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Works for me. s.22 but I am forwarding her notes from meeting she attended this week with Minister and Scott Ellis

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Can we meet at 2:00 today. I have a guide meeting next week and this topic will come up so I need to know where we stand.

Thanks

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I agree. I've copied Penny as she is dealing with some of the related legislative issues. I'm around all day to day if you want to talk. I'll also send Chris and Penny the related email from Mike Ramsay that has been put on agenda for section head call Monday.

Carol

From: Addison, Christopher ENV:EX
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2009 10:39 AM
To: Foott, Carol ENV:EX; Foxall, Yvonne ENV:EX
Subject: Guide Decs/ e-licensing

Hi Carol and Yvonne. It seems like we have a few fires burning on the e- side of licenses and guide decs etc. It's probably in our best interest to have one branch group rather than several little ones. Carol W. and I have a meeting with Yvonne this afternoon to talk about guide decs and I understand Carol F's group and the policy team are talking about similar things. Can we coordinate?

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The Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia will be raising three issues at the meeting today:

1. **GOABC is asking Ministry of Environment to amend Sections 59 (3) and (7) of the Wildlife Act to allow for 30 year guiding territory certificates.** Currently the Wildlife Act reads:
(3) Subject to a permit issued under section 70 (1) (b), a guiding territory certificate grants to the holder the exclusive control over guiding privileges in the area described in the certificate for the period stated in the certificate, which may not exceed 10 years.

(7) After the 5th anniversary of the date of issue of a guiding territory certificate, the regional manager may issue a new certificate, on application by the holder of the certificate, for a period not exceeding 10 years.

Recommended Response: We are looking into the request of 30 year guiding territory certificates, though this amendment would require deep First Nations consultation.

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2. **GOABC is asking Ministry of Environment to amending Section 55 of the Wildlife Act. "Guide Reports."** Section 55 (c) currently reads: Within 10 days after the hunt is concluded, deliver the original of the completed guide report to the regional manager.
GOABC guides are finding themselves in constant violation, particularly in the North. It is difficult to get this completed guide report out on a plane. They would like more time.

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3. **GOABC is asking for fractional guide areas to be offered for sale again. Scott Ellis explains that since the 2003 Allocation Policy, no fractional guide areas have been sold. GOABC wants to start the sale of these areas.** *There are some P/T outfitters who have areas next to fractional guide areas. If the areas were up for sale, the p/t outfitters could become f/t outfitters. It was said that once the Allocation Policy was completed, these areas would be up for sale again. That hasn't happened.*

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Other items for follow-up:

*How many grizzly bears are shot in the province? Penny to check numbers. GOABC to check numbers.
GOABC claims less than 20 are shot by outfitters.*

**SPEAKING NOTES FOR
THE HONOURABLE BARRY PENNER**
Minister of Environment

AGM – GUIDE OUTFITTERS ASSOCIATION OF BC
Empress Hotel
Crystal Ballroom
Victoria

Thursday, March 26, 2009
12 noon

(Check Against Delivery)

ADVICE FOR THE MINISTER:

Audience: Who are they?

Members of the Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia are licensed professionals who are legally entitled to provide guiding and outfitting services for hunters and anglers as well as a host of other wilderness recreational opportunities - including alpine pack trips, photographic safaris, wildlife viewing, family vacations by horseback and a variety of other wilderness adventures.

Anticipated Size:

There will be approximately 120 people in the audience, including approximately 50 guide outfitters and their spouses, employees, etc.

Speaking Time:

10 to 15 minutes

Speaking Order:

Minister Penner
Minister Bennett

Audience: What do they want to hear?

The provincial government recognizes hunting and fishing are important part of B.C.'s heritage.

The government remains committed to making decisions regarding hunting and fishing based on sound science.

The Province recognizes the important economic contribution guide outfitting makes to communities in B.C., especially rural B.C. This contribution is even more significant in these troubled economic times.

INTRODUCTION

Good afternoon, Ladies and Gentlemen.

Thanks for inviting me to speak at your AGM – it really is a pleasure to join you for your 43rd Annual General Meeting.

For forty-three years your organization has demonstrated your commitment to B.C.'s guide outfitters and to our province's unrivalled hunting and angling opportunities.

Your association and its members play a key role in sharing B.C.'s spectacular natural resources with the world and in keeping them sustainable for future generations.

Your industry has also been willing to work with government to help make important decisions about wildlife management and conservation.

And your contributions to the Habitat Conservation Trust Fund support valuable projects that help to conserve B.C.'s natural resources.

You and your association are to be commended for all of these things.

(PAUSE)

The tradition of hunting and fishing has a long history in British Columbia...long before the Hudson's Bay Company established outposts here in the early 1800s.

Before the Hudson's Bay, of course, First Nations fished the waters and trapped the land for the benefit of their families and communities.

Even today, many guide outfitters are family-run businesses, and many have been passed from one generation to the next.

Yet, the industry has grown over the years to become an important contributor to B.C.'s economy – especially in rural areas.

For example, last year, more than \$XX was spent on XXX alone.

And when it comes to jobs, more than XXX people are directly and indirectly employed through the industry, when you include spinoff businesses such as sporting goods stores, lodges, motels, and the like.

CHANGES TO THE WILDLIFE ACT

The Government of British Columbia wants to ensure the continued economic viability of B.C. guides and outfitters.

We believe we can strike a balance – that B.C. can remain a world leader in environmental management

– while continuing to offer high-quality hunting, angling and wildlife viewing for all.

We know your industry faces challenges...

...But it's our aim that you remain competitive – with regulations compatible to other jurisdictions – so you can continue doing what you've done so well all these years.

So when you told us how we could help you, we listened.

...Which brings me to our Province's newest amendments to B.C.'s *Wildlife Act*.

Amendments to the *Act* will be brought into force on June 15, 2009.

As a result, B.C. guides and outfitters will soon have:

- greater certainty;

- greater flexibility;
- and greater labour mobility.

Because when it comes to British Columbia's world-class fishing, hunting, and wilderness expeditions, second-best just wouldn't be good enough.

And this is especially true as our province welcomes the world in 2010.

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So, what are the new regulation are the new changes? There are a number of changes, but the biggest changes are the following.

The first is that guides and outfitters — whether one a person or a group — will be able to own more than one guiding territory certificate and each certificate can be held by more than one person. This recognises that there may be other partners in a guiding business

who may wish to be co-owners of a Guiding Territory Certificate.

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Second, a qualified guide will be able to obtain a guide outfitter licence to guide in all or any of a designated guiding territory. This means you'll no longer be tied to one area – instead, you can take advantage of hunting and guiding opportunities in different parts of the province.

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Third, (?)~~Second,~~ amendments to the Act reduce the amount of time guide outfitters must be physically present in their guiding area...

This means you'll have greater business flexibility, for example given the changes in new technologies which allows guides to be in constant contact with assistant guides, this changes allows you to take care of your unique business demands and to supervise hunts in more than one territory at a time.

And the third change concerns assistant guides guide qualifications, aligning B.C. with other jurisdictions.

~~We're doing away with the requirement for assistant guides to have held licenses for 24 months and to have actively guided during that time.~~ We've done away with the requirement that assistant guides actively guide and hold licences for 24 months in order to qualify for a guide outfitter licence.

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~~This means that beginning in June, certified guides from other Canadian jurisdictions will be able to operate in B.C.~~

This change is in keeping with the Agreement on Internal Trade, which Canada's premiers agreed to in 2008.

It levels the playing field across Canada – and removes barriers to employment in B.C.

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As most of you know, these three changes for guides and outfitters have been in the works for some time.

And I'm especially proud of Ministry of Environment staff for all their work on this legislation.

Do we expect these changes to solve everything for your association? Of course not.

But I believe they go a long way in recognizing the strong value of your industry while continuing to maintain science-based conservation of B.C.'s exceptional resources.

CONCLUSION

Hunting and fishing are an important part of B.C.'s heritage, and we yet we also have a precious environmental legacy to preserve.

Government has been able to cover a lot of ground over the past few years – in terms of keeping both of these goals intact.

We rely on the ongoing work and partnership of associations like the Guide Outfitters Association of BC to continue our work.

The Premier made a commitment that B.C. will lead the world in sustainable environmental management, with the best air and water quality, and the best fisheries management.

As we work together, we can also help to make guide outfitting in British Columbia a model for the rest of the world to follow.

Thank you.

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