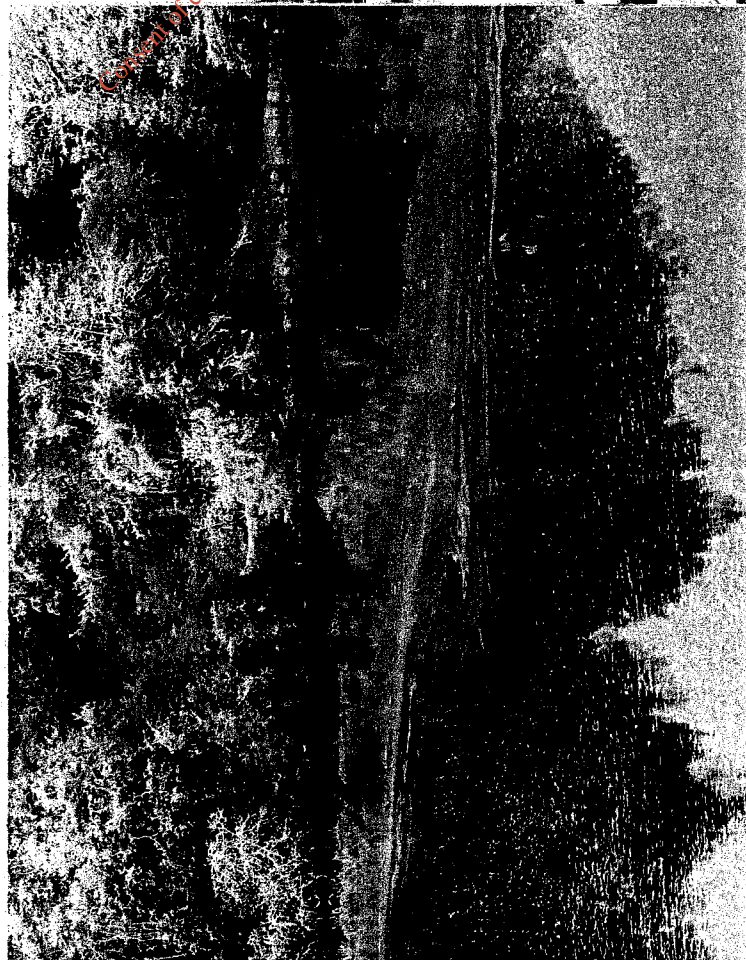
Joe Birney, Chairperson

ccs North Western Fisheries Bd, Northern Fisheries Board,
Parks + Wildlife



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The Lannan River May 2006



Overflow pipe from settling tank
Monteal X

At end of wreck



The Leannan River
The Quay Oct 2008



The Leannan River
The Quay - Oct 2008