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BC Food Systems Network

BC Food Systems Network Welcomes Appointment of Interim Director, New Partnership with Tides Canada Initiatives Society (TCI)

The BC Food Systems Network (BCFSN) welcomed the recent appointment of Brent Mansfield as the new Interim Director of the Network. The appointment of Mr. Mansfield reflects the recent growth and more active role of the BCFSN in working towards healthy, just and sustainable food systems in British Columbia through strengthening connections, nurturing capacity, and supportive food policy engagement.

BCFSN Chair Abra Brynne states, "We are excited to have someone with Brent's experience, clear commitment to the Network and great connections as our interim Director. He is a great fit to lead our organization through the exciting changes ahead, particularly our new relationship with Tides Canada Initiatives as a partnership project. With Brent's leadership and knowledge of BC food systems and the resources and support of Tides Canada behind us, we are confident that BCFSN will be able to even more effectively nurture and advocate for resilient and just food systems across the province."

She adds, "If you are a grower, eater, seller, maker or educator who cares about food security in the province we welcome you. This is a great time to join our Network!"

Brent Mansfield is the former Co-Chair of BCFSN and has broad interests and experience in food systems policy, education and research, including several positions in the Faculty of Land and Food Systems at UBC, serving as the Co-Chair of the Vancouver Food Policy Council for four years, and is the recent author of the commissioned report "Wake Up Call – California Drought and BC's Food Security."

Tides Canada Initiatives (TCI) is a shared administrative platform that supports a range of projects and collaborations across Canada with a common base of expertise, providing core administrative, human resources and financial support to move organizations forward. More information on Tides Projects can be found at tidescanada.org/

About BC Food Systems Network (BCFSN)

The BC Food Systems Network (www.bcfsn.org) works in partnership with farmers and ranchers, fishers, Indigenous communities, and people across the province working to rebuild their food systems from the ground up. The Network includes more than 300 individual members and 20 organizations representing farmers, food producers, health promoters, and community food organizations around British Columbia who are concerned with land, water and food sovereignty in the province.

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