March 15, 2011

Honourable Peter Kent  
Minister of the Environment and Minister Responsible for Parks Canada  
Email: Minister@ec.gc.ca

Honourable Terry Lake  
Provincial Minister of Environment  
Email: env.minister@gov.bc.ca

Dear Minister Kent and Minister Lake:

Re: Proposed National Park on Bowen Island

BC Nature supports the process now underway to determine the feasibility of a National Park on Bowen Island. The extensive natural areas on Bowen that are currently in some form of protected status, together with the Crown lands, offer a rare opportunity to create a National Park close to large urban populations. This close proximity to a large population centre would facilitate easy access by the public to this coastal landscape of the Strait of Georgia, yet at the same time management by Parks Canada would ensure protection of the sensitive habitats.

The feasibility study is a good approach to determine local support for this initiative.

Yours truly

John Neville  
President

cc  
John Weston, MP westoj@parl.gc.ca  
Joan McIntyre, MLA joan.mcIntyre.mla@leg.bc.ca  
Steve Langdon, Coastal BC Field Unit Superintendent steve.langdon@pc.gc.ca  
Mitch Sokalski, Acting Manager, Metro Vancouver Regional Parks Mitch.Sokalski@metrovancouver.org  
Bowen Island Municipality bim@bimbc.ca  
Parks Canada bowen@pc.gc.ca