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Dr. Alan E. Burger, PhD
President
BC Nature
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Dear Dr. Burger:

Thank you for your correspondence of August 1, 2018, in which you raise concerns with respect to the potential environmental effects of the proposed Roberts Bank Terminal 2 Project on the Southern Resident Killer Whale. I note that you also sent a copy of your letter to my colleagues the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transport, and the Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, and am taking the liberty of sending them a copy of our correspondence. Many of the concerns you raise fall within their respective mandates.

As you are aware, an independent Review Panel is conducting the environmental assessment of the Project. I understand the Review Panel has asked a number of questions of the proponent and other review participants regarding the Southern Resident Killer Whale. I am confident that the Review Panel will be diligent in its work assessing the potential environmental effects of all aspects of the Project and associated marine shipping.

At the end of the environmental assessment process, I will take the report of the Review Panel into consideration in making my decision under the *Canadian Environmental Assessment Act, 2012*. My decision will be based on science, facts and evidence, informed by meaningful Indigenous participation and serve the public's interest.

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I encourage BC Nature to continue to participate in the environmental assessment process and to ensure the Review Panel is aware of your concerns with respect to the potential effects of the Project on the Southern Resident Killer Whale.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'C McKenna', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

The Honourable Catherine McKenna, P.C., M.P.

c.c.: The Honourable Marc Garneau, P.C., M.P.
The Honourable Jonathan Wilkinson, P.C., M.P.