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To Whom It May Concern:

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

Our organization undertakes salmonid enhancement, stock assessment and educational programming in the Biosphere Region. Our goals are to ensure sustainable salmon runs which provides benefits including maintaining ecosystem integrity and biodiversity in the region, addressing impacts of climate change, improving food security for local communities and providing data with researchers.

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:

- Partnering on our WCVI Juvenile Chinook Survival and Release Strategy research project;
- Providing training for our staff through Leadership Vancouver Island;
- Promoting our educational programs through the West Coast Nest;
- Partnering on our Chum fry transplant into Twin River East/ Chenatha
- Assisting with our fundraising efforts through the CBT Giving Catalogue;
- Partnering with our Clayoquot Chinook Educational Poster project

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,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dave Hurwitz'. The signature is stylized and somewhat cursive.

Dave Hurwitz, manager

Thornton Creek Enhancement Society