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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 in our region. 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:

- Co-leading biodiversity conservation projects; including developing a Juvenile salmon outmigration monitoring program and a program to identify and monitoring the residents of the local Grey whale population listed as endangered by COSEWIC
- Participating in programs and events that develop cross-cultural understanding and advance reconciliation; by working with the Ahousaht Education Authority to facilitate and collaborate on outdoor education programs with Ahousaht youth.
- Developing alliances and partnerships to strengthen the development of citizens, communities, and ecosystems as well as stewardship of ecosystem services; including working collaboratively with Uuathluk Fisheries, Ahousaht Guardians, Ahousaht fisheries, other local NGO's and federal department of fisheries on Juvenile salmon monitoring programs.
- Participating in networks to enhance communication and coordination; by taking part in, being supported by and contributing to CBT programs such as the West Coast Nest and "whats brewing in the Biosphere"
- Participating in processes for implementing, managing, and monitoring community and ecosystem health; by working as a member of the Clayoquot Sound Salmon Roundtable and CBT led events such as the Aquaculture Stewardship Councils community consultation.

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,

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