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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. The Coexisting with Carnivores Alliance (CwCA) has worked as a partner and collaborator with the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust (CBT) for the past seven years to advance the objectives of the UNESCO Biosphere Reserve program.

CBT and CwCA have been co-leading sustainable development and biodiversity conservation projects as sister organizations along the west coast of Vancouver Island. CBT co-led and facilitated the meetings for the Iisaak Sin Hay Tiic?mis Regional Wildlife Co-existence Network and has joined CwCA on many projects. Members from both organizations are invited to attend each other's meeting in order to foster transfer of knowledge, enhance communication and find opportunities for co-operation in the implementation of projects. As a partner of the Clayoquot Biosphere Trust, CwCA has been able to collaborate with them and other partners on achieving the objectives of sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and reconciliation.

One of the major projects that we are working on together is the establishment of an Indigenous-led Stewardship corridor along the westcoast of Vancouver Island from Victoria to the Clayoquot Biosphere Region. This project will exemplify the harmonious integration of people and nature for sustainable development, biodiversity conservation and reconciliation and will contribute to the Region's recognition as an international site of excellence. CBT is facilitating the establishment of this Stewardship Corridor by working on the steering committee and through its extensive network and communication channels in the region.

We envision the Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere Region to be one of the anchors of the Indigenous led Westcoast Stewardship corridor and therefore the maintenance of this Biosphere Region is of utmost importance. We are proud to support the continued Clayoquot Sound UNESCO Biosphere designation, and look forward to participating in many future years of activities in this Region.

Sincerely,

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