

PETITION TO THE HOUSE OF COMMONS

IN PARLIAMENT ASSEMBLED

We, the undersigned citizens of Canada, draw the attention of the House to the following:

Whereas, there are species at risk on the lands owned by MK Delta Lands Group (7007 Highway 91, 7969 Highway 91 Connector, 7949 104 Street, 10770 72nd Avenue, et al, Delta, British Columbia) and Pineland Peat (5224-88 Street, Delta, British Columbia).

Whereas, these species at risk include: the Red-listed Dim Skipper Butterfly, the Red-listed Pacific Water Shrew, Red-listed Trowbridge's Shrew, the Red-listed Sandhill crane and Red-listed Southern Red-backed vole. Red-listed Black-Crowned Night Heron, the Red-listed Olympic shrew, the Blue-listed Autumn Meadowhawk, the Blue-listed Northern Red-legged frog, Blue-listed Barn Owl, Blue-listed Western Screech Owl, Blue-listed Green Heron and the Blue-listed Black Swift are either resident or migrate to these areas annually.

Whereas, these lands are in an unprotected area of the Burns Bog peatland in the Lower Mainland of British Columbia. Burns Bog is the largest raised peatland on the west coast of North America. It is at the mouth of the Fraser River.

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Whereas, the location of Pineland Peat is next to the Burns Bog Conservation Area. This development poses risks to the conservation area through impacts on its water table, Red-listed and Blue-listed wildlife, and its ability to regenerate itself successfully. Regenerated peatlands are known to become 90% as efficient in storing carbon as when they were undisturbed. Peatlands store ten times more carbon than rainforests. Protecting them is essential in reducing climate change, meeting Canada's Climate Action goals and saving endangered wildlife.

Whereas, MK Delta's project will affect fish and fish habitat of Coastal Cutthroat trout, Coho salmon fry and Chum fry. Burns Bog is at the mouth of the Fraser River. It is the largest salmon-bearing river in the world.

Whereas, the House of Commons has set the precedent by acting to protect species at risk in Quebec on private land by invoking the Species At Risk Act.

Therefore, your petitioners call upon the House of Commons, to enact the Species At Risk Act on these unprotected Burns Bog lands.

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