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August 26, 2024

Cowichan Watershed Board

Attention: Jill Thompson, Project Coordinator

Re: Cowichan Watershed Board

Dear Members of the Board of Directors;

I hope this letter finds you well. I write to you today on behalf of Ts'uubaa-asatx who for generations have resided on the shores of Cowichan Lake. The topic of this letter is to make a formal request for Ts'uubaa-asatx representation on the Board of Directors of the Cowichan Watershed Board.

Ts'uubaa-asatx has made significant progress as a nation in all areas of interest in and around our traditional lands. We are finding ways to grow and support our community members, and we have invested significant resources in the protection and enhancement of the fish habitat in and around the Cowichan Lake Area which we refer to as the headwaters of the Cowichan Watershed.

Ts'uubaa-asatx supports and staffs the work of the Cowichan Lake Salmon Enhancement Society in all that they do and are especially proud of the release of thousands of salmon fry back into the Cowichan Lake and River system each year. Probably the most valuable part of these efforts is that youth are brought in to learn and play a role in the release of the next generation into the system. Now more than ever it is important to collaborate in the enhancement and protection of the streams and creeks that enter Cowichan Lake and ensure the highest return of naturally born salmonoid back to the watershed.

Ts'uubaa-asatx has built our capacity to feel confident that our presence would be an asset as a member of the Cowichan Watershed Board of Directors. We look forward to your response to our letter and welcome any discussion.

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