TSLEIL-WAUTUTH NATION



People of the Inlet



Dylan Eyers
Ministry of Environment
BC Parks and Conservation Officer Service Division
South Coast Region

Our ref: 09-084

August 29, 2014

Dear Dylan Eyers,

Re: Request for consultation for issuing a Park Use Permit to the Artificial Reef Society to authorize the sinking of the Annapolis vessel

This letter is in response to your letter and email, dated June 17, 2014, and subsequent meeting of August 8, 2014, regarding the sinking of the Annapolis vessel in Halkett Bay Provincial Marine Park by the Artificial Reef Society ("the Project"). We have reviewed the documents provided from the perspective of the Tsleil-Waututh Nation's Stewardship Policy (published January 2009). Tsleil-Waututh has been involved in this Project since it was first brought to our attention in 2009. In light of this ongoing working relationship, we are waiving our Stewardship fees in relation to our review of this project.

Tsleil-Waututh supports issuing a Park Use Permit to the Artificial Reef Society for this project. In addition, Tsleil-Waututh is interested in the sunken Annapolis vessel creating marine habitat for a wide variety of species.

Tsleil-Waututh would like to be actively involved with the research component of the Project, including all forms of data collection opportunities. We look forward to receiving status updates on the Project, including the actual sinking of the Annapolis vessel in Halkett Bay, which we are interested in attending.

Please contact Amanda King, Referrals Analyst, at 604-924-4164 (aking@twnation.ca) if you have any questions.

Respectfully.

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