



ARCS: 292-30  
File: FNR-2017-73686

August 8, 2018

Sent via email:

**Re: Request for Access to Records**  
***Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIPPA)***

I am writing further to your request received by the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Your request is for:

*Any e-mails including any attachments or other correspondence between federal government representatives and BC government representatives relating to efforts to protect Southern Mountain Caribou and their habitat in the Southern Mountain Ecological Area - SMEA; Any agendas produced for and minutes produced from meetings between federal government representatives and BC government representatives relating to efforts to protect Southern Mountain Caribou and their habitat in the SMEA, and any documents relating to or produced for or discussed at those meetings; Any e-mails including any attachments or other correspondence between federal government representatives and BC government representatives relating to efforts to negotiate a conservation agreement under s. 11 of the federal Species at Risk Act, SC 2002, c 29 for the Southern Mountain Caribou and their habitat in the SMEA. Exclude any e-mails or other correspondence or other documents that relate primarily to First Nations and their views about Southern Mountain Caribou and their habitat in the SMEA. (Date Range for Record Search: From 06/01/2016 To 11/01/2017)*

Please find enclosed a copy of the records located in response to your request. Some information has been withheld pursuant to section(s) 12 (Cabinet and local public body confidences), 13 (Policy advice or recommendations), 14 (Legal advice), 16 (Disclosure harmful to intergovernmental relations or negotiations), 17 (Disclosure harmful to the financial or economic interests of a public body), 18 (Disclosure harmful to the conservation of heritage sites, etc.), and .../2

22 (Disclosure harmful to personal privacy) of FOIPPA. A complete copy of FOIPPA is available online at:

[http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165\\_00](http://www.bclaws.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96165_00)

Your file is now closed.

These records will be published on the BC Government's Open Information website a minimum of five business days after release. To find out more about Open Information, please access the Open Information website at: [www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation](http://www.gov.bc.ca/openinformation)

If you have any questions regarding your request, please contact Mark Kewley, the analyst assigned to your request, at 250 356-2228. This number can be reached toll-free by calling from Vancouver, 604 660-2421, or from elsewhere in BC, 1 800 663-7867 and asking to be transferred to 250 356-2228.

You have the right to ask the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review this decision. I have enclosed information on the review and complaint process.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, enclosed in a red rectangular box. The signature appears to be "Mark Kewley".

On behalf of,

Mark Kewley, Team Lead  
On behalf of Meghan Kane, Manager  
Resource Team, Information Access Operations

Enclosures

<p>How to Request a Review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner</p>
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If you have any questions regarding your request please contact the analyst assigned to your file. The analyst's name and telephone number are listed in the attached letter.

Pursuant to section 52 of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), you may ask the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner to review any decision, act, or failure to act with regard to your request under FOIPPA.

**Please note that you have 30 business days to file your review with the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner. In order to request a review please write to:**

Information and Privacy Commissioner  
PO Box 9038 Stn Prov Govt  
4th Floor, 947 Fort Street  
Victoria BC V8W 9A4  
Telephone 250 387-5629      Fax 250 387-1696

If you request a review, please provide the Commissioner's Office with:

1. A copy of your original request;
2. A copy of our response; and
3. The reasons or grounds upon which you are requesting the review.