Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item #14

DATE: May 26, 2021

SUBJECT: OHF Habitat Work – How will Climate Change affect it? Is the work being done

appropriate considering Climate Change challenges?

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Background:

At an LSOHC meeting earlier this year, a Council member inquired whether OHF project work in the field was appropriate in its practices and scope within the considerations of changing climate and the anticipated changes upon our environment. Great question!

Subsequent to that meeting, LSOHC staff sought the input of DNR and TNC toward trying to answer this question. From the resulting conversation came the founding of today's presentation.