

## Friends of the Oxbows (FOTO)

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Subject: Conservation of Sickle Point Property

Friends of the (Penticton) Oxbows is in full support of the Committee to Save Sickle Point in their efforts to preserve the wetlands and property at Sickle Point on Skaha Lake.

The Okanagan Valley has lost upwards of 90% of the wetlands that were present prior to the arrival of settlers. Any wetlands that remain are therefore of high priority for protection from non-sustainable uses.

In addition to the remnant wetland plant community remaining at Sickle Point there are several other plant communities which are of conservation concern at the provincial level. Anything that can be done to secure and rehabilitate this property will be consistent with the wetland conservation interests of the Friends of the Oxbows.

Please contact us if we can provide any further insight into why Sickle Point is so worthy of protection.

Rick McKelvey, Biologist Friends of the Oxbows

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