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Humpback whale, off Conche, Newfoundland. The continued recovery of humpbacks from near extinction is emblematic of hope for marine species at risk, and a cornerstone of QLF's conservation focus. *Photograph by Nicholas Gates*

Greetings, QLF Alumni and Friends,

In what amounts to a blink of an eye, the global COVID-19 pandemic has laid bare the fragile and vulnerable nature of our lives. And just as with the global climate change crisis, our QLF community is energized to offer our response.

Recent weeks bear witness to the best of humanity, and it is humbling and empowering to observe the extraordinary collective measures taken at great risk, and under dire circumstances. QLF's "family" is now pressed to reflect on our lives first and foremost as humanitarians, and we are here to support our neighbors and reach out to Alumni and friends across the globe.

Throughout the past 60 years, QLF has experienced firsthand the resilience of the human spirit and the goodwill of friendships, alliances, and partnerships that sustain our initiatives and unwavering focus on community-based conservation and stewardship.

This is an especially important time for all of us to connect with and rally our Alumni and partners. With offices closed in the U.S. and Canada, QLF staff and consultants are working remotely in virtual collaboration with partner organizations directing regional Biodiversity Conservation Programs. At the same time, we are adjusting schedules for our Conservation Exchange Programs.

Although a deeply unsettling time of great uncertainty, QLF is here for the long haul to pursue our shared commitment to protect biodiversity, a strategy to build resilience in a measurably changing climate.

Wishing you the very best and stay well,

Elizabeth Alling
President