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Conservation Fund Marks 25th Anniversary with new Award of Excellence

PENTICTON – British Columbia’s Habitat Conservation Trust Fund, celebrating its 25th anniversary, is creating the ‘Silver Award’ to recognize each year’s projects that made a difference to fish and wildlife habitat, biological diversity and furthering conservation knowledge and awareness, Board Chair Harvey Andrusak announced today.

“The Silver Award honours HCTF’s 25th Anniversary and the sterling contributions of Rod Silver, HCTF’s long-time manager who recently retired after many years of tremendous service to conservation in B.C.,” said Andrusak.

Winners will be selected by the HCTF Board for projects that best exemplify the values and work of the fund that Silver so tirelessly advanced.

“In our anniversary year, we are celebrating a quarter-century of achievements, saluting visionary wildlife managers, and recognizing how, by working together, people have made lasting contributions to our beautiful province,” said Andrusak. “The Silver Awards will help us recognize and celebrate excellence and achievement in the years ahead.”

Awards will be given annually in three categories: Fish, Wildlife, and Education & Stewardship.

Prior to funding, all HCTF projects are evaluated on the basis technical merit, environmental need and public demand. Monitoring and evaluation are part of every project, to track results and to ensure that HCTF dollars are spent effectively

About 100 projects per year are funded. Conservation organizations, private industry, and individual members of the public are eligible to submit proposals for HCTF projects. Grassroots organizations lacking the necessary technical expertise can apply for seed funding to help develop their proposals.

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