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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter is to affirm our 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. We are working together to achieve the objectives of sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and reconciliation, through education, research and collaboration.

The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust has played a key role in bringing local communities together and developing capacity, for example providing trainings such as Leadership Vancouver Island and the Art of Hosting.

The Biosphere is a key component of our region's work towards reconciliation, conservation, and developing a sustainable future.

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,

Dan Lewis

**Executive Director** 

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