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Lawrie and Monica Belliveau

The Honourable Katrine Conroy
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development,
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Subject: Sickle Point, Skaha Lake, Okanagan Valley, BC

Dear Minister Conroy

We are writing to request your Ministry's and the BC government's financial support for the purchase of a portion of the Skaha Lake foreshore known as Sickle Point. Since 1991 various owners have devastated Sickle Point's ecological and habitat values by:

- building an unauthorized road through the Crown wetlands
- unauthorized clearing of vegetation and dumping of fill in the same area
- destruction of the Ponderosa pine, Black cottonwood, and riparian shrubbery on not only the property but also the Crown Provincial lands of the shoreline.

A large portion of the local community has been strongly against the private development of the Point since the 1990s. We now have what is likely the last opportunity to secure this important wildlife habitat. This property can be restored quite rapidly through natural re-growth combined with knowledgeable restoration action.

To date over 200 people, including some not residing in the immediate area, have pledged almost \$300,000; this indicates the importance of this piece of land to people in the South Okanagan. Before the opportunity disappears we need the help of your government to purchase this property so that it may be restored as wildlife habitat. There must be no more development of Sickle Point.

Yours Truly

C L (Lawrie) Belliveau and Monica J L Belliveau

Cc: Hon. John Horgan, Premier
Cc: Hon. Rob Fleming, Minister of Transportation and Infrastructure
Cc: Hon. George Heyman, Minister Environment and Climate Change
Cc: Roly Russell, MLA, Boundary Similkameen
Cc: Richard Cannings, MP, South Okanagan West Kootenay
Cc: RDOS Board of Directors
Cc: Save Sickle Point Committee