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Dear Ms. Hagerman,

Re: Consultations on Humpback Whale

BC Nature is providing comments by email, rather than online form. This facilitates sending copies to our executive. We hope this is acceptable to you.

Although the numbers of Humpback Whale have increased, we recommend that the Threatened designation be maintained, rather than a downgrade to Special Concern. Our reason is that as long as Enbridge's proposed Northern Gateway project is alive, there remains significant threat to this species from greatly increased tanker traffic and petroleum products spills in the hazardous waters along the BC coast.

Yours truly,

Trevor Jones
for BC Nature Conservation Committee

for Rosemary Fox, Chair, BC Nature Conservation Committee