

March 6, 2025

Attn: Haley Tomlin, British Columbia Conservation Foundation
105-1885 Boxwood Road, Nanaimo, BC, V9S 5X9

EcoAction Stream 1: Community-led freshwater action across Canada

RE: Mitigating Tire Wear Toxicant Pollution Through Rain Gardens on Vancouver Island

Dear EcoAction Stream 1 Review Committee Members,

I am writing on behalf of the City of Nanaimo to provide support for the British Columbia Conservation Foundation's (BCCF) proposal to the EcoAction Stream 1: Community-led freshwater action across Canada fund to construct rain gardens in areas within the City of Nanaimo that they have identified as areas that require mitigation efforts from their previous tire wear toxin monitoring program's sampling results.

The tire wear toxin commonly known as 6PPDQ has been found to cause mortality at parts per trillion concentrations for coho salmon, coastal cutthroat trout, rainbow trout/steelhead, and Chinook salmon. As the waterways within the City of Nanaimo are home to these species, we support mitigation efforts that are aimed at reducing the impacts associated with stormwater runoff.

The City of Nanaimo agrees that the installation of rain gardens is important for supporting healthy fish habitat. Pending funding approval, the City of Nanaimo would be pleased to support this project with in-kind support from City staff to collaborate on site selection and rain garden design. We look forward to collaborating and building on this partnership moving forward.

Sincerely,