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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 such as:

By being the fiscal and administrative host of Leadership Vancouver Island West Coast Chapter-The Clayoquot Biosphere Trust has allowed for all communities in the Biosphere to collaborate and learn together. The program is hosted over a 10-month period and visits all communities in the Biosphere region to create better understanding and collaboration with all communities.

Developing alliances and partnerships to strengthen the development of citizens, communities, and ecosystems as well as stewardship of ecosystem services;

Participating in networks to enhance communication and coordination;

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,

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