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Dear Ministers and Chief Conservation Officer

### Re: Outstanding Issues

We, the BC Trappers Association, were assured in the past by Darrell Ashworth, Conservation Officer, that the BCTA would be notified of all meetings addressing Livestock Producers and the CO Service. This is not happening, as was the case with recent meetings held in the Williams Lake and 100 Mile House areas with Minister Pat Pimm and MLA Donna Barnett present. It was only by chance that one of our executive members of the BCTA were present the 100 Mile House Meeting - s.22 We were informed by a speaker from the CO Service that they are attempting to mandate a 12 month season for trapping wolves on Crown Land. The BCTA is strongly opposed to this move, as our traplines are on crown land and it is our responsibility to manage them. In addition, catching lactating females, with pups, is contrary to the Humane Trap Standards. The last thing that all interested parties needs is for the public to come across one of these lactating females with pups in a trap.

The BCTA was also assured by Darrell Ashworth that we would receive a report on the number and location of wolves trapped by the CO Service and ranchers last year. The BCTA has not received this report

The BCTA would also ask that the Registered Trapline holder be notified, within 24 hours, of any trapping activity that the CO Services is under taking on the respected trapline. We also ask that, during the trapping season, that the Registered Trapper be given the first opportunity to address the issue.

The BCTA is temporarily withdrawing from any further Canid Up Grade Seminars for Livestock Producers until such time as these outstanding issues can be addressed and the BCTA notified, in advance of ALL meetings involving the CO Service and Livestock Producers.

Respectfully

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