

GROUP ACHIEVEMENT AWARD

2007 – BC Habitat Conservation Trust



Organization: Non-profit organization funded primarily through hunters, anglers, trappers and guide-outfitters, dedicated to conservation of wildlife and fish resources.

Accomplishments: Initiated in 1981, the BC Habitat Conservation Trust is responsible for management of revenues that are primarily derived from a surcharge on fisheries and wildlife licences. By 2008 it became entirely independent of government to ensure that all licence revenues would directly contribute to conservation of wildlife and fisheries. Since its inception it has since funded many projects that contribute directly to wildlife conservation, including enhancement of fisheries habitats, land purchases, and wildlife conservation. They also contribute to many education and outreach projects to promote awareness and valuation of fish and wildlife in BC.

The Habitat Conservation Trust has directly impacted numerous habitats and taxa, including important fish habitat, rare grasslands and deserts, wild sheep, wildlife reintroductions (e.g. burrowing owls), and many others.