



HABITAT  
CONSERVATION TRUST  
FOUNDATION

AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2019



**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT****To the Board of Directors of  
Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation****Report on the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements***Qualified Opinion*

We have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (the "Foundation") and the Habitat Conservation Trust (the "Trust"), which comprise the consolidated statement of financial position as at March 31, 2019, and the consolidated statements of operations and changes in fund balances and cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory information.

In our opinion, except for the effects of the matter described in the Basis for Qualified Opinion section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Foundation as at March 31, 2019, and results of its consolidated operations and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations.

*Basis for Qualified Opinion*

The following matters require us to qualify our opinion on these consolidated financial statements:

- The assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues and expenses of the Foundation have been consolidated with the accounts of the Trust for which the Foundation acts as trustee. The fund balances presented on the consolidated statement of financial position are entirely the fund balances of the Trust. This presentation is a departure from Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations as the Foundation is not the beneficial owner of the fund balances of the Trust which should instead be presented as a trust liability in the consolidated financial statements.
- Certain revenues and deferred contributions could not be verified as the Foundation is not able to accurately confirm the amounts earned or owing. Consequently, our audit of the Foundation's income and deferred contributions from these sources was limited to a review of the amounts recorded in the financial statements, and, where appropriate, through confirmation with the government agency responsible for accounting for those amounts.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements section of our report. We are independent of the Foundation and Trust in accordance with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified opinion.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (continued)***Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Consolidated Financial Statements*

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Canadian Accounting Standards for Not-For-Profit Organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Foundation and/or Trust or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the consolidated financial reporting process.

*Auditors' Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements*

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditors' report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards, we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Foundation's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT (continued)**

- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditors' report to the related disclosures in the consolidated financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditors' report. However, future events or conditions may cause the branch to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the consolidated financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the consolidated financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

**Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements**

As required by the Societies Act of British Columbia, we hereby confirm that the accounting principles applied for the year ended March 31, 2019 have been applied on a consistent basis with those of the preceding year.

*Baker Tilly Victoria Ltd.*

CHARTERED PROFESSIONAL ACCOUNTANTS

Victoria, B.C.

September 24th, 2019

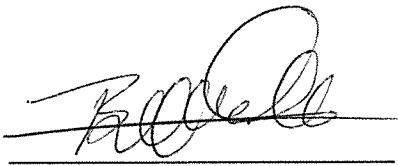
# Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation

## Statement of Management Responsibility

Management, in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, has prepared the consolidated financial statements of the *Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation*. Subject to the qualifications identified in the attached Independent Auditor's Report, these statements present fairly the financial position of the organization as at March 31, 2019 and results of its operations for the year ended March 31, 2019.

Management is responsible for the preparation, integrity and objectivity of the consolidated financial statements. Systems of internal control are developed and maintained by management to provide reasonable assurance that transactions are properly authorized, assets are safeguarded, and financial records are properly maintained to provide a reliable basis for preparation of the consolidated financial statements.

Baker Tilly Victoria Ltd. has performed an independent audit of the financial statements. The attached Independent Auditor's Report outlines the scope of their work on the financial statements of the *Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation*.

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Brian Springinotic  
Chief Executive Officer, HCTF

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Katelynn Schriener  
Chief Financial Officer, HCTF

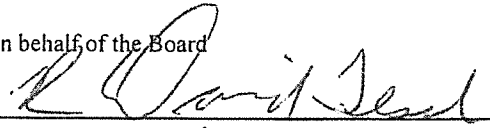
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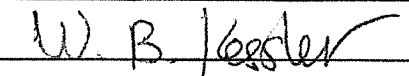
**HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION**  
**Consolidated Statement of Financial Position**  
**March 31, 2019**

	2019	2018
	(\$)	(\$)
<b>ASSETS</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Cash and short term investments (note 4)	37,155,801	31,547,660
Accounts receivable	2,378,776	3,629,963
Prepaid expenses	21,741	6,495
	<u>39,556,318</u>	<u>35,184,118</u>
<b>OTHER ASSETS</b>		
Inventory - educational publications	142,136	133,319
Tangible capital assets (note 5)	44,357	30,050
	<u>39,742,811</u>	<u>35,347,487</u>
<b>LIABILITIES AND FUND BALANCES</b>		
<b>CURRENT</b>		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	3,627,321	2,832,274
Leave liability	76,157	71,639
	<u>3,703,478</u>	<u>2,903,913</u>
<b>DEFERRED CONTRIBUTIONS (note 6)</b>		
Long-term restricted	4,500,000	4,500,000
Other restricted	8,880,988	5,927,117
	<u>17,084,466</u>	<u>13,331,030</u>
<b>FUND BALANCES (note 7 and schedule I)</b>	<u>22,658,345</u>	<u>22,016,457</u>
	<u>39,742,811</u>	<u>35,347,487</u>

Commitments (note 12)

On behalf of the Board

 Director

 Director

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION**  
**Consolidated Statement of Operations**  
**For the Year Ended March 31, 2019**

	2019	2018
	(\$)	(\$)
REVENUE (note 8)		
Surcharge revenue	6,343,164	6,397,394
Sales of educational material and educational contributions	22,936	29,514
General donations	1,037	1,651
Land management	92,956	90,660
Investment income (note 4)	1,617,347	587,824
Restricted contributions	1,786,257	572,859
Special Permits Auction	225,148	234,853
Other income	-	6,688
	<u>10,088,845</u>	<u>7,921,443</u>
EXPENSES		
Project expenses (schedule 1)	8,058,762	7,291,819
Administration (note 9)	1,388,195	1,316,078
	<u>9,446,957</u>	<u>8,607,897</u>
EXCESS / (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES - BEFORE EXTRAORDINARY ITEM	641,888	(686,454)
Extraordinary item (note 15)	-	1,020,512
EXCESS / (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u>641,888</u>	<u>334,058</u>
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING	<u>22,016,457</u>	<u>21,682,399</u>
FUND BALANCES, ENDING	<u>22,658,345</u>	<u>22,016,457</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

**HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION**  
**Consolidated Statement of Cash Flows**  
**For the Year Ended March 31, 2019**

	2019	2018
	(\$)	(\$)
<b>OPERATING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Excess of revenue over expenses	641,888	334,058
Items not affecting cash:		
Amortization	17,821	14,054
Investment unrealized (gains) losses	(767,333)	508,743
	<u>(107,624)</u>	<u>856,855</u>
Changes in non-cash working capital:		
Accounts receivable	1,251,187	(2,331,891)
Prepaid expenses	(15,246)	2,586
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	795,047	393,789
Leave liability	4,518	3,050
Deferred contributions - restricted general	3,050,018	2,988,321
Deferred contributions - court awards	(96,147)	243,775
	<u>4,989,377</u>	<u>1,299,630</u>
Cash from operating activities	<u>4,881,753</u>	<u>2,156,485</u>
<b>INVESTING ACTIVITIES</b>		
Decrease in publications inventory (net)	(8,817)	30,785
Additions to tangible capital assets (net)	(32,128)	(12,162)
Proceeds from the disposition of investments	654,700	878,700
Purchase of investments	(511,928)	(1,138,855)
Cash from investing activities	<u>101,827</u>	<u>(241,532)</u>
<b>INCREASE IN CASH</b>	<b>4,983,580</b>	<b>1,914,953</b>
CASH - Beginning of year	<u>10,509,731</u>	<u>8,594,778</u>
CASH - End of year	<u>15,493,311</u>	<u>10,509,731</u>
<b>CASH AND SHORT TERM INVESTMENTS COMPRISED OF:</b>		
Cash	15,493,311	10,509,731
Short term investments	21,662,490	21,037,929
	<u>37,155,801</u>	<u>31,547,660</u>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.



**HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION**  
**Schedule 1 - Consolidated Statement of operations and changes in fund balances**  
**For the year ended March 31, 2019**  
**(\$)**

	Surcharge Account							External Agency Account	Special Programs Account	Total
	Operating Fund	Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy	Surgeon Fund	Quality Wetlands (River Guardian)	Education Fund (Wild BC)	Conservation Land Management Account	Public Conservation Assistance Fund			
<b>Revenue</b>										
Surcharge revenue	5,379,668	231,514	321,325	394,567	-	-	-	-	16,090	6,343,164
Sales of educational material and educational contributions	-	-	-	-	22,936	-	-	-	-	22,936
General donations	1,037	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1,037
Land management	-	-	-	-	-	92,956	-	-	-	92,956
Investment income	326,206	-	-	-	-	1,105,523	87,320	75,645	22,653	1,617,347
Restricted contributions	361,431	6,500	-	-	-	-	-	1,412,326	6,000	1,786,257
Special permits auction	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	225,148	-
Other income	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>6,068,342</b>	<b>238,014</b>	<b>321,325</b>	<b>394,567</b>	<b>22,936</b>	<b>1,198,479</b>	<b>87,320</b>	<b>1,487,971</b>	<b>269,891</b>	<b>10,088,845</b>
<b>Expenses</b>										
Project expenses										
Fisheries	1,695,155	-	343,173	357,477	-	-	-	-	6,314	2,402,119
Wildlife	1,685,165	258,896	-	-	-	608,646	-	982,020	107,267	3,641,994
Information / Education / Stewardship	592,968	-	-	-	406,692	-	146,990	340,249	-	1,486,899
Land acquisitions	531,400	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	531,400
Court award bad debt expense	(3,650)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	(3,650)
<b>Total Project Expenses</b>	<b>4,501,038</b>	<b>258,896</b>	<b>343,173</b>	<b>357,477</b>	<b>406,692</b>	<b>608,646</b>	<b>146,990</b>	<b>1,322,269</b>	<b>113,581</b>	<b>8,038,762</b>
Administration	1,091,745	17,364	24,099	19,728	-	128,639	8,131	90,057	8,432	1,388,195
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>5,592,783</b>	<b>276,260</b>	<b>367,272</b>	<b>377,205</b>	<b>406,692</b>	<b>737,285</b>	<b>155,121</b>	<b>1,412,326</b>	<b>122,013</b>	<b>9,446,957</b>
<b>Excess / (Deficiency) of revenues over expenses - before extraordinary item</b>	<b>475,559</b>	<b>(38,246)</b>	<b>(45,947)</b>	<b>17,362</b>	<b>(383,756)</b>	<b>461,194</b>	<b>(67,801)</b>	<b>75,645</b>	<b>147,878</b>	<b>641,888</b>
<b>Extraordinary item (note 15)</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>
<b>Excess / (Deficiency) of revenues over expenses</b>	<b>475,559</b>	<b>(38,246)</b>	<b>(45,947)</b>	<b>17,362</b>	<b>(383,756)</b>	<b>461,194</b>	<b>(67,801)</b>	<b>75,645</b>	<b>147,878</b>	<b>641,888</b>
Fund balances, beginning	5,258,234	256,251	277,016	903,515	167,810	4,658,346	326,903	21,604	1,146,778	13,016,457
Interfund transfers (note 17)	(356,278)	(218,005)	-	-	476,436	-	97,847	-	-	-
<b>Fund balances, ending *</b>	<b>5,377,515</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>231,069</b>	<b>920,877</b>	<b>260,490</b>	<b>5,119,540</b>	<b>356,949</b>	<b>97,249</b>	<b>1,294,656</b>	<b>13,658,345</b>
Endowments (note 7)	-	-	-	-	-	9,000,000	-	-	-	9,000,000
<b>Fund balances including endowments</b>	<b>5,377,515</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>231,069</b>	<b>920,877</b>	<b>260,490</b>	<b>14,119,540</b>	<b>356,949</b>	<b>97,249</b>	<b>1,294,656</b>	<b>22,658,345</b>

\* Fund balances consist of cash and non-cash items.

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

# HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

### 1. Purpose of the Organization

The Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation (HCTF) is a Society, incorporated under the *BC Society Act* in April 2007. Its purpose is to act as trustee of the Habitat Conservation Trust (HCT), an entity established under amendments to the *Wildlife Act* in 2007 to replace the former Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, established by legislation in 1996. HCTF is registered as a not-for-profit organization for income tax purposes.

Consistent with the trust purposes set out in the *Wildlife Act*, HCTF implements a wide range of projects to benefit fish and wildlife populations and their habitats. Project proposals can be submitted by all levels of government, conservation organizations, private industry and members of the general public.

HCTF operates using a fund accounting model which is discussed in detail under Note 3(a).

Three restricted special accounts are consolidated in the organization's audited financial statements. The three funds are as follows: i) Special Permits Enhancement Fund; ii) the Highland Valley Enhancement Fund; and iii) the Arrow Lake Logging Trust.

HCTF transitioned to the new BC Societies Act in July 2018.

### 2. Basis of Presentation

The consolidated financial statements are prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

These consolidated financial statements include the assets, liabilities, fund balances, revenues and expenses of the HCTF and the HCT. All significant transactions and balances between the HCTF and HCT have been eliminated upon consolidation. All fund balances are solely those of the HCT. The only expenses of the HCTF are incurred in carrying out the administration of the HCT, which are offset by reimbursements from the HCT. Therefore the HCTF does not have an ending fund balance.

### 3. Significant Accounting Policies

These consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO) using the following significant accounting policies:

#### a. Fund accounting

HCTF operations are divided into three parent funds: i) Surcharge Account; ii) External Agency Account; and iii) Special Programs Account.

# **HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION**

## **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

### **i) Surcharge Account**

Within the Surcharge Account, there are several individual funds. Revenue and expenses related to general program delivery and administrative activities are reported in the Operating Fund. Revenues and expenses related to the Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy, the Sturgeon Fund, the Quality Waters program, Education Fund (Wild BC), the Conservation Land Management Account (CLMA), and the Public Conservation Assistance Fund (PCAF) are reported in their own individual funds.

### **ii) External Agency Account**

Most revenue and expenses related to contributions received from public and private sector conservation partners are reported under the External Agency Account. Funds received under this account generally carry restrictions on how they can be spent.

### **iii) Special Programs Account**

The Special Programs Account is comprised of several long-term initiatives that are primarily funded from external sources. The revenue and expenses related to the Special Permits Enhancement Fund, the Highland Valley Enhancement Fund, and the Arrow Lake Logging Trust are consolidated under this account.

The activities carried out under the Special Programs Account are restricted to uses that are consistent with the governing documents that establish the individual initiatives.

### **iv) Administration Fees Charged to Restricted Accounts**

For certain restricted funds under management, HCTF charges an administration fee to offset some of the costs associated with administering these funds.

## **b. Revenue Recognition**

HCTF follows the deferral method of accounting for contributions. Restricted contributions, including all court awards, are set-up as deferred revenue and only recognized as revenue in the year in which the related expenses are incurred. Unrestricted contributions are recognized as revenue of the appropriate fund when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

# HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

### c. Accounts Receivable

Included in the accounts receivable are overdue court ordered payments relating to environmental prosecutions. HCTF considers it unlikely that it will collect on certain court ordered payments. To reflect this uncertainty, HCTF has established an allowance for doubtful accounts of 100% of all court ordered receivables that have not been received within two years of the due date, and 50% of those unpaid between one and two years past the due date.

### d. Expense Recognition

HCTF recognizes expenses using the accrual basis of accounting except for payments of conditional grants under which funds are charged to operating expenses when prescribed conditions have been met.

Most conditional grant agreements with project proponents include a holdback clause which is released upon receiving a final report. Project proponents generally have up to six months after the end of their agreement to complete final reporting. Payment holdbacks are recorded and tracked as future year commitments when prescribed conditions have not been met by March 31<sup>st</sup>.

### e. Tangible Capital Assets

Tangible capital assets purchased for the purpose of administering the affairs of HCTF are recorded at cost and amortized on a straight-line basis using the following rates:

Computer hardware and software	3 years
Office furniture and equipment	5 years
Leasehold improvements	Lesser of 5 years or remaining lease term

Assets costing less than \$1,000 are expensed in the year of acquisition.

Tangible capital assets purchased by project proponents are charged to operating expense in the year the expenditures are made.

### f. Publication Inventory

Publications are valued at the lower of cost and net realizable value.



# HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

### g. Financial Instruments

HCTF's financial instruments include short-term investments, accounts receivable and accounts payable and accrued liabilities. HCTF initially measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value. Transaction costs are expensed as incurred for all financial instruments. Financial assets and financial liabilities classified as held-for-trading are measured at fair value with changes in those fair values recognized in excess of revenues over expenses.

HCTF has classified all of its financial instruments as held-for-trading and accordingly they are presented on the consolidated statement of financial position at fair value. Changes in fair value are recognized in excess of revenues over expenses of the current period on the consolidated statement of operations.

### h. Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts and disclosure of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. Specific accounts subject to estimates include allowance for doubtful accounts receivable, inventory valuations, amortization rates, accrued liabilities, and leave liability. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

## 4. Cash and Short Term Investments

During the year, HCTF utilized the banking services of Toronto Dominion Bank and its wholly owned subsidiaries for the management of cash and short term investments.

	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Toronto Dominion Bank		
Cash	15,493,311	10,509,731
Short Term Investments		
Equities	9,340,704	9,124,945
Fixed Income (including liquid investments)	12,321,786	11,912,984
Total Cash and Short Term Investments	37,155,801	31,547,660

Investment income is comprised of interest income of \$272,036 (2018 - \$573,155), unrealized gain of \$767,333 (2018 loss of \$508,743), other income of \$661,619 (2018 - \$607,659), less investment management fees of \$83,641 (2018 - \$84,247).

# HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

This year, HCTF has included additional information on the cash flow statement regarding unrealized gains and losses from investments, proceeds from the disposition of investments, and purchases of investments. The comparative figures have been reclassified to be consistent with the presentation adopted in the current year.

### 5. Tangible Capital Assets

	Cost (\$)	Accumulated Amortization (\$)	Net Book Value 2019 (\$)	Net Book Value 2018 (\$)
Office Furniture and Equipment	74,342	58,210	16,132	6,555
Computer Hardware	66,364	52,521	13,843	6,325
Computer Software	108,687	97,577	11,110	17,170
Leasehold Improvements	9,795	6,523	3,272	-
	259,188	214,831	44,357	30,050

### 6. Deferred Contributions

Deferred contributions relating to projects are as follows:

	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Balance – Beginning of year	10,427,117	7,195,021
Summary of deferred contributions during the year		
Set up as deferred	4,740,129	3,804,955
Recognized as revenue	(1,786,258)	(572,859)
Balance – end of year	13,380,988	10,427,117

Deferred contributions are comprised of court awards \$1,340,679 (2018 - \$1,436,827), and other external agency contributions \$7,540,309 (2018 - \$4,490,290). In 2019, HCTF received two large external agency contributions - \$1,365,366 from the Forest Enhancement Society of BC, and \$2,000,000 from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

# HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

Certain contributions received by HCTF do not have time restrictions. Included in deferred contributions are two long-term restricted contributions totalling \$4.5 million that the Board has accounted for in a manner similar to endowments.

### 7. Fund Balances

HCTF holds and administers a restricted endowment of \$9 million, of which the investment income is to be used for operating and management costs on conservation lands. The investment income earned on \$6 million is to be used for activities on lands jointly managed by the Nature Trust and the Province of BC. The investment income earned on \$3 million is to be used for activities on lands managed by other land conservation groups.

### 8. Revenue

- i. **Surcharge revenue** - The majority of HCTF's revenue arises from surcharges placed on hunting, angling, trapping and guide outfitting licences sold in British Columbia. Under the provisions of the *Wildlife Act*, these surcharges are assessed and collected by government acting as agent of HCTF. HCTF relies on the government to provide reporting on surcharge sales and to forward this revenue on a set schedule.

Changes in government accounting policies or application thereof in respect to surcharge revenue can result in a material impact on HCTF's financial statements.

- ii. **Sales of educational material and educational contributions** – HCTF sells educational resources including publications and workshop services. It also receives contributions from partners for education-based initiatives.
- iii. **Donations** – HCTF receives a small number of direct cash donations each year. Cash donations are recorded as revenue when received.
- iv. **Land management fees** – Under the provisions of the *Wildlife Act*, HCTF receives revenue derived from land owned or leased by the Crown and administered by the provincial government for the benefit of fish and wildlife. Examples of such revenue include grazing fees for cattle, and movie production fees for land rental. HCTF relies on the government to collect and report on land management fees and to forward this revenue on a set schedule.
- v. **Restricted contributions** – From time to time, conservation partners provide HCTF contributions to undertake specific fish, wildlife, stewardship or habitat projects. The amount of contributions varies each year. In addition, British Columbia courts occasionally direct a person or organization to pay remedial, rehabilitative or other monetary compensation to HCTF for different types of environmental reparations.

# HABITAT CONSERVATION TRUST FOUNDATION

## Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

### 9. Administration Expenses

HCTF incurred the following administration expenses:

	2019 (\$)	2018 (\$)
Amortization	14,906	11,671
Audit (Financial)	18,952	20,875
Board Compensation	22,150	18,000
Communications	17,193	31,039
Insurance	11,956	12,357
Investment / Banking Fees	82,393	82,935
Legal Services	6,013	5,203
Office and Miscellaneous	98,824	96,473
Office Space – Rent	159,301	103,840
Professional Services	170,791	168,534
Repairs and Maintenance	9,074	7,827
Salaries and Benefits	714,189	684,762
Training	6,435	3,326
Travel	56,018	69,236
Total Administration Expenses	1,388,195	1,316,078

Total administration expenses include those the HCTF incurred while acting as trustee for the HCT.

### 10. Management of Risks Arising From Financial Instruments

HCTF's financial instruments are exposed to varying degrees of interest rate risk, market risk, and credit risk due to their nature and the volatility inherent in the marketplace for financial instruments. HCTF employs strategies to manage the risks as follows:

#### *Interest rate risk*

HCTF carries a significant portion of its funds in cash invested with Toronto Dominion Bank. By their nature, these funds provide guaranteed interest income.

#### *Market risk*

Market changes are managed under a moderately conservative risk profile. HCTF has engaged the services of TD Waterhouse, Private Client Services to manage the portfolio of assets it holds in short term investments. Short term fluctuations in the value of this portfolio are to be expected, as demonstrated by investment income being \$1,617,347 in 2019 compared to \$587,824 in 2018.



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### *Credit risk*

Substantially all of HCTF's accounts receivable are due from the Province of British Columbia and relate to amounts payable under the provisions of the *Wildlife Act*. Management regards the potential for non-payment of these accounts as highly unlikely.

Other accounts receivable are due from individuals and organizations that have been ordered by British Columbia courts to pay amounts to HCTF under various creative sentencing provisions contained in legislative enactments. Provision has been made for those accounts to allow for potential uncollectible amounts - see Note 3(c).

## 11. Financial Dependence

Under the provisions of the *Wildlife Act*, HCTF is the designated trustee of the Habitat Conservation Trust (HCT). The HCT is the designated recipient of revenues arising from two primary sources: surcharges on licences and permits issued in the Province of British Columbia for hunting, angling, trapping and guide outfitting; and lands administered by the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development for the benefit of fish or wildlife. Together, these revenues accounted for 64% of HCTF's total revenue during the 2019 fiscal year (2018 – 82%).

These revenue streams would only be discontinued by amending legislation to alter payments into the HCT. Management considers it unlikely that such amendments will be made in the foreseeable future.

## 12. Future Year Commitments

HCTF has commitments as follows:

	Project carry- overs including holdbacks	Project carry- overs from deferred contributions	Office space lease	Total Commitments
	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
2020	1,797,328	801,592	129,607	2,728,527
2021	-	-	134,224	134,224
2022	-	-	137,522	137,522
2023	-	-	137,522	137,522
2024	-	-	139,418	139,418
Thereafter			480,975	480,975
	1,797,328	801,592	1,159,268	3,758,188

Note that commitment amounts do not account for future plans to internally restrict funds or re-allocate funds through inter-fund transfers.

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### 13. Employee Future Benefits

#### Pension Plan

HCTF provides its employees access to a defined benefit plan providing pension and other retirement benefits to its employees. HCTF and its employees contribute to the BC Public Service Pension Plan in accordance with the *Public Sector Pension Plans Act*. The act established the British Columbia Pension Corporation (BCPC), which administers the BC Public Service Pension Plan, including payment of pension benefits to employees to whom the act applies. The BCPC operates on a not-for-profit basis under the provisions of the *Public Sector Pension Plans Act*, and administers many large pension plans in British Columbia.

The employer contribution rate to the Public Service Pension Plan at March 31, 2019 is 9.85% of the pensionable salary up to the year's maximum pensionable earnings and 9.85% on pensionable salary in excess of the year's maximum pensionable earnings. The year's maximum pensionable earnings for calendar year 2019 are \$57,400 (2018 - \$55,900).

HCTF expenses contributions to the plan in the year in which payments are made. Contributions to the plan by HCTF during fiscal 2019 totaled \$64,239 (2018 - \$62,657).

#### Supplemental retirement benefit

As provided for under the collective agreement and terms of employment, all HCTF employees that work for the required number of years are also eligible for a pre-retirement allowance benefit. HCTF has established a retirement allowance to cover the potential payout of this benefit, and adjusts the balance in the account each year to reflect the years of service, the age of the employees, present value calculations and various statistical considerations. The following assumptions were used in calculating the 2018 estimated allowance:

Discount rate:	1.7%
General staff retention rate:	64%
Rate of compensation increase:	2%

As any potential differences in the calculation of the allowance fund balance are not considered material, no actuarial assessment has been undertaken to this point.

The retirement allowance at the end of year was \$43,920 (2018 - \$40,796).

#### Long term disability

HCTF contributes to a long-term disability multi-employer plan which provides disability income benefits after employment, but before retirement.

HCTF expenses contributions to the plan in the year in which payments are made. The contribution rate is 0.49% (2018 – 0.41%) of the employees' salaries. Contributions to the plan by HCTF during fiscal 2019 totalled \$2,646 (2018 – \$2,254).

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### 14. Remuneration of Directors, Employees and Contractors

The following information has been prepared in accordance with section 36 of the Societies Act of BC, which came into effect on November 28, 2016.

- a. Total remuneration paid by HCTF to eight directors in this fiscal year was \$22,150.
- b. Remuneration over \$75,000 was paid to three employees, as follows:

Position	Remuneration
Chief Executive Officer	\$130,624
Chief Financial Officer	\$75,099
Manager of Education Program	\$80,910

### 15. Extraordinary Item

During the year ended March 31, 2018, under the provisions of the *Wildlife Act*, HCTF received a retroactive payment of \$1,020,512 from the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development (FLNRORD) for land management revenue earned on Crown lands since 1996 under the *Land Act*.

No further retroactive payments are anticipated.

### 16. Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy

Effective March 31, 2019 HCTF has dissolved the internally restricted Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy fund. This followed the Provincial Government decision to discontinue the Grizzly bear hunt in BC, so there will be no further license surcharges directed to HCTF from hunting Grizzly bears. The remaining balance in the fund was transferred into HCTF's main fund on March 31, 2019. HCTF will continue to fund Grizzly bear conservation work through the main fund.

### 17. Interfund Transfers

During the year ended March 31, 2019, HCTF made three interfund transfers:

Transferred From	Transferred To	Amount	Purpose
Main Fund	Public Conservation Assistance Fund	97,847	To support projects/programs
Main Fund	Education Fund	476,436	To support projects/programs
Grizzly Bear Conservation Strategy	Main Fund	218,005	To close the fund (see note 16)