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**Re: Letter of support for** *“Impact Mitigation and Habitat Rehabilitation for Western Painted Turtles and Oregon Spotted Frog and Coexisting Species at Risk.”*

Dear Kin Mak:

This letter confirms BC Nature’s support of the *Impact Mitigation and Habitat Rehabilitation for Western Painted Turtles and Oregon Spotted Frog and Coexisting Species at Risk* Habitat Stewardship Proposal submitted by the Fraser Valley Conservancy on behalf of the South Coast Conservation Program.

The Lower Mainland Region is a hotspot of biodiversity with over 260 red and blue listed species and 35 federally listed species. The challenges of managing this number of species are great and the South Coast Conservation Program was initiated by Ministry of Environment (MoE) staff to help manage this overwhelming number of species. The goal of the SCCP is to conduct recovery actions that benefit the most number of species at risk at once. Efficiencies are gained through recovery implementation as threats to species at risk and their habitat are often consistent and can be managed through complementary means. This proposal reflects that multi-species approach and proposed activities will benefit several critically endangered species and co-existing species at risk.

These obligations could not be fulfilled with out able partners to assist given the limited resources and capacity. We will be pleased to be a partner with and /or provide support for the SCCP in their 2009 Species at Risk Recovery Implementation Program. We will support this project by providing in-kind support (50 days) to help coordinate and implement the stewardship and recovery activities.

Please accept this letter as a confirmation of support for the Fraser Valley / South Coast Conservation Program's application to mitigate impacts and restore habitat for Western Painted Turtles and Oregon Spotted Frogs.

Sincerely,

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