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Mr. Howie Robins
President, Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia
Care of: Vancouver Maritime Museum
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Dear Howie:

I'm writing to extend, on behalf of BC Parks, our sincere thanks and appreciation for the successful sinking of the former HMCS Annapolis ship at Halkett Bay Provincial Marine Park as an underwater reef on April 4, 2015.

I want to acknowledge that the project was successful thanks to your outstanding dedication, leadership and unwavering commitment to removing barriers and finding positive solutions. You gave your complete attention and support to representing and achieving for the Artificial Reef Society of British Columbia (ARSBC) the goal of sinking the HMCS Annapolis at Halkett Bay. Your professional leadership and optimism did not waver in light of serious set-backs involving legal challenges, government agency requirements, internal membership pressures, and key stakeholder concerns and pressures. All barriers, large and small, were removed throughout this project, thanks to your strong advocacy and pragmatic approach to finding viable solutions.

BC Parks truly appreciates the legacy you have provided to the BC Parks system in establishing an artificial reef at Halkett Bay Park. I wish to personally thank you, Howie, and the ARSBC members and volunteers for extending their knowledge, experience and commitment to the project. BC Parks looks forward to working with the ARSBC in managing the artificial reef at Halkett Bay Park and in future projects.

Howie, please find enclosed a few prints from BC parks, in recognition of your great achievement of establishing an artificial reef at Halkett Bay Provincial Marine Park.

Sincerely,

Robert C. Austad
Executive Director, Regional Operations Branch, BC Parks
Cc: Jennie Aikman, Regional Director, South Coast Region, BC Parks
Rod Dalziel, Sunshine Coast Area Supervisor, BC Parks

