



## Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia

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### RE: Transition

Dear Mr. Konkin:

Thank you for your time on December 13, 2011 to discuss the vision for the future of the guide outfitting industry, and the development of a delivery model that supports fish and wildlife in our province.

#### Vision for the Future

We have appreciated your support on the recent changes to the *Wildlife Act* and the mitigation measures provided on the new Harvest Allocation Policy. At present it is not clear how effective these mitigation measures will be, but we value government's commitment to reviewing the impacts of the new Harvest Allocation Policy in 2014.

The recent change to the *Wildlife Act* increasing the length of the guide outfitting certificate may help outfitters access conventional financing. With these changes, we are two-thirds through the *Wildlife Act* amendments required to increase investor confidence. A formal submission outlining the remaining changes will be provided in 2012.

As we discussed, there are two other opportunities to increase revenue to the Crown and provide extra security for our industry.

1. Allow guide outfitters to purchase Crown land around their base lodge.
2. Make vacant and fractional guide territories available for purchase.

#### Developing a Delivery Model

The Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia (GOABC) is concerned about the loss of expertise and knowledge with the recent turnover in government. Continuity in government staffing helps provide stability for our industry.

We anticipate that the demands on fish and wildlife resources will continue to escalate in the future. Increased human-wildlife conflict, species at risk legislation, First Nations, wildlife inventories and conflict with other resource users will require considerable attention and resources from the Ministry.

We request that the Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Branch remain with other resource-based industries under the purview of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource

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**LETTER – Doug Konkin  
December 30, 2011**

Operations. When oversight of the Branch was transferred from the Ministry of Environment, the structure assigning responsibility to the Coastal Assistant Deputy Minister (ADM) was retained. Our initial position is that since the demands on fish and wildlife are increasing, we would prefer an ADM dedicated to oversight of these issues. This will ensure fish and wildlife get the attention they deserve. If there is another delivery model that provides the same focus on fish and wildlife, we would be interested discussing that model with you.

We look forward to continuing to work with you in the future. Please call 604-541-6332 if you have questions.

Best Regards,



Mark Werner  
President



Scott Ellis  
Executive Director

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