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REPORT WARNS OF RISKS TO BC'S WATER RESOURCES:

A study of industrial water users in BC has found that a lack of key information on water use and low provincial fees are putting BC's hydroelectric resources at risk.

The report by the University of Victoria's POLIS Project on Ecological Governance and the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives (CCPA) uses case studies from across the province to examine water-resource management and the water-energy nexus. Read the CCPA news release at www.policyalternatives.ca/newsroom/news-releases/lax-regulation-industry-under-pricing-jeopardize-bcs-water-and-h

"BC's interconnected water and water-derived energy resources are vital assets that are under increased stress," explains Jesse Baltutis, a POLIS researcher and co-author of the report. "If we continue with the business-as-usual approach, we run the risk of considerable consequences for the prosperity of our communities and the health of our natural environment."

Population growth, climate change and increased water-intensive industrial activity are affecting access to water and energy across BC, notes lead author Ben Parfitt, a CCPA policy analyst and POLIS research associate.

The POLIS Project on Ecological Governance is a centre for interdisciplinary research that investigates and promotes sustainability. Researchers work with a diversity of groups urban and rural communities, First Nations, businesses, co-operatives, public officials and the non-profit sector to foster healthy and sustainable communities.

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