October 6, 2020

Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere
Re: Letter of Support for Continued Designation

To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to affirm the Wild Pacific Trail Society's support for the continued designation of the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region, established in 2000.

Our region has worked together for the past decade to advance the objectives of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve program in our area. As a partner of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, our organization has been able to contribute to achieving the objectives of sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and reconciliation, through education, research and collaboration such as:

> Developing and showcasing interpretive content through trail signage, guided walks and 'Learn where you Live' naturalist web series;
> Inspiring people through sharing perspectives about the culture, history and nature of this area;
> Participating in training and capacity building programs such as Effective Grant Writing and designing and delivering Interpretation Skills workshop for local interpreters;
> Developing and promoting education tourism opportunities through participation in the West Coast N.E.S.T.;
> Participating in networks to enhance communication and coordination (i.e. providing outdoor learning opportunities in conjunction with other local educational and environmental organizations);
> Developing alliances and partnerships to strengthen the environmental stewardship practices and messaging; and
> Contributing to the achievement of the UN Sustainable Development Goals.

We are proud to support the continued Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere designation, and look forward to participating in the next ten years of activities in our region.

Sincerely,

Barbara Schramm
President, Wild Pacific Trail Society
Inspiring through Nature

The Wild Pacific Trail Society is a group of citizen volunteers dedicated to the building, preservation and protection of Ucluelet's trail network since 1999. We also focus on educational programming for trail users.