



HABITAT
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MEDIA BACKGROUNDER

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MEDIA BACKGROUNDER RE: HCTF AND THE LAND CONSERVANCY OF BC

- The Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) is a non-profit charitable foundation acting as Trustee of the Habitat Conservation Trust. The Foundation receives most of its funding from the over 300,000 anglers, hunters, guide-outfitters and trappers of BC.
- Since 1981, HCTF has invested over \$140 million in more than 2500 projects benefitting BC fish and wildlife populations and their habitats.
- HCTF's investments include providing funding to land trusts such as the Land Conservancy of BC (TLC) to enable them to purchase and manage properties with high conservation values, so that those values may be maintained for public use and benefit.
- HCTF has been a funder of TLC since 1998, beginning with their very first conservation land acquisition, South Winchelsea Island. Since that time, HCTF has provided TLC with over \$2M in project funding to acquire 12 properties made up of over 40 discrete parcels of critical habitat in various locations across BC.
- TLC has recently initiated a court process intended to address its financial difficulties. HCTF has filed an affidavit with the court and will continue to engage in the court process to ensure that the interests of our many contributors are represented.
- For more background regarding the TLC court process, please consult the court monitor's website at <http://wmltrustees.com/>

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