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RE: Save Sickie Point HSP Application

The Penticton Indian Band (people of snpink'tn), syilx Nation is a Title and Rights holder responsible for decision making of lands, waters and resources within the unceded territory of the syilx Nation. The PIB Natural Resource Department strongly supports the preservation of Sickie Point.

Sickie Point has been utilized by the people of snpink'tn, syilx Nation, for hundreds of generations. The placename for Sickie Point the *nsyilxcen* language is: *ncaqeq?iwltn* which means a place to land or park a canoe. The people of snpink'tn have been opposed to development at *ncaqeq?iwltn* since time immemorial. *ncaqeq?iwltn* is recognized as a culturally sensitive area that is home to numerous rare and endangered plants and animals.

PIB has met with provincial and federal governments, local governments, and stakeholders in an effort to protect this vital piece of syilx Territory. PIB will protect and preserve *ncaqeq?iwltn* in accordance with syilx Nation principles and practice for the good of all, for all time as is our right and responsibility. PIB desires to work with local governments and stakeholders, including the Kaleden Community Association to ensure that these lands are protected in perpetuity.

PIB Natural Resources will provide in-kind staff time and support towards ensuring that *ncaqeq?iwltn* is protected and taken care of. If you have any questions regarding our support for this project, please do not hesitate to contact me directly at 250-492-0411 or jpepper@pib.ca.

Sincerely,

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Director

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