


FW: 239867: IN for MDD RE Tsilhqo'in Nation Government

Monday, October 15, 2018
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Subject	FW: 239867: IN for MDD RE Tsilhqo'in Nation Government
From	Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
To	Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent	Tuesday, June 5, 2018 3:37 PM
Attachments	 239867 N_TNG col...

Minister,

IN for your review and approval. In SharePoint [here](#) too.

Sandra

**MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL
DEVELOPMENT
INFORMATION NOTE**

Date: May 31, 2018
File: 280-20
X-Ref: 239296
CLIFF: 239867

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural
Resource Operations and Rural Development

ISSUE: Next steps for collaborative relationship building with the Tsilhqot'in National Government
(TNG)

BACKGROUND:

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Reviewed by	Initials	Date
DM	TS	May 31, 2018
DMO	AN	May 31, 2018
ADM	TE	May 31, 2018
Director	JP	May 31, 2018

APPENDIX 1: Summary of moose related commitments included in the Nenqay Deni Accord

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Signature: MO - s.12;s.13

(Due June 13)

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Subject	Signature: MO -s.12;s.13
From	Munroe, Ryan FLNR:EX
To	Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Cc	Eckardt, Dana R FLNR:EX; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Sent	Wednesday, June 6, 2018 11:40 AM

Hi Sandra,

I've uploaded another MO to SharePoint for MDD review/signature.

This MO makes regulatory amendments s.12;s.13

[Please click here for the SharePoint link.](#)

May I please have the minister's signature by Wednesday, June 13?

Thank you,

Ryan Munroe

A/ Coordinator | Legislation and Litigation | Corporate Initiatives
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
Phone: 250 387-8424

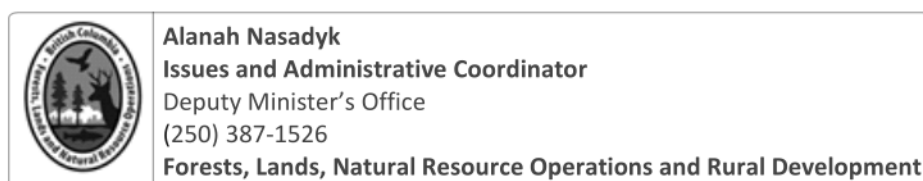
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Monday, October 15, 2018
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Subject	FW: **Time Dependent** Follow up on Status - re: 239296: Moose hunting decisions in the North Chilcotin
From	Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
To	Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, June 7, 2018 12:57 PM

Hi Sandra,
Please send this signed note as soon as possible.

Thank you,



From: McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 7, 2018 11:52 AM
To: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
Subject: **Time Dependent** Follow up on Status - re: 239296: Moose hunting decisions in the North Chilcotin
Importance: High








Hi Alanah,
Apparently the Minister has signed off on this note. Jen was speaking to Kenn in the MO about this today.
Can you please follow up with them and send us the signed version as soon as possible as this is time sensitive. This is dependent on running the Limited Entry Hunting draw. We need to know what his preferred option is.

Thank you.


Diana McNeill
Office Manager
Wildlife and Habitat Branch
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations
and Rural Development
Phone 778-698-9169

June 8th Meetings

Monday, October 15, 2018
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Subject	June 8th Meetings
From	Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To	Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Cc	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, June 7, 2018 1:54 PM
Attachments	<div><div></div><div>1130am Appendix ...</div></div> <div><div></div><div>10AM 1. Wildlife Ac...</div></div> <div><div></div><div>10AM Appendix ...</div></div> <div><div></div><div>10AM Appendix ...</div></div> <div><div></div><div>10AM Appendix ...</div></div> <div><div></div><div>1130am 20180606...</div></div> <div><div></div><div>1130am 20180606...</div></div>

Hi Minister,
Materials attached for meetings tomorrow morning.



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Honourable Doug Donaldson
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Subject	Fwd: Media Release: T̓silhqot̓in Nation Responds to Harmful Provincial Moose Harvest Allocation
From	Bain, Don PREM:EX
To	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Wednesday, June 27, 2018 9:20 AM
Attachments	 2018_06_27 _LEHDecisi...  ATT00001

----- Original message -----

From: Myanna Desaulniers <Myanna@tsilhqotin.ca>
Date: 2018-06-27 7:48 AM (GMT-08:00)
To: Myanna Desaulniers <Myanna@tsilhqotin.ca>
Subject: Media Release: T̓silhqot̓in Nation Responds to Harmful Provincial Moose Harvest Allocation
June 27, 2018

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From	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
To	Bain, Don PREM:EX
Cc	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Wednesday, June 27, 2018 10:26 AM

Let me know when you are available for a call on this subject.

From: Bain, Don PREM:EX

Sent: June 27, 2018 9:20 AM

To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>

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From	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
To	Bain, Don PREM:EX
Cc	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Wednesday, June 27, 2018 9:32 AM

Thanks Don;
Not completely unexpected.
Kenn

Kenn McLaren
Ministerial Assistant
Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Rural Development
Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca | c-250-893-7231

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 27, 2018, at 9:20 AM, Bain, Don PREM:EX <Don.Bain@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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FW: Dec rationale

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Subject	FW: Dec rationale
From	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
To	Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, July 12, 2018 11:00 AM
Attachments	 Reason for decision_c...

Tim Renneberg
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-----Original Message-----

From: Eckardt, Dana R FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 10:34 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Tackaberry, Emily FLNR:EX <Emily.Tackaberry@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Dec rationale

Tim -

Here is the Director rationale on TNG Moose. Can you share with Minister?

Let me know if you need anything else.

d.

-----Original Message-----

From: Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 10:00 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Cc: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX; Eckardt, Dana R FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Dec rationale

Tim, you were looking for this document.

-----Original Message-----

From: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 11, 2018 9:42 AM
To: Wenham, Logan FLNR:EX; Psyllakis, Jennifer FLNR:EX; Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX
Subject: Dec rationale

Tim is looking for JP's decision rationale on TNG Moose. Brenda could you retrieve this and send to him ASAP. Thx

Sent from my iPhone

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From	Bain, Don PREM:EX
To	Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX; Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, July 12, 2018 8:35 AM

From: Jay Nelson [<mailto:jay@jaynelsonlaw.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 8:09 AM
To: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Subject: Fwd: [TNG] Information Bulletin: Moose Management

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From	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
To	Sheldan, Tim FLNR:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, July 12, 2018 1:17 PM

Suggested response (attributable to the ministry) for review:

Reporter

Monica Lamb-Yorski, Reporter
Williams Lake Tribune
news@wltribune.com
250-392-2331

Deadline Thursday, July 12, 2018 1:00 PM

Request

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Subject	RE: Information Bulletin: Moose Management
From	Bain, Don PREM:EX
To	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, July 12, 2018 4:07 PM

Hi Tim,

I have a call in for Jay. I believe he will call me later today. I will call you tomorrow morning to loop you in.

Don

From: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 1:04 PM
To: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Subject: RE: Information Bulletin: Moose Management

Are you speaking with them today? I saw the note from Geoff suggesting you might have a call. If so, I'd be curious to know what their strategy is on this.

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From: Bain, Don PREM:EX
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Subject: FW: Information Bulletin: Moose Management

From: Jay Nelson [<mailto:jay@jaynelsonlaw.com>]
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 8:09 AM
To: Bain, Don PREM:EX
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From	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
To	Bain, Don PREM:EX
Sent	Thursday, July 12, 2018 4:16 PM

Thanks. Appreciate that.

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From: Bain, Don PREM:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 4:08 PM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Information Bulletin: Moose Management

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From	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
To	Bain, Don PREM:EX
Sent	Thursday, July 12, 2018 1:03 PM

Are you speaking with them today? I saw the note from Geoff suggesting you might have a call. If so, I'd be curious to know what their strategy is on this.

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From	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
To	Sheldan, Tim FLNR:EX
Cc	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, July 12, 2018 1:21 PM

Yes.

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To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
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Subject: Re: URGENT: Media Request: Williams Lake Tribune - Chilcotin moose LEH allocations

Agree with response. Is Tom aware of this approach? He was asking me a half hour ago or so.

Sent from Tim Sheldan's iPhone

On Jul 12, 2018, at 1:17 PM, Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Suggested response (attributable to the ministry) for review:

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Williams Lake Tribune
news@wltribune.com
250-392-2331

Deadline Thursday, July 12, 2018 1:00 PM

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From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 1:18 PM
To: Sheldon, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Sheldon@gov.bc.ca>; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: URGENT: Media Request: Williams Lake Tribune - Chilcotin moose LEH allocations
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Sent: Thursday, July 12, 2018 1:24 PM
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Monday, October 15, 2018
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From	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
To	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Sheldan, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, July 12, 2018 1:28 PM

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Sent	Thursday, July 12, 2018 1:21 PM

Agree with response. Is Tom aware of this approach? He was asking me a half hour ago or so.

Sent from Tim Sheldan's iPhone

On Jul 12, 2018, at 1:17 PM, Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX <Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

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To	Bain, Don PREM:EX
Sent	Monday, July 16, 2018 10:42 AM

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From	Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To	'jay@jaynelsonlaw.com'
Sent	Monday, July 16, 2018 12:00 PM

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Much appreciated,

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To	Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
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Sent	Monday, July 16, 2018 12:04 PM

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To	Bain, Don PREM:EX
Cc	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Monday, July 16, 2018 2:01 PM

Hello Don,

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Conference call details

1-877-353-9184

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Lisa

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX

Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 10:42 AM

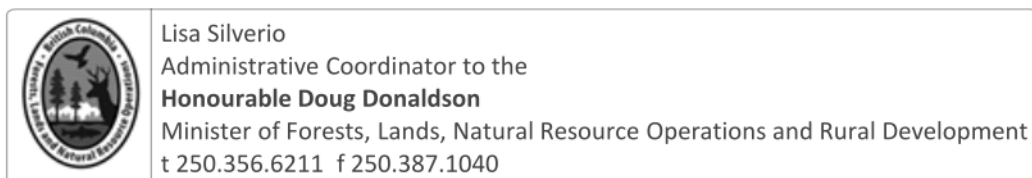
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To	Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
Cc	Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Sent	Monday, July 16, 2018 1:58 PM

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Please advise which staff will participate on call.

Kenn- pls advise if there are particular items you need highlighted in the BN that staff will prepare.

From: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 1:19 PM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Cc: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
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From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
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Sent	Monday, July 16, 2018 2:25 PM

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To	Bain, Don PREM:EX
Sent	Monday, July 16, 2018 3:37 PM

Hi Don,

I typically do not send calendar invites for MDD.

From: Bain, Don PREM:EX

Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 3:33 PM

To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX

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Is there a calendar invite?

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From	Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To	Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
Sent	Tuesday, July 17, 2018 10:00 AM

thx

From: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 9:07 AM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Tsilhqot'in Nation - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson

Thank you Lisa.

Tom Ethier, Mike Pedersen, and Jennifer Psyllakis will all call in to the pre-brief and meeting.

From: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 2:17 PM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Tsilhqot'in Nation - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson

We will need ½ hour call with Rick Manwaring and his staff re this before talking to the Tshilqot'in Chiefs.

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Sent: July 16, 2018 1:58 PM
To: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX <Alanah.Nasadyk@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Tsilhqot'in Nation - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson

Hi Alanah,
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Please advise which staff will participate on call.

Kenn- pls advise if there are particular items you need highlighted in the BN that staff will prepare.

From: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 1:19 PM
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Cc: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Tsilhqot'in Nation - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson

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From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 12:05 PM
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Cc: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX

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Hi,

Can you please log this and provide Alanah and I with cliff #.

Alanah- Looking at setting up a call on July 19th at 3pm and will need staff and materials.

Thank you,

Lisa

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To	Higgins, Keira PREM:EX
Sent	Monday, July 16, 2018 10:41 AM

Apologies, I will email him directly. Thx

From: Higgins, Keira PREM:EX

Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 10:41 AM

To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX

Subject: RE: Tsilhqot'in Nation - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson

Hi Lisa,

Sorry I do not schedule for Don. My understanding is he does his own scheduling.

Thanks,

Keira Higgins, Executive Administrative Coordinator

Office of the Premier, Deputy Minister

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From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX

Sent: Monday, July 16, 2018 10:40 AM

To: Higgins, Keira PREM:EX

Subject: FW: Tsilhqot'in Nation - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson

Morning Keira,

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To	Helen Nemeth
Sent	Tuesday, July 17, 2018 2:58 PM



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Hi Lisa, yes, that is the plan. But we do understand that both Chiefs and Ministers get waylaid ... LOL

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Sent: July 17, 2018 2:57 PM

To: Helen Nemeth

Subject: RE: Tsilhqot'in Nation - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson

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Lisa

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My email address is hnemeth@tsilhqotin.ca

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Thanks Lisa. I'm connecting you by email with Helen Nemeth, the Team Manager for the TNG Negotiations Office. Helen will be the best person to contact if there are any logistical changes on the day of the call — I'll be on a flight until shortly before the scheduled time.

Helen, please send Lisa your contacts as well as a land line she can reach you at if you and Chief Russ are out in one of the communities that day.

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Subject: Re: Tsilhqot'in Nation - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson

Thanks Lisa. I'm connecting you by email with Helen Nemeth, the Team Manager for the TNG Negotiations Office. Helen will be the best person to contact if there are any logistical changes on the day of the call — I'll be on a flight until shortly before the scheduled time.

Helen, please send Lisa your contacts as well as a land line she can reach you at if you and Chief Russ are out in one of the communities that day.

Thanks again,

J.

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Subject: RE: Tsilhqot'in Nation - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson

Thank you for confirming, call details as follows.

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Lisa

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Hello Lisa, I can confirm that time works for a call with Chief Russell Myers Ross. Please do forward the call-in details.

Much appreciated,

J.

On Jul 16, 2018, at 11:59 AM, Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello Mr. Nelson,
Minister Donaldson is available for a phone call at 3pm on July 19th. Please advise if the timing

will work within everyone's schedule and I will forward along conference call details.
Much appreciated,

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Fw: Staff and Materials Request - Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson July 19th

Monday, October 15, 2018
2:04 PM

Subject	Fw: Staff and Materials Request - Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson July 19th
From	Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX
To	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Cc	Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX; Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
Sent	Wednesday, July 18, 2018 5:22 PM
Attachments	 240823 IN_Moose ...  240823_App endix1_Re...  240823_App endix2_Su...

Hello Tim and Kenn,

I've been asked to forward you the material for Minister's meeting tomorrow regarding the Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH.

Due to tight turnaround the DM hasn't been able to review yet, so I was asked to forward to you directly.

Brenda Larkin

From: Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
Cc: McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Staff and Materials Request - Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson July 19th

Hi Alanah,
Attached is the material for the meeting. Please note that the cliff log 240747 was never referred to me and I didn't notice. So branch created a new log 240823.
The attached material is embedded into the log and attached here.
Please advise when DMO has reviewed and if there are any changes.

I have a request from the MO for staff and materials for the following meeting:

Materials and/or Staff Support Request for Minister's Meeting	
Meeting Date:	July 19 th
Meeting Time:	Meeting 3 - 4 pm Pre-brief 11:30 am – 12 pm

Participants:	MDD Chief Russel Myers Ross (Tsilhqot'in First Nation)
Regarding:	<i>Chief Russell Myers Ross, the Vice-Chair for the Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG) requested his call regarding concerns about the moose LEH allocations for their territory. On July 10th, a Leadership Summit was convened at Tl'esqox to address the dire state of the moose population in the Tsilhqot'in Territory. Leadership, by consensus, directed the Council of Chiefs to enact an emergency Tsilhqot'in law to protect moose populations and ban Limited Entry Hunts (LEH) in the territory, effectively restricting all non-First Nation hunters from hunting moose. A draft law was reviewed and approved for final consideration by the Tsilhqot'in Council of Chiefs with enactment in the near future. Leadership also directed for a review of legal options to be completed to address the serious impact that provincial management of moose is having on Tsilhqot'in Aboriginal rights. (original request below)</i>
Materials?	Yes
Staff Support?	Yes
Location:	Conference call details 1-877-353-9184 s.17
Dial-in Details:	TBC
Due to DMO	by July 17th
Cliff #	240747

Please confirm with me that South Area staff will attend and provide materials.
Kind regards,

	Alanah Nasadyk Issues and Administrative Coordinator Deputy Minister's Office (250) 387-1526 Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
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**MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
INFORMATION NOTE**

Date: July 17, 2018
File: 280-20
CLIFF: 240823

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

ISSUE: Reports of Tsilhqot'in National Government intentions to unilaterally close the Chilcotin moose hunt for Fall 2018

BACKGROUND:

Following an Emergency Leaders' Summit held on July 10, 2018, Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG) representatives announced via media that they intended the following actions with respect to licensed Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) for moose in their traditional territory:

- The launching of a legal challenge against the Province focusing on the Province's authority to make licensed hunting decisions in the area.
- Enforcing a ban on LEH hunting in their territory in Fall 2018.

In addition, the TNG were close to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Conservation Officer Service to apply a "bull only" harvest to its members but have now put this MOU on hold. This MOU is generally referenced in the Director's additional 10% reduction in certain LEH zones, although the specific agreement has not been referenced outside of TNG-BC discussions. One of the six Tsilhqot'in Communities (?Esdilagh) had a longer history working on a cow-only MOU and has indicated they will proceed with it regardless of the broader TNG decision.

TNG actions stem principally from the decision by the Director of Wildlife and Habitat with respect to quota and LEH authorizations for the Cariboo region moose hunt. This decision was made following engagement with the TNG in keeping with the principles of the Nenqay Deni Accord ("the Accord"). Engagement also occurred with the Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance and the Northern Secwepemc First Nations. Given commitments in the Accord, the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and heightened First Nations' concerns in the wake of the Chilcotin fires, intensive collaborative efforts were undertaken over the past six months. These efforts did not achieve consensus. A detailed Decision Rationale is appended (Appendix 1).

Northern Secwepemc First Nations supported Provincial wildlife staff's recommendations for a reduction in moose harvest in MUs 5-01, 5-02B and 5-02C as a result of non-fire related bull-to-cow ratios that are below management targets. Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance did not provide significant input on Provincial management options.

Updated quota information have been provided to guides, final LEH decisions have been made and the resident hunter draw has been run. BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) has raised significant concern about loss of opportunity and exclusion from deliberation between the two governments.

DISCUSSION:

The TNG maintain that only a full two-year closure of both the North and South Chilcotin is truly collaborative and noted that anything less could jeopardize collaborative efforts in the region. They have indicated previously they do not believe the Province has the legal authority to make moose hunting decisions within their traditional territory. A recent submission from the TNG on their proposed “Sustenance Hunting Policy” provides additional context, with Article E citing the purpose of the policy document as to *“be utilized until such time the Tsilhqot’in take full control of management and legislation for wildlife”*.

The Tsilhqot’in decision did result in a declaration of Aboriginal title for a small portion of the Tsilhqot’in traditional territory. Since that decision was rendered in 2014, there has been no LEH hunting within the Tsilhqot’in title area. This includes a small number of LEH moose hunts which overlap the title area. In those cases, hunters winning an LEH are advised to hunt in the portion of the LEH outside of the title area only.

The Province has pursued collaboration on the land base both from a moose-specific viewpoint and a broader habitat management approach. Joint initiative to establish and sustain collaborative decision making through the Fish and Wildlife Panel, established under the Tsilhqot’in Stewardship Agreement and enhanced under the Accord have functioned relatively well, despite the lack of a final Terms of Reference (TOR) document to govern how the panel should report to its respective governments. The draft TOR has been with the TNG for their comment for over a year.

As part of the signing of the Accord in 2016, a Letter of Intent (LOI) was signed between the Province and the TNG. A section of this document, entitled “Immediate Measures for Moose Recovery” includes commitments made by the Province and the TNG with respect to moose management in the Chilcotin.

Highlights of actions taken by the Province as a result of the LOI included:

- closure of the September 10 to 30 moose hunt in a series of management units in the Chilcotin for 2016;
- reduction of the overall licensed moose harvest in that area by approximately 33%;
- support for compulsory inspection for moose in the area for 2016; and
- creating strategic policy direction through engagement with the TNG by ensuring joint recommendations of a Fish and Wildlife Panel are fully considered by decision makers.

Highlights of commitments of the TNG included a development of a First Nations Sustenance Hunting Policy that includes actions to reduce reliance on cow moose and governance of community wildlife harvesting practice (e.g., wildlife harvest reporting, the use of ATVs and the harvest of antlerless moose). To support the development of this Policy, the Province provided \$170,000 to the TNG. A draft policy has been received, but it fails to address all core deliverables (e.g., wildlife harvest reporting is not mentioned). Another \$200,000 was provided to assist the TNG in support of a Moose Management Plan developed with the Province. The Moose Management Plan in its current form is only a set of identified map locations relating to access but does not on its own provide a detailed access management strategy nor a plan on achieving target moose populations.

The TNG also committed to the provision of moose harvest needs of their communities, a hunter harvest protocol and community engagement around the protocol. These actions were linked directly to the future of the September 10 to 30 moose closures noted above. Although these TNG deliverables have not been fully met, the Province agreed to keep the September season closed

in 2017 and again in 2018. The issue of First Nations' harvest data remains an unresolved and contentious issue in Tsilhqot'in communities.

Staff have reviewed the engagement process leading to the decision on the moose LEH and confirmed that it followed the process spelled out in the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement and consistent with the Accord. The Province also fulfilled post-decision responsibilities by providing notification and a rationale document.

Under the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement there is a section 9.0 Dispute Resolution that applies to disputes arising out of the implementation or interpretation of the agreement. This process has not been enacted by the TNG in their actions above, who instead have suggested they intend to proceed straight to legal review. If this matter is taken to the courts the Province will need to determine if we would want to enact the termination clause in section 11.5 of the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement: *"If the TNG, the Tsilhqot'in Nation or a Member Community chooses to bring a legal or administrative proceeding against British Columbia for inadequate consultation related to a provincial decision or action covered by this Agreement, that is a proceeding other than for a breach of this Agreement, such a proceeding may be grounds for terminating this Agreement."*

Additional detail on collaborative efforts with the TNG, including potential future actions discussed at a July 9, 2018 meeting between the Director of Wildlife and Habitat, regional staff from FLNR and MIRR is provided in Appendix 2. Outreach to BCWF and other non-indigenous partners is required.

NEXT STEPS

The upcoming meeting is an opportunity to reiterate some of the actions taken to date with respect to collaboration, and appeal to the TNG leadership to return to the table and continue to discuss moose management under the agreed-to processes laid out in the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement and the Accord. Recovery of moose populations to satisfactory levels will require many actions and sufficient time. To date there have been significant challenges in moving forward, with obstacles including a lack of clarity around process making it hard to advance shared decision making.

Table negotiators have suggested offering an independent mediator to review collaborative engagement processes and to assess how to improve these processes in the future. Getting clarity on process and a shared understanding of collaboration and goal-setting may help provide the foundation for improved results in future.

There is also a moose fact sheet released annually that can be updated for 2018 to demonstrate broader moose enhancement initiatives.

Attachment(s): **Appendix 1:** Reason for decision (w/prologue summary letter)
 Appendix 2: Summary of actions

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Director	JP	July 18, 2018
Assoc. Director	MB	July 18, 2018
Author	LW	July 17, 2018

APPENDIX 1

Summary of decision from approved letters to Guide Outfitters (for full Decision Rationale see full text below)

After considerable deliberation, I have determined the following:

- Hunt zones with below target bull-to-cow ratios will have their licensed bull moose harvest reduced by 50%. These zones are: 5-01, 5-02B, 5-02C, 5-13A, 5-13B, 5-14. This reduction is intended to allow for recovery of healthy bull-to-cow ratios and follows a similar approach employed successfully in 1995 and 1996 and is aligned with guidance in the Provincial Framework for Moose Management.
- An additional 10% reduction to licensed bull moose harvest in hunt zones 5-03, 5-04, 5-05, 5-12A, 5-13A and 5-14 in expectation of additional pressure on bull harvest from First Nations' harvesters in those zones.
- A precautionary adjustment to LEH success rates of between 5 to 20% in areas impacted heavily by wildfire to take into account increased sightlines and access opportunity for hunters. This adjustment will be applied to 5-13A, 5-13C and 5-14 and will be re-evaluated after 2018 data has been assessed.
- All other zones in the Cariboo Region will be unchanged and will continue to be assessed based on pre-existing 2017-2021 notional allocation decisions.

In making this decision, I was guided by moose population objectives, scientific review, the Provincial Framework for Moose Management, as well as consultation and collaboration with local First Nations and stakeholders as noted above.

Harvest decisions are only one factor in the overall management of moose populations. I wish to re-iterate at this time that the Province remains committed to addressing habitat and access issues, climate change impacts, and interactions with other wildlife in a manner that supports achieving the population objectives.

Jennifer Psyllakis
Director, Wildlife and Habitat

Reason for decision: Moose quota and LEH in the Cariboo Region, 2018

Authority for decision

This decision rationale focuses on 2018 moose hunting in the Cariboo Region. Wildfire in 2017, winter survey information, collaboration and engagement with First Nations and information from stakeholders required that the limited entry hunting (LEH) authorizations and quota decisions based on Allocation decisions for the 2017-2021 period be examined closely.

Section 7 and section 8 of the Limited Entry Hunt Regulation provides authority for the Director of Wildlife to determine the number of LEH authorizations to be granted with respect to an LEH open season, within a minimum and maximum range established through regulation. In making such determination, the Director must consider the following criteria: (a) the recommended numbers approved and submitted by regional managers, (b) data on population dynamics of the species in the area subject to LEH open season, and (c) hunter success rates.

Section 60 of the *Wildlife Act* provides the Regional Manager the authority to attach a quota as a condition to a guide outfitter licence. Under the Act, a quota represents the total number of a game species that the clients of a guide outfitter may kill in the guide outfitter's guiding area (or part of it). Under the Limited Entry Hunt Regulation, a guide outfitter that has been assigned quota for a particular species may guide clients during an open season in which an LEH authorization is required to hunt that species. As the Director, Wildlife and Habitat, Section 100 of the *Wildlife Act* provides me the entire statutory decision making powers of a Regional Manager, including those listed under section 60 of the Act. 2018 is the first year the Director is exclusively exercising the power to make these quota decisions, as part of the Province's initiative to centralize all quota decisions and LEH decisions with a single decision maker.

The Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development holds the authority to make regulations for LEH (*Wildlife Act*, section 16) and has been delegated authority to establish or discontinue open seasons (close a hunt; *Wildlife Act* section 108). It is not within my statutory authority to close a hunt; however, it is within my authority to (i) when determining the number of LEH authorizations to be granted for an LEH open season, choose the absolute minimum amount from the minimum and maximum range established through regulation (subject to the criteria which I am required to consider in making such determination); and (ii) not issue quota to any guide outfitter operating within an LEH zone. I have considered requests to completely close the hunt within this context only.

Policies and Procedures

The scope of consideration under both section 60 (*Wildlife Act*) and section 8 (Limited Entry Hunt Regulation) is broad, and guidance is provided by several provincial policies and procedures (e.g., Allocation Policy (2015), Administrative Guidelines (2007), Game Harvest Management Policy and Procedure (2010), LEH Policy and Procedure (2016), Control of Species Policy (2006), Moose Harvest Procedure (2010)). Further, within the Cariboo region there are specific government-to-government agreements with Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG) with supporting documents (e.g., Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement; Nenqay Deni Accord and supporting Letter of Intent and Letter of Intent Addendum (2015); Letter of Commitment (2017)). In addition, the Government has committed to implement the principles of the United Nations Declaration of Rights for Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP).

Guidance in the Provincial Moose Management Framework and Grey Wolf Management Plan also provides reference points for management options.

Annual Allowable Harvest (AAH) is the number of animals of a species in a specific area of land that may be harvested in a year by licensed hunters. The AAH is a derivative of several population assessments that first considers conservation and sustainability of the species requirements and secondly the needs of First Nations rights for food, social and ceremonial purposes. Only after these two assessments have been applied is there consideration to the AAH for residents and guided (non-resident and non-resident alien) hunters (Allocation Policy).

Considerations

Specific priorities and objectives I have considered include:

1. Conservation: The foremost priority of managing any wildlife species is to ensure that any harvest does not have an unsustainable impact on the population.
2. First Nations' Rights and Interests: Section 35 of the *Constitution Act, 1982* recognizes and affirms existing Aboriginal and treaty rights of indigenous peoples in Canada. Moose is a highly valued species which is relied on for food for all local Indigenous communities including the Tsilhqot'in, the Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance and the Northern Secwepemc te Qelmuw.
3. Population targets: By agreement between the Province and TNG, the current objective for moose populations is to recovery numbers to 13,193 for the North Chilcotin Game Management Zone (5C) and 4,900 for the South Chilcotin Game Management Zone (5D); or approximately the population estimates from 2009.
4. Population compositions: The Moose Harvest Management Procedure (4.7.01.07.3) notes that bull:cow ratios should not be below 30 bulls:100 cows, or 50 bulls:100 cows where there are low density moose populations (< 200/1000 km² of fall range).
5. Allocation splits between licensed hunters: The Government's February 2015 announcement set the allocation of licensed harvest for the Cariboo at 75% resident/25% guided (non-residents and non-resident aliens). The Provincial Government has reaffirmed they continue to support these splits and therefore informed my considerations.

1. Conservation Considerations

Population management

Harvest must not be a significant impact to population status. Natural variation in populations is expected, therefore, modest harvest rates are most often applied (the exception is in those situations where a population is over its objective and conflicts are resulting). Further, because moose populations are strongly regulated by cow and calf survival the licenced bull-only harvest helps ensure that harvest is not the driving factor in population fluctuations, even when there is uncertainty in harvest rates.

According to the Provincial Framework for Moose Management in BC (2015) the average maximum licensed harvest rate of 5% is generally sustainable with the highest estimate at 9%. These estimates do not take into consideration natural mortality, First Nations harvest or poaching. The current licenced harvest rates are estimated at 2.7% in the North Chilcotin and 2.5% in the South Chilcotin. With estimates of First Nations harvest derived from best available information and information provided directly by First Nations at the time of the Allocation decision, those percentages increase to 9.2% (North) and 10.8% (South). Therefore it is reasonable to infer that licensed harvest is not driving declines to populations as it represents a relatively small proportion of human harvest which is limited to bulls only.

Although the status of moose provincially are considered secure, population trends are declining in many areas of the province. In the Cariboo Region specifically, populations are at lows relative to a recent peak in population in 2009. Factors contributing to declines are being assessed, which I considered. I also note

that 2017 and 2018 surveys in 5-03 and 5-04B suggest that the South Chilcotin moose population is increasing, with bull to cow ratios well above minimum targets.

Landscape Impacts

My decision cannot direct or require landscape measures, as I am only empowered under the *Wildlife Act* to rule on matters related to the licensed harvest. However, in making my decision, I am mindful that landscape issues form an important backdrop to the discussion as they ultimately impact moose recruitment and survival and the ability of the Province to achieve 2009 population targets.

With respect to road and access issues, the Province is working with First Nations to address these concerns. It was apparent in reviewing the joint submission from the Fish and Wildlife Panel¹ that differing perspectives persist. I do note that there is a commitment to identify and deactivate 3-5 road areas between now and September 1, 2018. While this is a positive development, this work does not weigh heavily on my decision because it has yet to occur, and is limited in scope. Similarly, the objectives for wildfire recovery and forest / habitat enhancement are not confirmed and areas have not been prioritized. I understand that these efforts are also underway, but do not inform my considerations at this time.

The landscape impacts may also be contributing to improved success of predator populations. First Nations and stakeholders have both indicated they would support increased predator management. Predator-prey dynamics are an important part of natural systems and current predator response and control programs are implemented only when there is a direct threat to livestock and species at risk. Further, predator management systems are complex and usually need to be intensive to be successful. That said, I am in agreement with the recommendations that further assessment and work-planning needs to be considered to determine if a predator management approach is a viable part of the overall objective to recover moose populations. I limit my consideration of predator-dynamics in the context of how licenced harvest contributes to the natural mortality rates including that from predators.

Wildfire Impacts

Wildfire can cause direct mortality of wildlife². The long-term impact of wildfires is typically positive due to resulting increases in forage. Recovery can be expected within a short timeframe, but can vary greatly depending on fire intensity, which is still being determined. Generally, the area affected by wildfire had a mosaic of varying burn impacts, but areas of high quality moose habitat (wetlands, deciduous patches) were generally less severely burnt compared to areas of low quality moose habitat.

Population surveys were undertaken during winter early in 2018 with an objective to monitor moose populations and identify impacts from wildfire. Population estimates were relatively unchanged (sighted slightly more moose in LEH zone 5-13A, the zone with the most extensive burn area than from previous surveys).

I considered the responses of other jurisdictions and completed a scan of management responses undertaken in several states recently impacted by wildfire (Idaho, California, Montana) which revealed that these jurisdictions did not close hunting seasons as a result of wildfire, except where fire activity

¹ The Fish & Wildlife Panel was identified as a body to support the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement and later the Nenqay Deni Accord and is co-chaired by the Province and Tsilhqot'in National Government.

² Aerial surveys did not report any fire-related direct moose mortality; however, ground crews reported two dead moose. No mortality investigations were conducted, but the moose were reported unburned and may have died from smoke inhalation.

resulted in concerns for human safety. In Idaho, access closures have been used to address excess hunter density following wildfire.

Both the TNG and provincial representatives expressed concerns that increased sightability (lack of secure forest cover, longer sightlines) and access (roads and fire guards) following wildfire could increase hunter success rates. Moose may be more susceptible to hunters (and predators), but there is no research available to quantify what may be expected. Ordinarily, success rate fluctuations are managed on a three-year rotational basis, where the prior three years' success informs the success applied to the AAH in the current year to determine the number of LEH authorizations issued (LEH procedure).

However, given the uncertainty, I considered the approach proposed by Provincial biologists to reduce harvest levels to account for potential increases in success in advance of the hunting season and the assessment of a 5-20% reduction based on the amount of moose habitat within the 2017 fire perimeter to incorporate this potential increased vulnerability. I note that the recommendation was to make this reduction cumulative to other reductions undertaken to recover bull to cow ratios. I also considered TNG proposals of a two year licenced hunt closure, reducing harvest levels in absolute terms based on the percentage of moose habitat burned in the MU, or that LEH Zones 5-03 and 5-04B, which were impacted by wildfire, be closed in particular. Provincial representatives note that wildfire impacts to identified moose habitat within these areas is relatively small (see Table 1).

Table 1. Summary of wildfire overlap within LEH zones and suitable moose habitat within those zones.

LEH Zone	% Fire overlap	% moose habitat overlapped by wildfires*
5-13A	59%	68%
5-13C	39%	39%
5-14	32%	25%
5-04B/C	15%	12%
5-03	10%	9%
5-12A	7%	6%
5-13B	3%	3%

*Note: Moose habitat is estimated from cumulative effects model assessment. Not all area within the fire perimeters would have burnt, and severity of burnt areas would vary.

2. *First Nations' Rights, Title and Interests*

There are several First Nations groups with asserted and proven Aboriginal rights and title claims in the Cariboo region that may be affected by my decision. The Tsilhqot'in Nation is comprised of six communities that are represented by the Tsilhqot'in National Government. The Tsilhqot'in Nation have proven Aboriginal rights in an area frequently identified as the Claim Area and proven Aboriginal title within an area affirmed by the Supreme Court of Canada in its June 26, 2014 decision.

The rest of the Cariboo region is subject to asserted Aboriginal rights and title claims of the Tsilhqot'in Nation, the members of the Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance and the members of the Northern Secwepemc te Qelmucw.

1,100 total moose were identified as harvested on an annual basis as part of the modelling work used to inform setting the 2017-21 allocation across the four Game Management Zones. This number is set aside for First Nations to address food, social and ceremonial rights prior to the consideration of licenced harvest. This represents approximately 60% of all potential calculated harvest based on population estimates for that allocation calculation. TNG submissions provide that despite the number of moose considered for calculation purposes, their community members are not successful in achieving their needs. Direct harvest information or community shortfall have not been provided, so although I acknowledge that there may be factors affecting community members from meeting their needs, I conclude that from a biological perspective, there is an available harvest that may be considered for licenced hunters.

I am also mindful of the Province's commitment to work collaboratively with the TNG in Chilcotin moose recovery and the very high value of moose to the Tsilhqot'in communities. The 2016 Nenqay Deni Accord is an effort to move beyond a long history of conflict, and to chart a new and better future with the Tsilhqot'in people as true partners in the social, political and economic life of British Columbia, for the benefit of all. BC has expressed the need to hear more from the TNG regarding details for issues raised (for example, around community moose harvest reporting, areas of interest related to landscape planning) to support collaborative decision-making. I note the collaborative wildlife work in the region to date includes:

- Collaborative forum for discussions the Fish and Wildlife Panel provides, including ongoing work planning and implementation of the Chilcotin Moose Recovery Plan.
- Tsilhqot'in community observers participating in moose and other wildlife surveys.
- Community initiatives with an interest to sign binding MOUs for community initiatives between the Conservation Officer Service and the 'Esdilagh and Xeni Gwet'in and possibly other communities in similar initiatives around increased reliance on a bull-only harvest.
- Previously agreed commitments through the 2016 Letter of Intent Addendum and Strategic Forestry Agreement Funding. These agreements support the development of a Tsilhqot'in Nation Sustenance Harvest Policy, Moose Management Plan and an Access Management Project and are tied to previous Provincial decisions noted above related the reduced LEH harvest and September hunt closures.
- Cumulative Effects Project (led by three Tsilhqot'in communities, and BC).
- Review and update of the South Chilcotin Stewardship Plan.

Collaboration implies that both parties to the Accord attempt to find consensus and common ground, even if this ground is not entirely their preferred approach.

Similarly, the UNDRIP calls for effort be made to obtain the free, prior and informed consent from First Nations for decisions that affect their traditional territory and way of life. I find that the actions taken to date, including the efforts over the past five months, as well as the actions planned for implementation in the near future are addressing this core principle of UNDRIP, even though consensus was not achieved with all First Nations.

Tsilhqot'in National Government

The Province and the Tsilhqot'in Nation entered into a Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement, with amendments effective March 31, 2017. In late 2017, citing wildfire impacts, the Tsilhqot'in leadership recommended a full closure of all licensed harvesting in the North and South Chilcotin for 2018 and 2019; the two years was suggested to provide the time for TNG and BC to focus on habitat and predation factors. From December 2017 to April 2018, 10 meetings were held (primarily through the bilateral (BC-TNG) Fish and Wildlife Panel to flesh out options. Provincial staff provided the TNG with a set of

possible scenarios laying out specific targeted reductions in areas with concerns surrounding either wildfire or bull-to-cow ratios, but not a full closure.

The TNG responded with a memorandum providing some comment on these proposals, but ultimately maintaining a two year closure for the entire Chilcotin as the only approach acceptable to them.

I also received a joint decision paper from the co-chairs of the Fish and Wildlife Panel. This paper confirmed that core differences of views exist between Provincial and TNG staff, and a consensus had not been reached. The document provides clarification of the perspectives of both parties.

Finally, I met directly with TNG representatives on May 4, 2018 where they reiterated their request for a full two-year closure of the licensed moose harvest and that the time could be used for research and plan ways to achieve the population objective. The importance of moose to the communities was emphasized and concerns expressed both regarding the population trend and ability of community members to successfully achieve their harvest needs. It was noted that there was a lack of ability for community members to successfully hunt in traditional hunting areas and that given a constraint on resources (e.g., time, equipment) community harvesters were likely not as successful as licenced hunters. Information was not provided on the number of moose harvested or specifics of the short fall. It was also communicated that the Xeni Gwet'in are considering a ban for their members on harvest of all moose, possibly depending on provincial action.

TNG representatives also suggested that LEH authorizations may be held to one authorization per harvestable animal rather than based on hunter success rate (e.g., resident success averages 31% resulting in a general ratio of roughly 3 authorizations per harvestable animal) as a way to manage the uncertainty of hunter success. In considering a 1:1 ratio I also considered how to honour allocation splits and therefore also considered potential impacts to guide quota.

The TNG indicated an interest in pursuing a Tsilhqot'in-wide Memorandum of Understanding with the Conservation Officer Service (COS) to ban harvest of cow moose by their members. Previously these types of initiatives were discussed with specific TNG bands (?Esdilagh and Xeni Gwet'in). The TNG indicated a view that all MOUs would be jeopardized if anything less than a full two year closure is enacted.

In weighing my decision, I had to balance the possible impacts from the potential "bull only" First Nations harvest against other management options. If such a ban were put in place, this could add additional pressure to bull harvest. It is difficult to analyze exact impact, as First Nations bull harvest would increase, but success rates would likely decrease. Also, other First Nations in the area (Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance) would not be subject to the ban.

Reliable First Nations' harvest data would reduce the uncertainty in the needs and challenges achieving those needs, as well as estimates of potential population impacts. These data are a key deliverables of a Letter of Intent signed in early 2016 to support the signing of the Accord. In the absence of such data, I am required to rely on First Nations' harvest estimates previously established for the 2017-2021 harvest period, and determine if other management actions taken in low bull-to-cow ratio areas would be sufficient to absorb increased bull harvest pressure from First Nations.

Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance

The Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance is body that represents Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation, Lhtako Dene Nation, Nazko First Nation and Ulkatcho Nation. The Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance do not yet have a consultation agreement or reconciliation agreement with the Province regarding wildlife management, but

their traditional territory is located partially in the North Chilcotin. A discussion document was provided to the communities of Lhoosk'uz Dene Nation, Lhtako Dene Nation, Nazko First Nation and Ulkatcho Nation on April 5, 2018 to seek input with the same options and analysis provided to the TNG. A phone call occurred on April 19, 2018 in which community representatives did not participate. A Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance representative was in attendance and was invited to send along any feedback. None has been received to date.

Northern Shuswap

The Northern Shuswap Fish and Wildlife Joint Communication group meets quarterly to discuss fish and wildlife issues in the Cariboo region. The membership of this group includes the Northern Shuswap Tribal Council, a body that represents Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake), Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe & Dog Creek), Xat'süll (Soda & Deep Creek), and T'exelc (Williams Lake) First Nation and the Esketem'c First Nation. The Northern Shuswap Fish and Wildlife Joint Communication group was contacted after surveys revealed low bull to cow ratios in their traditional territory (5-01, 5-02B, 5-02C). A briefing document was forwarded to the communities of Tsq'escen' (Canim Lake), Stswecem'c/Xgat'tem (Canoe and Dog Creek), Xat'süll (Soda & Deep Creek), T'exelc (Williams Lake) and the Esketem'c detailing management options mirroring those proposed for similarly affected areas in other parts of the Cariboo region. After discussion, the Northern Secwepemc communities supported the Province's proposed reduction of target licensed bull moose harvest by 50%, which would match the more aggressive proposal discussed with the TNG and SDNA in similarly affected areas in MU's in areas in their traditional territories (see below).

3. Population Targets

The population target set represents a high over the last twenty years based on inventory and harvest data that are collected (Table 2).

The Cariboo is divided into four Game Management Zones or GMZs, which are set to reflect natural barriers and movement of moose across the landscape. These are:

- GMZ 5A (aka Quesnel Highlands): comprising zones 5-15 A-D, 5-16
- GMZ 5B (aka Cariboo): comprising zones 5-01 and 5-02 A-D
- GMZ 5C (aka North Chilcotin): comprising zones 5-10, 5-12 A-B, 5-13 A-C and 5-14
- GMZ 5D (aka South Chilcotin): comprising zones 5-03, 5-04 A-C, 5-05 and 5-06

Table 2. Cariboo Region moose population estimates by GMZ; 1999 - 2018.

Year	GMZ 5A	GMZ 5B	GMZ 5C	GMZ 5D
1999	2,700	8075	8,680	3,140
2004	2,850	6,650	11,225	5,300
2008	1,680	6,727	13,193	4,900*
2012	1,680	6,265	8,966	2,896
2016	1,680	6,645	9,300	2,900
2018	1,680	6,645	7,850	3,700

*2008 population estimate corrected based on errors found in 2005 survey analysis.

Moose populations naturally vary and are tied to many factors on the land base and weather (e.g., habitat changes from natural disturbances and land-use decisions, predator-prey dynamics, winter conditions, etc.). The Province initiated a research project to better understand the factors affecting moose population declines six years ago. Cow moose were collared in five study areas and mortality causes were assessed. I am primarily informed by the results collected to date in the Big Creek Study Area (within the Cariboo Region); of the 17 cow moose that have died eight were a result of predators, five unlicensed harvest, three from health related causes (infection, starvation) and one accident.

4. Population Composition

2018 moose surveys completed in the Cariboo region indicate that bull to cow ratios in Zones 5-01, 5-02B, 5-02C, 5-13A, 5-13B and 5-14 are below provincial minimum targets. While not fire-related, this represents a management concern. Target bull to cow ratios are set at 30 bulls per 100 cows in areas where moose density is at least 0.2 moose/km² and 50 bulls per 100 cows in areas where moose density is below 0.2 moose/km². Low ratios are not a conservation issue directly, however, lower than desirable targets may affect probability that moose reproduce and thus recruitment rate may not achieve its full potential and is a concern for population recovery. Ratios in the above-noted LEH zones are provided in Table 3.

Table 3. Bull:Cow ratio by LEH zone.

LEH Zone	Bull to cow ratio
5-01	18 bulls per 100 cows
5-02B	20 bulls per 100 cows
5-02C	15 bulls per 100 cows
5-13A	42 bulls per 100 cows*
5-13B	24 bulls per 100 cows
5-14	24 bulls per 100 cows

*Overall moose density is only 0.17 moose/km², therefore 50 bulls per 100 cows is desirable

In response to low bull to cow ratios, and for consideration in my deliberations, I received three scenarios from the Fish and Wildlife Panel following collaborative discussions between the Province and the Tsilhqot'in; two from the provincial representatives (licensed harvest level reductions) and one from TNG representatives (closure).

1. Target recovery of bull/cow ratios by reducing licensed harvest levels in above-noted LEH Zones by 25%. This reduction in licensed harvest levels is expected to result in a proportional reduction in LEH authorizations and guide quotas issued in these zones.
2. Target rapid recovery of bull/cow ratios by reducing licensed levels in the above-noted LEH Zones by 50%. This reduction in licensed harvest levels is expected to result in a proportional reduction in LEH authorizations and guide quotas issued in these zones.
3. Close the entire Chilcotin (GMZs 5C and 5D) to licensed harvesting (preferred option for the TNG). This would exclude zones 5-01, 5-02B and 5-02C (GMZ 5B) as they do not overlap the Tsilhqot'in territory.

First Nations in 5-01 and 5-02 (Northern Secwepemc) supported a 50% reduction in their specific areas.

Reductions to licensed harvest have previously been used effectively to recover low bull/cow ratios in other Cariboo Region LEH Zones. In 1995, the bull/cow ratio in LEH Zone 5-13A was 15 bulls per 100 cows. LEH authorizations were reduced by approximately 50% and the ratio recovered to 29 bulls per 100 cows within three years. In 1996, the bull/cow ratio in LEH Zone 5-02A was 19 bulls per 100 cows.

LEH authorizations were decreased by approximately 50% and the ratio recovered to 40 bulls per 100 cows within two years.

Despite the apparent population increases observed in the South Chilcotin, First Nations in the area (notably the Xeni Gwet'in on behalf of the Tsilhqot'in Nation) have indicated their members are having a hard time locating moose on the landscape. The Xeni Gwet'in are located primarily in LEH Zone 5-04. While density in 5-04 is relatively low (0.22 moose/km²) these estimates are an improvement over 2012 densities of 0.14 moose/km². Current densities were previously incorporated into calculations made for the 2017-2021 period.

5. Resident and Guided (Non-resident and Non-resident Alien) Stakeholder considerations

Resident and guided hunting are important activities in the province that provide both social and economic benefits to communities (e.g., food, employment and livelihood, tourism dollars). The Province also considers that hunting activities contribute to and enhance conservation values and environmental benefits by connecting people to nature and natural systems.

These stakeholders were provided an information package on April 11, 2018 and invited to provide comment. Comments received were limited. Predator control, habitat recovery and access were cited as important issues in addressing future moose recovery.

Guides also noted the hardships caused to their businesses from hunt reductions, previous closures and, in some cases, impacts from wildfires. The timing of the decision for the 2018 hunt was further impacting their ability to confirm fall hunts and having the potential to significantly impact their short-term business operations and long-term reputation.

Additionally, I heard that licensed hunters (guides and residents) would be supportive of a total ban on harvesting, if that total ban extended to First Nations. Such a ban would have to be voluntary with respect to First Nations, since the current population level, both locally and provincially, is within historic ranges and does not support a ban for First Nations for conservation purposes at this time.

Past management considerations

Prior management efforts undertaken with respect to licensed hunting include:

- 2012-2016 Allocation Period: A 35% reduction in AAH compared to the previous period.
- 2015-2017 regulation cycle there were three notable actions taken by the Province to support Tsilhqot'in members access to moose for sustenance:
 - The closure of the September 10-September 30 LEH seasons in: 5-03, 5-04A, 5-04B, 5-04C, 5-05, 5-12A, 5-13A, 5-14 (extending period of exclusive First Nations' use), and an additional 33% reduction in the allowable licensed harvest in these areas.
 - The implementation of Compulsory Inspection requirements in Management Units 5-03 to 5-06 and 5-10 to 5-14 to better ensure compliance and enforcement needs and improve the calculation of hunter success rates in the future.
- 2017-2021: A further reduction in AAH for licensed harvest by 33%.

Also in 2017, due to concerns that impacts to the landscape from wildfires would have a negative impact on moose populations, immediately following wildfire access restrictions being lifted, motor vehicle restrictions (MUs 5-3, 5-4, 5-13, 5-14) and hunt closures (Oct. 15-Nov. 15 in 5-13A and 5-13C) were put in place under the *Wildlife Act*. These restrictions and closures were a precautionary measure to provide

time to complete an initial assessment of the impacts of the wildfires on moose populations and habitat over the winter 2017/18.

I am also mindful of past decisions and actions taken by the Province and the TNG. AAH for all species in the Chilcotin were set in 2016, following consultation with First Nations and local stakeholders. This AAH determination would ordinarily inform the 2017-21 5-year cycle and provides an estimated 5-year licensed moose harvest for both the North Chilcotin (335 bulls) and South Chilcotin (120 bulls) on an annual basis.

6. Decision

As noted above, my decision authority is scoped within the *Wildlife Act* and many of the factors that have the potential to maximize the benefits to moose populations fall under other resource planning and legislative frameworks. The activities being implemented or explored to address these complementary management options are strongly supported by the Province and in my role as Director of Wildlife and Habitat I will prioritize policy and guidance that supports the alignment activities across resource sectors.

I note that current populations in most management zones are within or near the historic variation, and population trends indicate southern Chilcotin moose populations are increasing. I further note that various scenarios of licenced harvest options resulted in minimal impacts to the rate of population change. Therefore on balance I perceive no overall conservation issue that would require a reduction to minimum LEH authorizations (i.e., LEH of 1; effective hunt closure). Further, although some stakeholders representing both resident and guided hunters are supportive of a total closure that would apply to both First Nations and licenced hunters, I conclude that, given the lack of conservation urgency and the management options that are available, it would not be appropriate to impact the First Nations hunt with that type of management approach.

The number of moose (1100) set aside for First Nations needs was not noted as the concern by First Nation representatives, rather that harvesters were not successful in meeting their needs. I was not provided specific locations of hunter effort or success, but note that spatial distribution of moose and limitations on hunter effort are possibly contributing to this factor. I therefore also assumed an even effort throughout the territory boundaries for my considerations of the options for licenced hunting. Previous actions to close early hunt windows will remain in effect to address temporal considerations.

There are several factors noted above that are influencing my decisions regarding LEH authorizations and subsequent allocation for guided hunts. These factors include the population recovery targets, population composition, TNG interests and concerns, impacts of wildfire, landscape changes, and other stakeholder concerns.

To address low bull to cow ratios, I find it reasonable to take a similar action as that taken in 1995 and 1996 when harvest levels were reduced by 50%. The proposed actions that may be taken by the TNG and individual communities to ban cow harvest or encourage bull only hunts are welcomed and these actions are likely to increase the rate to achieve population recovery targets (i.e., earlier timeframe) given the retention of cow moose in the population. These shifts in harvest pressures will, however, affect the ability to achieve population composition targets and potential to ensure the reproductive potential is met. Without quantified numbers about a Tsilhqot'in harvest I assume that the maximum First Nation harvest estimates will be achieved and that there will be a significant shift towards bulls. Therefore, I will increase the reduction recommended by Provincial staff from 50% to 60% in areas where bull:cow objectives are not being met and 10% in other management units that overlap the Tsilhqot'in traditional territory.

I also acknowledge that wildfire and landscape impacts may be increasing the vulnerability of moose to harvest. Therefore I conclude that a precautionary approach to further reduce licensed harvest of bulls is warranted in the management zones impacted by 2017 fires. I note that no agreement on LEH reduction to address wildfire impacts was achieved. Provincial staff provided a recommendation of reduction derived from percentage of habitat impacted by wildfire and TNG representatives provided in the absence of a closure, either a reduction based the absolute wildfire impacted area or an assumption of 100% success. I will apply a reduction based on the % of area of habitat impacted and apply this cumulatively to the 60% reduction. I acknowledge this falls short of the TNG request, but find it reasonable based on the documented impacts and long-term benefits from wildfire and the overall reduction in the licenced harvest.

2017-21 is the first allocation cycle to fall wholly within the policy framework established in February 2015. Under this system, AAH of Category A species (typically those where demand for licensed harvest exceeds supply) is split between resident hunters and guides on a set percentage. For Cariboo Region 5 Game Management Zones for moose this split is set at 75% resident harvest, 25% guided harvest. While this policy direction is not binding on the statutory decision maker, the government has re-affirmed their support for it in 2017 and I have applied this policy in the subsequent allocation for guide quota based on the same principles noted above.

7. Future Steps

The Province is committed to improving our shared knowledge base and collaboration with First Nations. I commend the collaboration and engagement efforts among First Nations and Provincial staff to date and encourage continued dialogue to refine the information used to support subsequent harvest decisions. However, harvest decisions are only one factor in the overall management of moose populations. I wish to re-iterate that the Province will continue to work collaboratively to address habitat and access issues, climate change impacts, and interactions with other wildlife in a manner that supports achieving the population objectives established for moose in the Cariboo Region. To this end the Province is committed to working with First Nation and stakeholders to explore and expand management activities that may include hunter game checks, enhanced enforcement, moose inventory and research, wildfire impact assessment, habitat enhancement and recovery post wildfire. No shooting areas could also be considered in areas of concern from a safety or high vulnerability perspective. Lastly, I note that the harvest decision is an annual decision and new information could change things in future years.

APPENDIX 2: Summary of Actions

- FLNR and TNG have a shared interest in recovering moose populations in the Chilcotin.
- Harvest decisions have used a precautionary approach and are based on limited harvest of bulls.
- Population assessments were updated for MU 5-13B in winter 2018 and further assessments are planned for winter 2019.
- In an attempt to understand the impacts of the Chilcotin Plateau wildfire to the Zone 5-13A moose populations, a subset of sample units (blocks) from the January 2017 flights were surveyed in winter 2018. A similar number of moose were sighted in resurveyed blocks in 2018 as compared to 2017, with slightly more being sighted in 2018. The 2018 survey findings appear to align with available literature which suggests the direct negative impact of wildfires to ungulate populations is low. The longer term impact of wildfires is typically positive due to resulting increases in forage but the vegetation response may be more muted in these drier ecosystems.

Summary of Cariboo Region FLNR Actions and Time Frames

Activity	2018	Long term (5 years +)	Comments
Maintain ATV closures and restrictions across the North Chilcotin (MU 5-12 and 5-13)	Yes	Yes	ATV for hunting restrictions limit any increase in hunter success resulting from the 2017 wildfires (fireguards & wildfire openings) All of MU 5-12 and 5-13 are closed to ATVs and snowmobiles for hunting. There are also extensive motor vehicle closed areas and motor vehicle for hunting closed areas in these management units.
Access deactivation planned in areas identified by TNG. Implementation expected 2018	Yes	Yes	2017 closures in wildfire areas to limit vulnerability of moose. Physical deactivation preferred (more effective) over regulatory closures. Specific areas include 1) Mackin Creek, 2) Morrison Meadow/Corkscrew Creek, and 3) Hungry Valley/Dash Creek
Access deactivation and connectivity corridors established under the South Chilcotin joint management plan	Yes	Yes	Expectation that current commitments will be brought into the legal realm through FSPs, and expanded to the North Chilcotin.
Moose population surveys done with TNG observers.	Yes	Yes	TNG were engaged as observers and during interpretation of results for all recent Chilcotin Moose surveys. Areas included: 2017 – 5-04 & 5-13A SRB; 2018 – 5-13B SRB & 5-13A block.
Closure of the September 10 to 30 moose hunt in Management Units in the Chilcotin sub-region.	Yes	To be reviewed	Closure to be maintained as required in tandem with commitment by TNG to community hunting policy

Activity	2018	Long term (5 years +)	Comments
\$370,000 provided to the TNG to support development of TN Community Hunting Policy, and development of a Moose Management Plan	Yes	Yes	Plan delayed but completed. Implementation of the TNG hunting policy under discussion at the Fish & Wildlife panel. TNG has supported communities with implementing MOUs with the COS for hunting moratoriums. Habitat and access management linked to road deactivation planning.
Joint discussion through the Nenqay Dene Accord, Fish and Wildlife Panel on moose Annual Allowable Harvest	Yes	Yes	Survey results and allocation methods shared with TNG. Joint recommendation for 2017-2021 moose AAH provided by Fish & Wildlife Panel
Ongoing Collaborative Moose Collaring Research Program to identify factors contributing to moose mortality. TNG representatives participate on mortality investigations when available.	Yes	Yes	Predation identified as leading cause of adult female mortality followed by unlicensed harvest.
Assessment of 2017 wildlife impacts to Wildlife: 1) 5-13A Moose replicate block survey 2) Fisher inventory planned for 2018/19 3) Ongoing mule deer inventories	Yes	Yes	Plan to continue 5-13A moose survey in 2018/19 to track population response to wildfires. No negative impact observed during 2017/18 survey.
Joint initiative to develop shared decision making functions of the Nenqay Dene Accord Fish and Wildlife Panel	Yes	Yes	TNG has withheld finalisation of the Terms of Reference for nearly 1 year now.
Support through Cumulative Effects assessment to District Manager to establish expectations for Forest Stewardship Plan content respecting moose habitat conservation and management	Yes	Yes	FSP reviews underway. Licensee commitments to moose recovery unclear.
Investigation of impacts to key moose wetlands from feral horse use	N/A	Yes	Pending funding availability for surveys.
Discussion with TNG regarding feral horse abundance and impacts to moose through maintenance of high wolf populations.	Yes	Yes	Discussed at fish and wildlife joint meetings. No action from TNG.
Recovery of Wildfire areas through rehabilitation activities.	Yes	Yes	District focus on reduction and revegetation of fire guards and recovery at riparian crossings.
Management for long term ecosystem resilience to reduce potential for catastrophic wildfire and beetle epidemics	Yes	Yes	Long term forest management. Short term meetings to initiate planning. To be discussed.




Additional discussion points at a July 9, 2018 meeting between FLNR and TNG staff:

Potential future actions were also discussed with the TNG at a meeting on July 9. Discussion included:

- Games checks, enhanced enforcement, road deactivation and access management, climate change adaptation (e.g., assessing potential objectives against future conditions and potential shifts in wildlife (elk and moose) distribution, establishing no hunting/shooting zones or adjusting LEH boundaries, and linkages to other initiatives (e.g., *Land Act* orders, wildfire recovery, cumulative effects, land use planning, and forest management decisions.
- There was some positive uptake in the actions identified that are forward looking, objective setting in nature that may have power to influence forestry decisions and practices as well as with the possibility of no shooting / hunting zones or LEH boundary changes. TNG also expressed interest in a legislative review of the *Forests and Range Practices Act*.
- TNG representatives noted that all items lacked substantive shifts in authority for management of the resource within TNG traditional territory.

Fw: Staff and Materials Request - Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson July 19th

Monday, October 15, 2018
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Subject	Fw: Staff and Materials Request - Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson July 19th
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Hello Tim and Kenn,

I've been asked to forward you the material for Minister's meeting tomorrow regarding the Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH.

Due to tight turnaround the DM hasn't been able to review yet, so I was asked to forward to you directly.

Brenda Larkin

From: Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
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Subject: RE: Staff and Materials Request - Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson July 19th

Hi Alanah,
Attached is the material for the meeting. Please note that the cliff log 240747 was never referred to me and I didn't notice. So branch created a new log 240823.
The attached material is embedded into the log and attached here.
Please advise when DMO has reviewed and if there are any changes.

I have a request from the MO for staff and materials for the following meeting:

Materials and/or Staff Support Request for Minister's Meeting	
Meeting Date:	July 19 th
Meeting Time:	Meeting 3 - 4 pm Pre-brief 11:30 am – 12 pm

Participants:	MDD Chief Russel Myers Ross (Tsilhqot'in First Nation)
Regarding:	<i>Chief Russell Myers Ross, the Vice-Chair for the Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG) requested his call regarding concerns about the moose LEH allocations for their territory. On July 10th, a Leadership Summit was convened at Tl'esqox to address the dire state of the moose population in the Tsilhqot'in Territory. Leadership, by consensus, directed the Council of Chiefs to enact an emergency Tsilhqot'in law to protect moose populations and ban Limited Entry Hunts (LEH) in the territory, effectively restricting all non-First Nation hunters from hunting moose. A draft law was reviewed and approved for final consideration by the Tsilhqot'in Council of Chiefs with enactment in the near future. Leadership also directed for a review of legal options to be completed to address the serious impact that provincial management of moose is having on Tsilhqot'in Aboriginal rights. (original request below)</i>
Materials?	Yes
Staff Support?	Yes
Location:	Conference call details 1-877-353-9184 s.17
Dial-in Details:	TBC
Due to DMO	by July 17th
Cliff #	240747

Please confirm with me that South Area staff will attend and provide materials.
Kind regards,

	Alanah Nasadyk Issues and Administrative Coordinator Deputy Minister's Office (250) 387-1526 Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
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Subject: Tsilhqot'in Nation - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson

Hello Mr. Renneberg,

Can we arrange a brief phone call this week between Minister Donaldson and Chief Russell Myers Ross, the Vice-Chair for the Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG)?

As you may know, the Tsilhqot'in Chiefs raised strong concerns about the moose LEH allocations for their territory at a meeting with the Premier, Minister Donaldson and others on October 31, 2017. Tribal Chair Joe Alphonse raised this issue again with the Premier at a meeting on July 3.

On July 10, the Tsilhqot'in Chiefs held an emergency leadership summit on this issue, and received the direction set out below by consensus of all assembled Tsilhqot'in leadership.

In light of the relationship established under the *Nenqay Deni Accord*, it seems appropriate that Minister Donaldson and the Tsilhqot'in Chiefs communicate directly on this issue. Chief Ross has said he will make himself available for a call with the Minister.

Please let me know if the Minister is interested and available, and we will do our best to make arrangements for a phone call.

Thanks, all the best,

J.

Jay Nelson

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INFORMATION NOTE**

Date: July 17, 2018
File: 280-20
CLIFF: 240823

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

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Highlights of actions taken by the Province as a result of the LOI included:

- closure of the September 10 to 30 moose hunt in a series of management units in the Chilcotin for 2016;
- reduction of the overall licensed moose harvest in that area by approximately 33%;
- support for compulsory inspection for moose in the area for 2016; and
- creating strategic policy direction through engagement with the TNG by ensuring joint recommendations of a Fish and Wildlife Panel are fully considered by decision makers.

Highlights of commitments of the TNG included a development of a First Nations Sustenance Hunting Policy that includes actions to reduce reliance on cow moose and governance of community wildlife harvesting practice (e.g., wildlife harvest reporting, the use of ATVs and the harvest of antlerless moose). To support the development of this Policy, the Province provided \$170,000 to the TNG. A draft policy has been received, but it fails to address all core deliverables (e.g., wildlife harvest reporting is not mentioned). Another \$200,000 was provided to assist the TNG in support of a Moose Management Plan developed with the Province. The Moose Management Plan in its current form is only a set of identified map locations relating to access but does not on its own provide a detailed access management strategy nor a plan on achieving target moose populations.

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in 2017 and again in 2018. The issue of First Nations' harvest data remains an unresolved and contentious issue in Tsilhqot'in communities.

Staff have reviewed the engagement process leading to the decision on the moose LEH and confirmed that it followed the process spelled out in the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement and consistent with the Accord. The Province also fulfilled post-decision responsibilities by providing notification and a rationale document.

Under the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement there is a section 9.0 Dispute Resolution that applies to disputes arising out of the implementation or interpretation of the agreement. This process has not been enacted by the TNG in their actions above, who instead have suggested they intend to proceed straight to legal review. If this matter is taken to the courts the Province will need to determine if we would want to enact the termination clause in section 11.5 of the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement: *"If the TNG, the Tsilhqot'in Nation or a Member Community chooses to bring a legal or administrative proceeding against British Columbia for inadequate consultation related to a provincial decision or action covered by this Agreement, that is a proceeding other than for a breach of this Agreement, such a proceeding may be grounds for terminating this Agreement."*

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NEXT STEPS

The upcoming meeting is an opportunity to reiterate some of the actions taken to date with respect to collaboration, and appeal to the TNG leadership to return to the table and continue to discuss moose management under the agreed-to processes laid out in the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement and the Accord. Recovery of moose populations to satisfactory levels will require many actions and sufficient time. To date there have been significant challenges in moving forward, with obstacles including a lack of clarity around process making it hard to advance shared decision making.

Table negotiators have suggested offering an independent mediator to review collaborative engagement processes and to assess how to improve these processes in the future. Getting clarity on process and a shared understanding of collaboration and goal-setting may help provide the foundation for improved results in future.

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APPENDIX 1

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After considerable deliberation, I have determined the following:

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In making this decision, I was guided by moose population objectives, scientific review, the Provincial Framework for Moose Management, as well as consultation and collaboration with local First Nations and stakeholders as noted above.

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Fwd: Staff and Materials Request - Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson July 19th

Monday, October 15, 2018
2:05 PM

Subject	Fwd: Staff and Materials Request - Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson July 19th
From	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
To	Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent	Wednesday, July 18, 2018 5:34 PM
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Sent from my iPhone
Begin forwarded message:

From: "Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX" <Brenda.Larkin@gov.bc.ca>
Date: July 18, 2018 at 5:22:54 PM PDT
To: "Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX" <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>, "McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX" <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX" <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>, "Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX" <Alanah.Nasadyk@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Fw: Staff and Materials Request - Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson July 19th

Hello Tim and Kenn,

I've been asked to forward you the material for Minister's meeting tomorrow regarding the Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH.

Due to tight turnaround the DM hasn't been able to review yet, so I was asked to forward to you directly.

Brenda Larkin

From: Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 3:40 PM
To: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
Cc: McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Staff and Materials Request - Tsilhqot'in Nation and Moose LEH - Request for Call with Minister Donaldson July 19th

Hi Alanah,

Attached is the material for the meeting. Please note that the cliff log 240747 was never referred to me and I didn't notice. So branch created a new log 240823.

The attached material is embedded into the log and attached here.

Please advise when DMO has reviewed and if there are any changes.

I have a request from the MO for staff and materials for the following meeting:

Materials and/or Staff Support Request for Minister's Meeting	
Meeting Date:	July 19 th
Meeting Time:	Meeting 3 - 4 pm Pre-brief 11:30 am – 12 pm
Participants:	MDD Chief Russel Myers Ross (Tsilqot'in First Nation)
Regarding:	<i>Chief Russell Myers Ross, the Vice-Chair for the Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG) requested his call regarding concerns about the moose LEH allocations for their territory.</i> <i>On July 10th, a Leadership Summit was convened at Tl'esqox to address the dire state of the moose population in the Tsilhqot'in Territory. Leadership, by consensus, directed the Council of Chiefs to enact an emergency Tsilhqot'in law to protect moose populations and ban Limited Entry Hunts (LEH) in the territory, effectively restricting all non-First Nation hunters from hunting moose. A draft law was reviewed and approved for final consideration by the Tsilhqot'in Council of Chiefs with enactment in the near future. Leadership also directed for a review of legal options to be completed to address the serious impact that provincial management of moose is having on Tsilhqot'in Aboriginal rights.</i> (original request below)
Materials?	Yes
Staff Support?	Yes
Location:	Conference call details 1-877-353-9184 Participant IIS.17

Dial-in Details:	TBC
Due to DMO	by July 17th
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Please confirm with me that South Area staff will attend and provide materials.

Kind regards,

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From	Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To	Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Cc	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, July 19, 2018 6:27 AM

Minister,
Materials for the 3pm call today are on SharePoint. Link is below.

Begin forwarded message:

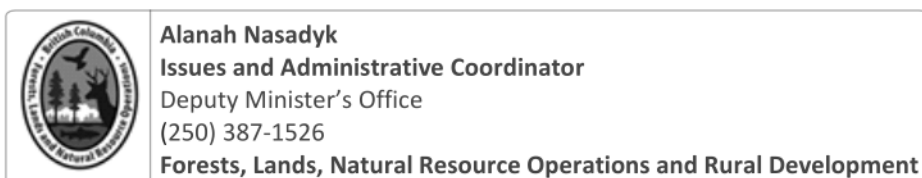
From: "Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX" <Alanah.Nasadyk@gov.bc.ca>
Date: July 18, 2018 at 4:10:33 PM PDT
To: "Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX" <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX" <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Materials for tmr

Hi Lisa,

The materials are on SharePoint for the Minister [here](#).

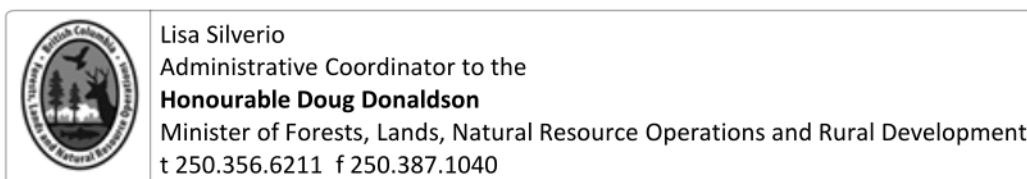
Please note I just received these from staff so they are still with the DM for review. If the DM requests any changes I will let you know and update CLIFF/SharePoint.

Kind regards,



From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 3:05 PM
To: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
Subject: Materials for tmr

Hi,
Do we have bullets for the 3pm call tmr?




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From	Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
To	Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Cc	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Sent	Monday, August 20, 2018 11:48 AM
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Hello Minister

Attached is a decision note for your signature. [SharePoint here](#).



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Subject	For Minister's signature : Chilcotin moose BN for decision CLIFF#241554)
From	Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
To	Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Sent	Monday, August 20, 2018 12:47 PM
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Hi Sandra,

This is in SharePoint now [saved here](#) for the Minister's review and signature.

Kind regards,

	Alanah Nasadyk Issues and Administrative Coordinator Deputy Minister's Office (250) 387-1526 Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
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From: Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 10:47 AM
To: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
Cc: Tackaberry, Emily FLNR:EX
Subject: REVISED : Chilcotin moose BN for decision

Hi Alanah, this briefing note was sent to MDD directly from Tom last week. There have been loads of conversations on the subject with MDD & staff. Would it be possible to have this updated note put in front of him for signature. I am not sure if what he has done with the first copy he received. Note that Tim did review the first draft.

Thank you

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**MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND
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DECISION NOTE**

Date: August 15, 2018

File: 280-20

CLIFF: 241554

**PREPARED FOR: Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource
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ISSUE: Additional regulations for licensed moose hunting in the Chilcotin sub-region

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Sent	Tuesday, August 21, 2018 10:23 AM

Hi;

Yes, absolutely. Will speak with Tom and Brett today before the signed note arrives to the DO. Will go speak with Geoff/Eric as well.

Ward has said they are not going to begin to inform until late this week or next. So there is some time.

Kenn

From: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX

Sent: August 21, 2018 10:04 AM

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This is a RUSH for moose hunting restrictions. Attached for easy access. Just please sign Appendix A

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Subject: RUSH For Approval: Wildlife Act R1_2257
Importance: High

Hi Sandra and Kenn,

I have uploaded a new MO to [Minister's SharePoint here](#) for review and approval. It cancels and restricts moose hunting in areas of the Chilcotin, as approved by MDD on August 21st (DN 241554).

We are seeking Minister's signature on "Appendix A" as early as possible today, to provide time to notify hunters of the changes. Can you please process it as a rush?

Please let me know if you need anything more.

Many thanks,

Nicola Vaughan

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**MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND
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INFORMATION NOTE**

Date: July 17, 2018
File: 280-20
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PREPARED FOR: Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

ISSUE: Reports of Tsilhqot'in National Government intentions to unilaterally close the Chilcotin moose hunt for Fall 2018

BACKGROUND:

Following an Emergency Leaders' Summit held on July 10, 2018, Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG) representatives announced via media that they intended the following actions with respect to licensed Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) for moose in their traditional territory:

- The launching of a legal challenge against the Province focusing on the Province's authority to make licensed hunting decisions in the area.
- Enforcing a ban on LEH hunting in their territory in Fall 2018.

In addition, the TNG were close to entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Conservation Officer Service to apply a "bull only" harvest to its members but have now put this MOU on hold. This MOU is generally referenced in the Director's additional 10% reduction in certain LEH zones, although the specific agreement has not been referenced outside of TNG-BC discussions. One of the six Tsilhqot'in Communities (?Esdilagh) had a longer history working on a cow-only MOU and has indicated they will proceed with it regardless of the broader TNG decision.

TNG actions stem principally from the decision by the Director of Wildlife and Habitat with respect to quota and LEH authorizations for the Cariboo region moose hunt. This decision was made following engagement with the TNG in keeping with the principles of the Nenqay Deni Accord ("the Accord"). Engagement also occurred with the Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance and the Northern Secwepemc First Nations. Given commitments in the Accord, the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and heightened First Nations' concerns in the wake of the Chilcotin fires, intensive collaborative efforts were undertaken over the past six months. These efforts did not achieve consensus. A detailed Decision Rationale is appended (Appendix 1).

Northern Secwepemc First Nations supported Provincial wildlife staff's recommendations for a reduction in moose harvest in MUs 5-01, 5-02B and 5-02C as a result of non-fire related bull-to-cow ratios that are below management targets. Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance did not provide significant input on Provincial management options.

Updated quota information have been provided to guides, final LEH decisions have been made and the resident hunter draw has been run. BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) has raised significant concern about loss of opportunity and exclusion from deliberation between the two governments.

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DISCUSSION:

The TNG maintain that only a full two-year closure of both the North and South Chilcotin is truly collaborative and noted that anything less could jeopardize collaborative efforts in the region. They have indicated previously they do not believe the Province has the legal authority to make moose hunting decisions within their traditional territory. A recent submission from the TNG on their proposed "Sustenance Hunting Policy" provides additional context, with Article E citing the purpose of the policy document as to *"be utilized until such time the Tsilhqot'in take full control of management and legislation for wildlife"*.

The Tsilhqot'in decision did result in a declaration of Aboriginal title for a small portion of the Tsilhqot'in traditional territory. Since that decision was rendered in 2014, there has been no LEH hunting within the Tsilhqot'in title area. This includes a small number of LEH moose hunts which overlap the title area. In those cases, hunters winning an LEH are advised to hunt in the portion of the LEH outside of the title area only.

The Province has pursued collaboration on the land base both from a moose-specific viewpoint and a broader habitat management approach. Joint initiative to establish and sustain collaborative decision making through the Fish and Wildlife Panel, established under the Tsilhqot'in Stewardship Agreement and enhanced under the Accord have functioned relatively well, despite the lack of a final Terms of Reference (TOR) document to govern how the panel should report to its respective governments. The draft TOR has been with the TNG for their comment for over a year.

As part of the signing of the Accord in 2016, a Letter of Intent (LOI) was signed between the Province and the TNG. A section of this document, entitled "Immediate Measures for Moose Recovery" includes commitments made by the Province and the TNG with respect to moose management in the Chilcotin.

Highlights of actions taken by the Province as a result of the LOI included:

- closure of the September 10 to 30 moose hunt in a series of management units in the Chilcotin for 2016;
- reduction of the overall licensed moose harvest in that area by approximately 33%;
- support for compulsory inspection for moose in the area for 2016; and
- creating strategic policy direction through engagement with the TNG by ensuring joint recommendations of a Fish and Wildlife Panel are fully considered by decision makers.

Highlights of commitments of the TNG included a development of a First Nations Sustenance Hunting Policy that includes actions to reduce reliance on cow moose and governance of community wildlife harvesting practice (e.g., wildlife harvest reporting, the use of ATVs and the harvest of antlerless moose). To support the development of this Policy, the Province provided \$170,000 to the TNG. A draft policy has been received, but it fails to address all core deliverables (e.g., wildlife harvest reporting is not mentioned). Another \$200,000 was provided to assist the TNG in support of a Moose Management Plan developed with the Province. The Moose Management Plan in its current form is only a set of identified map locations relating to access but does not on its own provide a detailed access management strategy nor a plan on achieving target moose populations.

The TNG also committed to the provision of moose harvest needs of their communities, a hunter harvest protocol and community engagement around the protocol. These actions were linked directly to the future of the September 10 to 30 moose closures noted above. Although these TNG deliverables have not been fully met, the Province agreed to keep the September season closed

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in 2017 and again in 2018. The issue of First Nations' harvest data remains an unresolved and contentious issue in T̓silhqot'in communities.

Staff have reviewed the engagement process leading to the decision on the moose LEH and confirmed that it followed the process spelled out in the T̓silhqot'in Stewardship Agreement and consistent with the Accord. The Province also fulfilled post-decision responsibilities by providing notification and a rationale document.

Under the T̓silhqot'in Stewardship Agreement there is a section 9.0 Dispute Resolution that applies to disputes arising out of the implementation or interpretation of the agreement. This process has not been enacted by the TNG in their actions above, who instead have suggested they intend to proceed straight to legal review. If this matter is taken to the courts the Province will need to determine if we would want to enact the termination clause in section 11.5 of the T̓silhqot'in Stewardship Agreement: *"If the TNG, the T̓silhqot'in Nation or a Member Community chooses to bring a legal or administrative proceeding against British Columbia for inadequate consultation related to a provincial decision or action covered by this Agreement, that is a proceeding other than for a breach of this Agreement, such a proceeding may be grounds for terminating this Agreement."*

Additional detail on collaborative efforts with the TNG, including potential future actions discussed at a July 9, 2018 meeting between the Director of Wildlife and Habitat, regional staff from FLNR and MIRR is provided in Appendix 2. Outreach to BCWF and other non-indigenous partners is required.

NEXT STEPS

The upcoming meeting is an opportunity to reiterate some of the actions taken to date with respect to collaboration, and appeal to the TNG leadership to return to the table and continue to discuss moose management under the agreed-to processes laid out in the T̓silhqot'in Stewardship Agreement and the Accord. Recovery of moose populations to satisfactory levels will require many actions and sufficient time. To date there have been significant challenges in moving forward, with obstacles including a lack of clarity around process making it hard to advance shared decision making.

Table negotiators have suggested offering an independent mediator to review collaborative engagement processes and to assess how to improve these processes in the future. Getting clarity on process and a shared understanding of collaboration and goal-setting may help provide the foundation for improved results in future.

There is also a moose fact sheet released annually that can be updated for 2018 to demonstrate broader moose enhancement initiatives.

Attachment(s): **Appendix 1:** Reason for decision (w/prologue summary letter)
 Appendix 2: Summary of actions

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Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

ISSUE: Regulation Amendments – Chilcotin Moose

LEGISLATION: *Wildlife Act*, ss. 16, 108 and 109

PURPOSE: This ministerial regulation amends the LEH Regulation and Motor Vehicle Prohibition Regulation to:

- Cancel the October 1-14 limited entry moose hunts in Zone A of management unit (MU) 5-13, Zone C of MU 5-13, and MU 5-14;
- Close limited entry moose hunting within portions of MUs 5-03, 5-04, and 5-06; and
- Implement motor vehicle for hunting prohibitions in portions of MU 5-12.

DISCUSSION:

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Chilcotin Moose

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Sent	Tuesday, August 28, 2018 2:14 PM
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Hi Tim – As discussed. Here is an IB and QA for approval. Tom E’s group is hoping this can go out in the next day or two to coincide with letting hunters know about the changes. They have letter’s drafted etc etc.

(Note that the map of the area hunting restrictions has not as yet been posted.)

Thx
Brett

INFORMATION BULLETIN

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Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural
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Development

New hunting restrictions for moose in the Chilcotin

VICTORIA – The Province is taking additional action to manage moose in the Chilcotin part of the Cariboo Region, after a decade-long decline in the area's moose populations, wildfire impacts, and concerns from First Nations.

Over the past ten years, moose populations have decreased in the area by about 30-40 percent, from about 18,000 to 11,500 animals.

Under the Wildlife Act, the Province is closing the October 1-14 limited entry hunt in management units 5-13A, 5-13C and 5-14, and closing the moose hunt in portions of management units 5-03, 5-05, and 5-06. In addition, the use of motor vehicles for the purposes of hunting on branch roads or trails in portions of Management Units 5-12A and 5-12B is prohibited.

These restrictions are the result of discussions between the Province and the Tsilhqot'in Nation, and aim to address concerns related to decreasing moose numbers and increased vulnerability of moose to hunting following last year's wildfires. Changes to the landscape from wildfire can increase sightlines for hunters, potentially resulting in higher success rates and more moose killed. They will be in place for this year's moose hunting season and will be re-evaluated after the season is over.

At the same time, First Nations are working with government and their communities to reduce the harvest of cow moose in the Chilcotin.

The moose hunting opportunities that remain in place in this area are considered sustainable and balance the interests of Indigenous peoples and licensed hunters. The Province is committed to reconciliation and adherence to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, and will continue to manage wildlife in the best interests of all British Columbians.

For maps of the affected areas please visit: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/important-notices>

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QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS
Chilcotin Moose Hunting Regulation Amendments
August 24, 2018

Are you making changes to moose hunting in the Chilcotin?

- Yes, government is amending hunting regulations to restrict the hunting of moose in parts of the Chilcotin, within the Cariboo Region.

What exactly is changing and under what legislation?

- Under the Wildlife Act, we are closing the limited entry hunt during the first two weeks of October this year in three areas of the Chilcotin.
- The areas, (or management units) are zones 5-14, 5-13A and 5-13C.
- We are also closing moose hunting in portions of management units 5-03, 5-05 and 5-06 which were affected by last year's wildfires (see attached maps)

Are there any other restrictions?

- Yes, we are prohibiting the use of motor vehicles for the purposes of hunting, during the moose hunting season, on any branch roads or trails in portions of management units 5-12A and 5-12B. Select main roads are not included in the prohibition.

Why are these restrictions necessary? Why now?

- These closures are an effort to accommodate Indigenous rights to harvest wildlife for food, social, and ceremonial purposes.
- Moose populations have decreased in the Chilcotin region by about 30-40% over the past decade, from about 18,000 to 11,500 animals.
- The current restrictions will be in place for this year's moose hunting season, and will be re-evaluated after this hunting season.

Have you brought in restrictions like this before?

- Yes. In response to the population decline, and to accommodate Indigenous rights to harvest wildlife for food, social, and ceremonial purposes, the allowable licensed harvest (resident and guided hunters) has been reduced by approximately 58% since 2012; the number of Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) authorizations decreased from 1,842 in 2011 to 768 in 2018. These additional measures will further reduce LEH authorizations to 722 for the 2018 hunting season.

So the allowable harvest has been reduced by almost 60% over the past six years and moose numbers still haven't increased? Is something else going on?

- Licensed hunting, only available for bull moose under Limited Entry Hunting, is not considered a significant contributing factor to the decline in moose populations.

- Research is ongoing to investigate the cause of moose declines in this area, however there have been moose declines in many jurisdictions in North America.
- Factors potentially contributing to the decline in moose population include landscape changes that impact the quality and quantity of habitat both from natural resource development and climate change, predation, unlicensed harvest and health.

If there are about 11,500 moose in the Chilcotin today compared to 18,000 a decade ago - what kind of numbers would mean recovery success and show that the steps you are taking today and in previous years were successful? Back up to previous population levels?

- Wildlife populations fluctuate in cycles, many of the factors within those cycles are beyond the ability of wildlife managers to control. However, in the coming years, as burnt forests begin to regenerate and forage returns, we expect to see habitat conditions that are favourable for moose and potentially other ungulate species, such as elk.
- The population estimate of 18,000 a decade ago is the highest population estimate within the last 20 years. Given changes in the landscape, especially increased access and roads, it will be a challenge to achieve those numbers again in the near future.
- Recovery of moose populations, and determining population objectives, will be a joint effort between Indigenous and Provincial Governments, stakeholders, and the public.

Do you have scientific rationale for bringing in these restrictions – what are the conservation goals at play here?

- As noted, moose population densities have decreased in certain portions of the interest area and recovery is of significant interest to all hunters, including government and First Nations.
- From a conservation perspective, the licensed bull only moose harvest is considered sustainable and not a significant contributing factor to population declines.
- However, it is in both the First Nation's interests as well as all stakeholders' to reduce the harvest of cow moose in the Chilcotin.
- Another concern is that changes to the landscape from wildfires can increase sightlines for hunters, potentially resulting in higher success rates and more moose killed.

What kind of consultation took place before you took this step?

- The Province has made a commitment to reconciliation and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, and this closure moves towards fulfillment of that commitment. These restrictions are the result of deliberations between the Tsilhqot'in Nation in the Chilcotin and the Province to address concerns related to decreasing moose populations and increased vulnerability of moose to hunting following last summer's wildfires.

So the Tsilhqot'in Nation are supportive of the hunting closures in their territory?

- The Tsilhqot'in Nation want a complete ban on limited entry hunting in the Chilcotin. This past July they made a declaration and proposed a TN law to prohibit licenced hunters from their territory. Since then, government has been engaging with the Tsilhqot'in to find additional measures to improve moose management and strengthen the relationship.

So you are working with them on reconciliation, but you are still allowing moose hunting in their territory – why don't you just ban moose hunting altogether in the Chilcotin?

Wouldn't that be a good example of reconciliation with the Tsilhqot'in?

- The Province balances the needs of the public, and is mandated to manage wildlife in the best interest of all British Columbians.
- Hunting is an important component of the culture and livelihood of British Columbians, with strong economic implications to rural areas.
- The moose hunting opportunities that remain in place in this area are considered sustainable and balance the interests of Indigenous peoples and licensed hunters.

Are the Tsilhqot'in calling for a total ban on moose hunting because, when you look at the numbers - years of hunting restrictions apparent haven't help the moose population bounce back? Is that why they are pushing for a complete ban on hunting moose?

- We are unable to speak on behalf of the Tsilhqot'in Nation.
- The Province is committed to reconciliation and adherence to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples; work with the Tsilhqot'in Nation, and other Indigenous peoples, will continue in order to seek balance among the interests of all British Columbians.

The Tsilhqot'in still have an indigenous right to hunt moose in their own territory don't they?

- That's correct. However, the province is working with them to enforce cow moose hunting bans for those First Nation bands that have agreed to restrict their own band members from harvesting cow moose.
- Reducing the cow harvest is will help to increase moose populations in the Chilcotin.

How many hunters were given a limited entry hunt permit last year to hunt moose and how many moose were killed last year in the areas where regulation changes occurred ? How many cows were killed compared to bulls?

- In 2017 there were 784 authorizations available for these areas, there were approximately 150 moose harvested by resident hunters. For the 5 years pervious to 2017, which weren't subject to extensive wildfires as were seen in the summer of 2017, the estimated harvest of moose by resident hunters was 375 per year.

- There has been no licensed hunting of cow moose in this area for many years.
- Data on how many moose (bull or cow) harvested by Indigenous hunters in previous years is not available.

Why weren't major wildlife stakeholders (BCWF, GOABC, WSC) consulted prior to this decision being made?

- The decision is part of larger government-to-government negotiations with the Tsilhqot'in Nation.
- It would not be appropriate for the Province to share ongoing negotiations of this nature with third parties.
- That said, the Province works closely with wildlife stakeholders throughout the year, and has worked hard to ensure their interests were reflected in the agreement.

Will this decision be open to public input on the Angling Hunting and Trapping Engagement website?

- As a government-to-government negotiated agreement, this decision is not included in online public engagement.

How are Guide Outfitters impacted by this decision?

- The allocation of moose to guide outfitters will be reduced proportionally to the reduction in resident allocation, consistent with the Minister's February 2015 allocation decision.
- The Director of Wildlife and Habitat will be briefing individual guides on how the decision specifically impacts their territory.

Will government reimburse Guide Outfitters who will be out of pocket this season due to the latest restrictions?

- There is no legal requirement for government to take that step. However, it has been done in the past.
- In 2016, government banned bull-moose hunting due to First Nations concerns and compensated \$0.149 million to affected Guide Outfitters.

How are B.C.'s moose hunters being made aware of this decision?


- B.C. hunters that are impacted by this decision have been notified via email, phone calls, or registered email. There are also notices posted on the Wildlife and Habitat Branch website and government media releases.

Will this closure be in place in 2018 or beyond?

- The duration of these regulations has not been determined, and the Province will continue dialogue with the Tshilqot'in National Government and stakeholders to ensure that wildlife in the area is managed in the best interest of the public.

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Monday, October 15, 2018
2:23 PM

Subject	FW: DN on Itcha-Ilgachuz Caribou Herd for MDD Signature
From	Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
To	Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Cc	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Sent	Friday, August 31, 2018 2:22 PM
Attachments	 241641 Itcha Ilgac...

Minister,

Attached is a DN your review and approval. I've been advised this is time sensitive.

[Save on SharePoint here.](#)

Sandra

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Invalid hunting tag

Monday, October 15, 2018
2:25 PM

Subject	Invalid hunting tag
From	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
To	Tackaberry, Emily FLNR:EX
Sent	Tuesday, September 4, 2018 4:38 PM


Hi Emily,

If a hunter has an invalid hunting tag due to recently announced hunting restrictions, can they be reimbursed, if so how?

Thanks,
Tristan

ITCHA ILGACHUZ CARIBOU HUNT REVISION FINAL

Monday, October 15, 2018
2:24 PM

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Sent: September 5, 2018 4:03 PM

To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX ; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX ; Sam, Anne-Marie IRR:EX ; Sas, Jonathan IRR:EX

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Subject	FLNRO News - Thursday, September 06, 2018
From	Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
To	Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX
Sent	Thursday, September 6, 2018 8:05 AM

Today's News Online - FLNRO

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From	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
To	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, September 6, 2018 2:57 PM

Here is our messaging on the hunting bans:

From: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX

Sent: September 6, 2018 2:52 PM

To: Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX

Cc: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX ; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX

Subject: RE: Media Request: Tsilhqot'in Nation moose hunt ban

In the messaging below we talk about BC's responsibility for WL mgt.

The messaging is inclusive.

s.14

This messaging is good to go.

Kenn

From: Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX

Sent: September 6, 2018 2:46 PM

To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>

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Importance: High

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Brett

Reporter

Amy Smart, Reporter

Canadian Press (BC Bureau)

amy.smart@thecanadianpress.com

604-692-1168 c: 604-817-8111

Deadline ASAP

Request

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Reporter

Monica Lamb-Yorski, Reporter

Williams Lake Tribune

news@wltribune.com

250-392-2331

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From	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
To	Tackaberry, Emily FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, September 6, 2018 12:45 PM

Hi Emily,

First of many enquiries I imagine.

Tristan

From: Millward, Zach [<mailto:Zach.Millward@leg.bc.ca>]

Sent: Thursday, September 6, 2018 12:10 PM

To: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX

Subject: Moose Hunting and Limited Entry Hunt Enquiry

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RE: Media Request: Tsilhqot'in Nation moose hunt ban

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
9:58 AM

Subject	RE: Media Request: Tsilhqot'in Nation moose hunt ban
From	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
To	Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX
Cc	Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, September 6, 2018 2:52 PM

In the messaging below we talk about BC's responsibility for WL mgt.

The messaging is inclusive.

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This messaging is good to go.

Kenn

From: Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX

Sent: September 6, 2018 2:46 PM

To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX

Cc: Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: Media Request: Tsilhqot'in Nation moose hunt ban

Importance: High

Hi – As discussed. Here are the media requests with our proposed response below.

Brett

Reporter

Amy Smart, Reporter

Canadian Press (BC Bureau)

amy.smart@thecanadianpress.com

604-692-1168 c: 604-817-8111

Deadline ASAP

Request

Does the ministry want to respond to the attached statement? Do you agree that the situation is dire for moose, and if so, why continue issuing licences? If not – at what point would you stop issuing licences.

Reporter

Monica Lamb-Yorski, Reporter

Williams Lake Tribune

news@wlttribune.com

250-392-2331

Deadline ASAP

Request

I am sure you are aware of the First Nations announcement they are banning all LEH moose hunts in their respective territories.

RESPONSES

- This government has a clear responsibility to protect and manage wildlife in the best interest of all British Columbians.
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First Nations release

Joint Media Release

September 5, 2018

T̓silhqot̓'in Nation and Southern D̓ākelh Announce Ban on Moose Hunt

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RE: Moose Hunting and Limited Entry Hunt Enquiry

Monday, October 15, 2018
2:30 PM

Subject	RE: Moose Hunting and Limited Entry Hunt Enquiry
From	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
To	Millward, Zach LASS:EX
Sent	Thursday, September 6, 2018 1:21 PM

Hello Zach,

I have asked staff for assistance with your request and will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you,
Tristan

From: Millward, Zach [<mailto:Zach.Millward@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, September 6, 2018 12:10 PM
To: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Subject: Moose Hunting and Limited Entry Hunt Enquiry

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Some B.C. First Nations ban limited-entry moose hunt - 100 Mile House Free Press

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
10:00 AM

Subject	Some B.C. First Nations ban limited-entry moose hunt - 100 Mile House Free Press
From	Alan Martin
To	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Cc	Harvey Andrusak; Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX; Psyllakis, Jennifer FLNR:EX; Gerry Paille
Sent	Thursday, September 6, 2018 4:53 PM
Attachments	<div> WebPage</div> <div> ATT00001</div>

Ken,
Jest to let you know this is really heating up.
Logic is
If it is a conservation concern, then all hunting would be banned.
if the situation is that FN FSC requirements could only be met then both residents and non residents hunts would be suspended
The argument that access and competition with resident hunters is not based on science and these discussions are being conducted without the participation of non indigenous residents of BC. This has become a non starter for our organization.
The perception is that your government is not representing the interests of the residents of BC in these issues.
What has your Ministry to demonstrate other wise.
It appears government is content to allocate a diminishing resource to FN and non residents through guides rather that deal with the increasing the supply of wildlife. Removing quota from guides would also be subject to appeal that would put these decisions under scrutiny of the EAB and would be difficult for the ministry to defend. Residents have no such avenue of appeal.
The moose research project is a good initiative, but the payoff is applying the results to improve moose habitat and the populations.
This must be done through a round table approach
I would like to meet you Monday to go over this issue and our approach to dealing with blockades
Gerry and Harvey may phone in.
Al Martin

<https://www.100milefreepress.net/news/b-c-interior-first-nations-announce-limited-entry-moose-hunt-ban/>

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LEH heating up

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
10:14 AM

Subject	LEH heating up
From	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
To	Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Cc	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Friday, September 7, 2018 8:27 AM

Good Morning;

The issue of LEH in the Chilcotin is heating up. Article below. Al Martin and the exec of the BCWF have requested to meet on Monday with Tom's gang and me for clarification of guide outfitters hunt and resident hunt.

kenn

Article:

Ministry not planning ban on LEH moose hunt in Cariboo Chilcotin

Williams Lake Tribune

Thursday, September 06, 2018

By Monica Lamb-Yorski

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Tuesday, October 16, 2018

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From	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
To	Millward, Zach LASS:EX; Morris, Kirsty L LASS:EX
Sent	Friday, September 7, 2018 1:53 PM

Hello Zach and Kirsty,

Here is some general messaging regarding the province's response to the First Nations' announcement. This is still a fluid situation and as of right now we can't predict how things will unfold. A communications plan is being developed to ensure that hunters are made aware of any barriers that may arise. I will have more information on that early next week and I will forward it to you then.

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RE: RE: First Naitons group initiate Moose Hunting Band

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

10:16 AM

Subject	RE: RE: First Naitons group initiate Moose Hunting Band
From	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
To	Derksen, Lory D LASS:EX
Sent	Friday, September 7, 2018 3:23 PM

Hello Lory,

Please see messaging below from staff.

Do you have an email address?

Also here is a link to an article published in the Williams Lake Tribune:

<https://www.wltribune.com/news/ministry-not-planning-ban-on-leh-moose-hunt-in-cariboo-chilcotin/>

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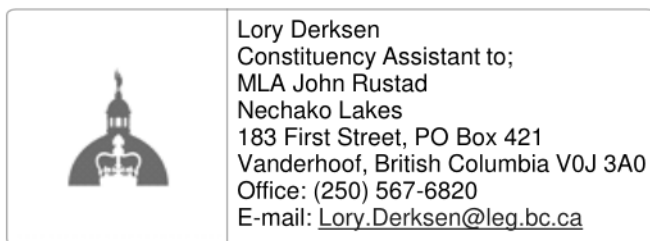
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From: Derksen, Lory [<mailto:Lory.Derksen@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Thursday, September 6, 2018 4:01 PM
To: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: First Naitons group initiate Moose Hunting Band

s.22




The above constituent contacted our office regarding the attached article that appeared in the Prince George Citizen newspaper. s.22 is an avid hunter and would like to know the government's position on this issue. Can you have someone from your office look into this and contact s.22 directly to discuss this issue. Please advise our office of the outcome. Thank you.

Regards,



FW: CALL: FNs & Hunting Management

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
10:17 AM

Subject	FW: CALL: FNs & Hunting Management
From	Psyllakis, Jennifer FLNR:EX
To	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Cc	Trotter, Ward FLNR:EX; McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX; Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX; Eckardt, Dana R FLNR:EX
Sent	Monday, September 10, 2018 4:45 PM
Attachments	<div> IN requests to ban hun...</div> <div> Appendix D Cariboo M...</div> <div> Appendix C Wildlife Ac...</div>

Hi Vivian, Brett and Kenn,
Attached below is briefing material currently in review with regional MIRR and FLNRORD staff. Vivian and Brett, wanted to make you aware of current status, but also draw your attention to the communications plan and key messages. If you could provide feedback on those aspects I can incorporate into the final draft into the approval chain and back to you after MIRR and FLNRORD ADM approval. I think that the communications plan could be more explicit, though also something we can work on outside of the BN explicitly.
Thanks in advance.
Jen

From: Psyllakis, Jennifer FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 4:22 PM
To: Trotter, Ward FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX; Ramsay, Devon IRR:EX; Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX; Vanderburgh, Ken FLNR:EX
Cc: Burwash, Michael FLNR:EX; Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: CALL: FNs & Hunting Management

Please see attached draft briefing material for review and comment. Despite our efforts we have not left much time before end of day. I will coordinate any comments as they come in.

As per next steps, once we have consolidated your comments we will:
send to MIRR ADM and FLNRORD ADM for review for both MSF and MDD. (Devon will be on point for MIRR.)
I will connect back with SDNA via email and offer a phone call if requested (otherwise, linking to region for following up through progression of the FFA).
COS is prepared to support collaborative game checks (if uptake need to consider resourcing implications)
Technical staff will reach out to their key contacts and MO will advise of contact to FN leadership

Jen

-----Original Appointment-----
From: Trotter, Ward FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 12:15 PM

To: Trotter, Ward FLNR:EX; Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX; Ramsay, Devon IRR:EX; Psyllakis, Jennifer FLNR:EX; Forsdick, Doug O ENV:EX; Vanderburgh, Ken FLNR:EX
Subject: CALL: FNs & Hunting Management
When: Monday, September 10, 2018 1:30 PM-2:00 PM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada).
Where: 1-877-353-9184 / participant:^{s.17} ' moderator: Ward

**MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND
RURAL DEVELOPMENT
INFORMATION NOTE**

Date: September 10, 2018

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PREPARED FOR: Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

ISSUE: Requests to ban hunting from several First Nations

BACKGROUND:

The Province manages all hunts with the following priorities 1) ensuring that harvest will not affect the sustainability of a wildlife population, 2) First Nations food, social and ceremonial (FSC) needs are met, 3) licenced resident harvest, 4) licenced guided harvest (typically non-resident). It is only after conservation and FSC needs are met, that the licenced harvest for residents and guides is considered.

2017 and 2018 have been the two worst years for wildfires in BC history in terms of hectares burned. Several First Nations have requested that the Province ban hunting, usually with direct reference to wildfire impacts, but also to improve wildlife populations generally (please see Appendix A).

The requests have created significant uncertainty and angst with licenced hunters. Concerns raised include lost benefits of harvests (e.g., meat, income in the case of guide outfitters), lack of science foundation and potential inconsistency to policy framework, and lack of accountability with some First Nations as per agreements made for previous reduction in licenced harvest, poor timing of decision, and fear of physical harm if a road block is encountered.

These concerns have increased tension between First Nation communities and licenced harvesters.

DISCUSSION:

Impacts to wildlife and wildlife habitat can be substantial; however science-based information suggests that wildlife populations are not normally negatively impacted by wildfires:

- Many species evolved in, and require, wildfire-maintained ecosystems to thrive. The stress that wildfire puts on populations is a short-term displacement resulting from a brief removal of security cover and forage.
- Any wildlife mortality directly related to fires is considered to be outweighed by the long-term benefits to habitat.
- Animals generally escape direct effects of wildfire and some burrowing animals go underground to depths where temperatures are normal even when the surface temperature is several hundred degrees.
- The Province prescribes burns frequently to improve wildlife habitat and thus benefit population growth.

Wildlife managers also have a constitutional responsibility to take First Nations' interests into consideration when making wildlife management decisions. In addition, wildlife managers are encouraged to go beyond legal obligations with First Nations and seek opportunities for greater collaboration and reconciliation in keeping with the government's mandate.

Historically, no changes have been made to *Wildlife Act* regulations due to wildfires. Due to unprecedented fires, there were closures made in 2017.

On August 29th, 2018, new restrictions and closures were announced as a result of discussions between the Province and the Tsilhqot'in National Government (TNG). The closures aimed to address concerns raised by TNG; however, they were not deemed sufficient by the TNG leadership.

The Province is not planning on expanding any further on existing closures at this time, but is willing to sit down with the TNG and other First Nation governments to build a more lasting collaborative approach going forward.

Communications have been prepared for hunters, First Nations and the public (Appendix B). A communications plan, aimed at both the technical staff level and leadership level, is being executed.

A proactive wildfire policy framework, that takes into account social and ecological factors, is also in development (Appendix C). Collaboration with First Nations and stakeholders will be required to complete the policy framework.

Improving the collaboration on all wildlife management (e.g., inventory, monitoring, coordinated game checks with Conservation Officer Service, etc) and habitat conservation (salvage harvest, road deactivation and rehabilitation, silviculture, etc) with First Nations to enhance moose and other important wildlife populations is also underway. An effort to expand Government to Government collaboration to ensure stakeholder interests are integral to management decisions is also underway (Appendix D).

These actions are being prioritised and coordinated, however, lack of trust is an underlying factor and will take time to build.

SUMMARY:

- The moose hunting opportunities that remain in place are considered sustainable and strive to balance the interests of Indigenous peoples and licensed hunters.
- The Province is committed to reconciliation and adherence to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.
- Staff will ensure clear communication with First Nations, hunters and the public through our website and reaching out to individual First Nations through existing relationships.
- Staff will provide the Minister's office with final key messages to support conversations with First Nation leadership.

Attachments:

Appendix A – Table showing First Nations requests for hunting bans

Appendix B – DRAFT Key Messages

Appendix C – DRAFT Policy framework

Appendix D – DRAFT Cariboo Region Moose Enhancement Concept

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Appendix A: Table showing First Nations requests for hunting bans

Date	First Nation	Specifics of requested ban
Summer 2018	The Stelat'en First Nation (Fraser Lake) and the Nadleh Whut'en First Nation	Informed Minister that they wished a ban on hunting this fall (information was verbal.)
August 20, 2018	Tahltan	Resident hunters be refrained from hunting within Tahltan Territory (Wildlife Management Units 6-19 to 26, and 7-52) at this time; a temporary hunting ban for this hunting season.
September 5, 2018	Tsilhqot'in National Government and Southern Dakelh Nation Alliance	A ban on all Limited Entry Hunts for moose within their respective territories in the interior of BC.
September 5, 2018	Kaska Nation	Immediate hunting closure in the Kaska Territory in BC recently impacted by wildfires. Resident and non-resident hunters to refrain from hunting in Wildlife Management Units 6-23, 6-24, 6-25, 7-40, 7-41, 7-51, 7-52, 7-53, 7-54
September 7, 2018	McLeod Lake Indian Band	The McLeod Lake Indian Band announced Limited-Entry Hunting for moose will be banned on its entire traditional territory effective immediately.

Appendix B: Key Messages Related to First Nations' Requests for Hunting Bans

- This government has a clear responsibility to protect and manage wildlife in the best interest of all British Columbians.
 - The Province is committed to a scientific sound approach to wildlife management and to reconciliation with First Nations, in part, through the implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.
 - The Province recognizes the concerns raised by several First Nations including the impacts of wildfire to habitat and wildlife and the considerable stress that many communities are under, including the concern of food security.
 - We are continuing to sit down with First Nations governments to build a more lasting collaborative approach to enhance wildlife numbers together.
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- The Province manages all hunts with the following priorities 1) ensuring that harvest will not affect the sustainability of a wildlife population, 2) First Nations food, social and ceremonial (FSC) needs are met, 3) licenced resident harvest, 4) licenced guided harvest (typically non-resident). It is only after conservation and FSC needs are met, that the licenced harvest for residents and guides is considered. Overall, fires are considered an important ecological process and one that promotes healthy wildlife populations.
 - The Province's data on moose harvest management clearly shows LEH harvest managed does not lead to moose population declines; the hunts are sustainable.
 - Wildlife managers will continue to prioritize First Nations' food, social and ceremonial harvest above any licensed harvest opportunity.
 - The Province also recognizes the benefits of hunting to rural communities, through sustenance harvest by licenced hunters, economic activity of visiting hunters, and small family rural guide outfitting businesses.
 - We are not planning on expanding existing closures at this time.
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- The Province will work together with First Nations to ensure that there is enough moose to meet the needs of First Nations, residents and guide outfitters.
 - Staff are working to develop a comprehensive policy framework with considerations for wildlife and habitat pre-, during, and post-wildfire that will be supported by broader engagement.

Appendix C: (see separate attachment) Draft Policy Framework

Appendix D: (see separate attachment) DRAFT Cariboo Region Moose Enhancement Concept

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FW: Limited Entry Hunting Licences

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
10:16 AM

Subject	FW: Limited Entry Hunting Licences
From	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
To	Tackaberry, Emily FLNR:EX; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Cc	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Sent	Monday, September 10, 2018 12:08 PM

Hi Emily/Kenn,

Based on the meeting with BCWF this morning I understand Jennifer and Ward are working on new communications regarding upcoming hunting season.

Please see below regarding confusion/uncertainty regarding the hunt and how resident hunters/outfitters can best access the most up to date information, including information on blockades etc.. Perhaps this information can assist in the preparation and dissemination of communication regarding the upcoming hunt.

Kenn, not sure if Emily will be able to pass this information along as she is busy at UBCM?

Thanks,
Tristan

From: Groot, Charlotte [<mailto:Charlotte.Groot@leg.bc.ca>]
Sent: Monday, September 10, 2018 11:11 AM
To: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Subject: Limited Entry Hunting Licences

Hi Tristan,

Further to our conversation, I confirm that our office is receiving phone calls regarding last week LEH closures (moose) announced by 3 area First Nations affecting most of the areas here in central/northern BC, leaving hunters with LEH tags and guide outfitters unsure of what is happening as we head into next weekend's opening of the hunting season. As mentioned, there is potential for conflict if this is not clarified before hunters head into the various areas.

I understand that your Minister is aware of the situation and working on it. In the meantime, where would we direct those who call here for the best and latest information on this developing situation so that hunters and Guide Outfitters are able to access the best information as they plan for the weekend hunt? Would you also kindly keep our office posted on developments as the situation progresses? Thanks!

Charlotte Groot

Constituency Assistant

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FW: Moose Hunting Ban in our Territory

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
10:18 AM

Subject	FW: Moose Hunting Ban in our Territory
From	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
To	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Cc	Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX
Sent	Tuesday, September 11, 2018 3:51 PM
Attachments	 Moose Ban News Rele...  ATT00001

This came to me.
Sonia please Log and send to staff.
Thanks,
Kenn

From: Jayde Duranleau [s.22]
Sent: September 11, 2018 2:25 PM
To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Moose Hunting Ban in our Territory

Hi Kenn,

Please see the attached news release from the McLeod Lake Indian Band. The 2018/2019 Limited-entry hunting synopsis has clearly infringed on our Treaty rights to hunt.

Thank you,

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McLeod Lake Indian Band
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FW: Limited Entry Hunting Licences

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
10:19 AM

Subject	FW: Limited Entry Hunting Licences
From	Tackaberry, Emily FLNR:EX
To	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Sent	Wednesday, September 12, 2018 9:10 AM

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Emily

From: Kapac de Frias, Martina FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 11, 2018 9:03 AM
To: Tackaberry, Emily FLNR:EX; Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Limited Entry Hunting Licences

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Date: September 10, 2018 at 12:08:36 PM PDT

To: "Tackaberry, Emily FLNR:EX" <Emily.Tackaberry@gov.bc.ca>, "McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX" <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>

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10:20 AM

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To	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Tackaberry, Emily FLNR:EX
Sent	Wednesday, September 12, 2018 9:16 AM

Hi;

I have seen the draft IN's they are good, and thorough. I think they will be done soon. I suspect more changes as more FN's pile on the moose hunt ban. Last night late McLeod Lake did so. I called one of their councillors. I got the impression it was done in solidarity w the Tsilhqot'in.

Kenn

From: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX

Sent: September 12, 2018 9:13 AM

To: Tackaberry, Emily FLNR:EX <Emily.Tackaberry@gov.bc.ca>; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>

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I haven't received anything yet. Looking forward to it, lots of enquiries!

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Issues Note - FN moose hunting bans

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
10:21 AM

Subject	Issues Note - FN moose hunting bans
From	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
To	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, September 13, 2018 5:10 PM
Attachments	 IN_First Nation mo...

There's also a map on page 3.

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ADVICE TO MINISTER

**CONFIDENTIAL
ISSUES NOTE**
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource
Operations, and Rural Development
Date: September 12, 2018
Minister Responsible: Hon. Doug Donaldson

First Nations seeking moose hunting bans

ADVICE AND RECOMMENDED RESPONSE:

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RE: 242400 - Request for Advice by September 17

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
10:21 AM

Subject	RE: 242400 - Request for Advice by September 17
From	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
To	Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX
Cc	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, September 13, 2018 1:48 PM

Hi Sonia;
I see staff are prepared to respond. Ok.
Kenn

From: Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX
Sent: September 13, 2018 11:54 AM
To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>; Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX <FLNR.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: 242400 - Request for Advice by September 17

Hi Kenn! Appears staff want to respond to the news release, assume you are ok with this?

Thank you—Di Bohja!

Sonia Donison
Team Lead
Correspondence Services
250 356-9638

From: Cole, Wendy FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 10:43 AM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 242400 - Request for Advice by September 17

I checked with our Director and he has advised that he is drafting a response. This was sent to MIRR as well and he had a meeting with them and the RED from here and FN staff this morning and it was determined that we needed to respond to it.

Please assign to our region, will this be a “direct reply” from the RED then?

thanks

Wendy Cole | Regional Executive Administrator | Omineca Natural Resource Region
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
☎ Phone: 250.561.3481 | Fax : 250.561.3478 | Email : wendy.cole@gov.bc.ca
From: DM-CSS [<mailto:FLNR.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 12, 2018 3:43 PM
To: Cole, Wendy FLNR:EX
Subject: 242400 - Request for Advice by September 17

Hello,

This incoming has been logged as FYI - for information. Please advise CSS (FLNR.Correspondence@gov.bc.ca) if you think it requires a response based on the writer's comments about infringement of Treaty rights to hunt.

Please let us know by September 17.

Thanks,

Terea

DM-CSS **Referral Slip for ID:242400** 2018/09/12

<i>Log Type:</i>	Email	<i>Action:</i>	Draft Reply	<i>Due:</i>	2018/10/02
<i>Batch:</i>		<i>Sig Level:</i>	Assistant Deputy Minister		

Author Type: First Nation *Written:* 2018/09/1 *Resp Type:* 2

Jayde Duranleau, Youth Councillor
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McLeod Lake, BC, V0J2G0

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Received: 2018/09/1 *File No.:* 2

Due: 2018/10/0 *Entered By:* tcoburn 2

Approved: *Approved By:*

Signed: *Signed By:*

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<i>Address To:</i>	Premier Horgan	<i>Copy To:</i>	
<i>Rsp Office:</i>	NO-ROM	<i>Issue:</i>	Hunting
<i>X-Ref:</i>	240233	<i>Drafter:</i>	
<i>With BN:</i>			

Subject

The 2018/2019 Limited-entry hunting synopsis has clearly infringed on the McLeod Lake Indian Band's Treaty rights to hunt. News release, "Limited-Entry Hunting Ban for Moose in McLeod Lake Indian Band's Traditional Territory," attached.

2018/09/12	Per Sonia, this is a news release and a response is not typically required. Asking ROM if they think a response is needed based on the writer's comments about Treaty rights.
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Referral DM-CSS -> MO-Minister							
From:	DM-CSS	Sent:	2018/09/12	Status:	Completed	Ref Action:	FYI/File
To:	MO-Minister	Received:		Reason:		Sig Level:	
Assign To:		Completed:	2018/09/12	Due:		File No.:	

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From:	MO-Minister	Sent:	2018/09/12	Status:	Pending	Ref Action:	Coordinate Response
To:	DM-CSS	Received:		Reason:		Sig Level:	
Assign To:		Completed:		Due:	2018/09/28 (Pending (12))	File No.:	

Referral DM-CSS -> MO-Minister -> DM-CSS -> NO-ROM							
From:	DM-CSS	Sent:	2018/09/12	Status:	Pending	Ref Action:	Advice
To:	NO-ROM	Received:		Reason:		Sig Level:	
Assign To:		Completed:		Due:	2018/09/17 (Active (3))	File No.:	

RE: Hunting

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
10:20 AM

Subject	RE: Hunting
From	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
To	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Sent	Thursday, September 13, 2018 1:16 PM

Briefing notes are almost done. Messaging is approved but I have not seen a ph # to call yet.
Kenn

-----Original Message-----

From: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Sent: September 13, 2018 1:07 PM
To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Hunting

Hey,

Anything yet. Just got a call from PJH's EA, they are getting lots of calls. Need messaging for CAs.

Sent from my iPhone

RE: Issues Note - FN moose hunting bans

Tuesday, October 16, 2018

10:22 AM

Subject	RE: Issues Note - FN moose hunting bans
From	Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
To	Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Sent	Friday, September 14, 2018 11:22 AM

Sorry, Tristan, got distracted by other stuff.

Here it is: <https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/sports-culture/recreation/fishing-hunting/hunting/important-notice>

From: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX

Sent: Friday, September 14, 2018 11:21 AM

To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX

Subject: RE: Issues Note - FN moose hunting bans

Thanks Vivian,

As discussed, can you please send me the link you mentioned?

Thanks,

Tristan

From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX

Sent: Thursday, September 13, 2018 5:10 PM

To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX

Subject: Issues Note - FN moose hunting bans

There's also a map on page 3.

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Fwd: Media Request: Tsilhqot'in Nation moose hunt ban

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
10:22 AM

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From	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
To	Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Cc	Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent	Wednesday, September 19, 2018 7:52 PM

Here are media lines re the LEH hunt. IN to come.
Kenn

Kenn McLaren
Ministerial Assistant
Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Rural Development
Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca | c-250-893-7231
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Begin forwarded message:

From: "Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX" <Brett.Lowther@gov.bc.ca>
Date: September 6, 2018 at 2:45:30 PM PDT
To: "McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX" <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Zadravec, Don GCPE:EX" <Don.Zadravec@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Media Request: Tsilhqot'in Nation moose hunt ban

Hi – As discussed. Here are the media requests with our proposed response below.
Brett

Reporter
Amy Smart, Reporter
Canadian Press (BC Bureau)
amy.smart@thecanadianpress.com
604-692-1168 c: 604-817-8111
Deadline ASAP

Request

Does the ministry want to respond to the attached statement? Do you agree that the situation is dire for moose, and if so, why continue issuing licences? If not – at what point would you stop issuing licences.

Reporter
Monica Lamb-Yorski, Reporter
Williams Lake Tribune
news@wltribune.com
250-392-2331
Deadline ASAP

Request

I am sure you are aware of the First Nations announcement they are banning all LEH moose hunts in their respective territories.

RESPONSES

- This government has a clear responsibility to protect and manage wildlife in the best interest of all British Columbians.
 - The Province is committed to reconciliation and the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People.
 - We are continuing to sit down with First Nations governments to build a more lasting collaborative approach to enhance moose numbers together.
 - In the Cariboo for example, all resident hunting is managed through Limited Entry Hunt which is the most closely managed hunt opportunity, and throughout the Chilcotin the LEH hunt is further enforced with compulsory inspection to confirm harvest information and inform management.
 - The Province's data on moose harvest management clearly shows the LEH managed harvest does not lead to moose population declines.
 - In the Chilcotin LEH hunting has been reduced by 60% from 2011 levels.
 - On August 24, further closures and access restrictions were put in place after additional consultation with First Nations.
 - We are not planning on expanding existing closures at this time.
- What is the impact of wildfires on moose populations?
- Analysis of the effects of the 2017 wildfires are consistent with prevailing science that suggest that wildlife populations are not significantly impacted by wildfires, and any wildlife mortality directly related to fires is considered to be outweighed by the long-term benefits of wildfire to habitat and wildlife.

- For example:
 - The Province prescribes burns frequently in areas to improve wildlife habitat and thus benefit population growth.
 - The 2017 Plateau fires in the Chilcotin were aerially surveyed and show ungulates remaining in newly burnt landscapes. In Zone 5-13A (60% of which was in the fire perimeter), surveys comparing moose densities before and after the wildfire showed moose populations remained stable.
 - Surveys following the 2017 Elephant Hill Fire did not notice a change in moose numbers within the burn and some of the highest densities observed were within the burn.
- Nevertheless, as a precaution additional reductions to LEH in the Chilcotin were implemented to address the removal of security cover and the potential for increased hunter success as a result of the 2017 wildfires.

First Nations release

Joint Media Release

September 5, 2018

T̓silhqot'in Nation and Southern D̓ākelh Announce Ban on Moose Hunt

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Fwd: talks

Tuesday, October 16, 2018
10:26 AM

Subject	Fwd: talks
From	McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
To	Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent	Tuesday, September 25, 2018 5:33 PM
Attachments	 Term Sheet - Marked Up  ATT00001

This is where our gang started this morning. It has gone well.
I will call soon.

Kenn McLaren
Ministerial Assistant
Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations, Rural Development
Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca | c-250-893-7231
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From: "Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX" <Mike.Pedersen@gov.bc.ca>
Date: September 25, 2018 at 10:38:10 AM PDT
To: "McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX" <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: "Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX" <Richard.Manwaring@gov.bc.ca>, "Rasmussen, Paul FLNR:EX" <Paul.Rasmussen@gov.bc.ca>, "Trotter, Ward FLNR:EX" <Ward.Trotter@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: talks

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From: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, September 25, 2018 9:35 AM
To: Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX
Cc: Manwaring, Richard G FLNR:EX; Rasmussen, Paul FLNR:EX; Trotter, Ward FLNR:EX
Subject: talks

Good Morning Mike et al;
I trust the talks with Tsilhqot'in staff are going largely within the planned framework. No real surprises? An update would be appreciated but not necessary.
Thanks,
Kenn

Kenn McLaren
Ministerial Assistant | Honourable Doug Donaldson
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
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Bullard, Dan FLNR:EX

From: J.P. Laplante <jlaplante@tsilhqotin.ca>
Sent: Monday, September 24, 2018 10:58 AM
To: Pedersen, Mike FLNR:EX; Trotter, Ward FLNR:EX
Cc: Luke Doxtator
Subject: Term Sheet - Marked Up
Attachments: 2018 09 22 Term Sheet BC TNG MOOSE_Marked up with comments-details.docx

Hi Mike, Ward:

In advance of our meeting/call in 5 minutes, please find the draft attached which outlines some of the interests expressed by Chief Alphonse in more detail than before. This will help clarify what I intend to discuss today, aside from process discussion.

This is a draft for discussion purposes only.

Best,
JP

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