

From: [Fish and Wildlife ENV:EX](#)
To: [MacIver, Stephen ENV:EX](#)
Subject: FW: poisoning of coyotes/wolves
Date: October 27, 2010 8:54:53 AM

Hi Steve,

Another one for you.

Thanks!

Vanessa

From: Lesley Fox [mailto:lesleyfox@hotmail.com]
Sent: Monday, October 25, 2010 3:58 PM
To: Lesley Fox
Subject: Re: poisoning of coyotes/wolves

I am writing to see if your Provincial/Territory Government allows for the use of poison (ie. compound 1080 or cyanide) to kill coyotes or wolves? Any information would be appreciated.

From: [Lofroth, Eric ENV:EX](#)
To: [MacIver, Stephen ENV:EX](#)
Subject: RE: wolverines in BC
Date: January 21, 2011 4:31:08 PM

Steve – I am happy to let you respond. You guys are the wildlife management folks. You know most of this already. Special concern means we pay special attention to harvest sustainability issues and habitat issues that might affect productivity. This might be due to the species sensitivity to harvest or to habitat changes. It doesn't mean that we can't allow a carefully managed harvest. We have other species ranked special concern that get harvested (as you know).

Let me know if there are specific pieces of information or data that you want.

Eric Lofroth

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From: MacIver, Stephen ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2011 12:16 PM
To: Lofroth, Eric ENV:EX
Subject: FW: wolverines in BC

Hi Eric, do you want to respond to this? Or provide me with some bullets to help with a response?
Thanks
Steve

From: Fish and Wildlife ENV:EX
Sent: Thursday, January 20, 2011 9:46 AM
To: MacIver, Stephen ENV:EX
Subject: FW: wolverines in BC

Hi Steve,

Here is another one for you. Eric Lofroth might be able to help you out on this one if you need more info about wolverines.

Thanks!

Vanessa

From: Lesley Fox [mailto:fgd@banlegholdtraps.com]
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2011 3:12 PM
To: Fish and Wildlife ENV:EX
Subject: wolverines in BC

Wolverines in western Canada, including the Mountain Parks, are listed as a Species of Special Concern by the national Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC). This ranking reflects their low numbers and slow capacity to recover from population declines. Both Alberta and British Columbia provincial governments recognize wolverine as a species that may be at risk and require special management considerations.

But under the BC Ministry of the Environment, the Government allows the trapping/hunting of wolverines. They can legally be snared, killed in a Conibear trap or shot with a rifle, shotgun or bow.

If the wolverine is listed as "special concern", why is this allowed?

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Reference: 220137

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Your open letters concerning predator control and wolf culls in Western Canada have been referred to me for a response as this issue falls under the purview of the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations. I am also providing input from the Ministry of Agriculture on the issue of minimizing livestock predation by wolves through non-lethal practices.

Wolves are highly valued in British Columbia and the province is committed to maintaining self-sustaining wolf populations within the species' historic range. This goal is stated in the Management Plan for the Grey Wolf (*Canis lupus*) in British Columbia, which is available online at: http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/management-issues/docs/grey_wolf_management_plan.pdf

The plan, which involved extensive public consultation in 2014, ensures that wolves fulfill their role as the top predator in British Columbia's ecosystems. It supports non-lethal mitigation activities and provides for wolf removal activities only in response to livestock attacks or when required to achieve specific wildlife population objectives.

British Columbia also has a global responsibility to conserve mountain caribou. The province is undertaking aerial removal on wolf packs that prey on the endangered caribou in imperiled herds in the South Selkirk and the South Peace areas. The operational plans for the caribou herds in these areas were also peer-reviewed by individuals with knowledge and experience in managing wolves. The wolf removal methods used in these projects are the most humane methods available to achieve our objectives.

The Ministry of Agriculture has been working on providing prevention and education resources for the ranching community to raise awareness of beneficial management practices (BMPs) that can minimize wolf predation on livestock through non-lethal practices. BMPs support environmentally responsible farming and can be a process, activity, method or technique, generally understood to be more effective in reaching a certain desired outcome than other conventional means.

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Examples of recommended BMPs that utilize techniques and processes that are non-lethal and can reduce predator impacts to livestock include husbandry practices, fencing, repellent operation, guardian dog use and pasture management. The Ministry of Agriculture recognizes that although there are a variety of BMPs to use, they will not always eliminate predation. More information on non-lethal BMPs can be found on the Conservation Officer's website at: <http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/human-wildlife-conflict>

One common interpretation of trophy or sport hunting implies that there is no sustenance component to the hunting activity. Current regulations under the *Wildlife Act* require that the edible portions (four quarters and the loins) of most harvested big game species must be retrieved. However, this requirement does not apply to grizzly bears or cougar, provided the hunter removes the hide of the harvested animal. It is assumed that by "trophy or sport" hunting you are referring to the hunting of species where there is no requirement to remove edible portions; the hunt is for the sole purpose of obtaining wildlife parts other than meat.

It is important to know that the biologists working for government have dedicated their careers, and their lives, to wildlife and conservation. They share the common societal goal of providing the next generation with the same biodiversity and recreational opportunities available today. The importance of the health, abundance and distribution of wildlife to provincial biologists cannot be measured; it is a genuine passion. Altogether, the biologists working for the province have collared, encountered and studied thousands (perhaps tens of thousands) of bears over the past decade. These biologists, and the ministry as a whole, are truly committed to ensuring the long-term sustainability of all wildlife species in the province.

Thank you for writing.

Yours truly,



Tom Ethier
A/ Assistant Deputy Minister

pc: Honourable Christy Clark, Premier of British Columbia
Honourable Mary Polak, Minister of Environment
Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural
Resource Operations
W.H. (Wes) Shoemaker, Deputy Minister, Minister of Environment

File: 223895

Lesley Fox
Executive Director
The Fur-Bearers

Email: Lesley@thefurbearers.com

Dear Ms. Fox:

Thank you for your email of August 23, 2016, regarding grizzly bear management in British Columbia.

The letter that you are referencing was sent by me to a member of the public on July 22, 2016. This letter included the following sentence: "Altogether, the biologists working for the province have collared, encountered, and studied thousands (perhaps tens of thousands) of bears over the past decade."

Just to clarify this comment, the reference to thousands of bears is inclusive, being that thousands of bears have been subject to all of the terms mentioned (collared, encountered, and studied). Over the past decade thousands of bears have been subject to research work conducted by the province, including DNA inventory, collaring, and inventory. For example, BC has produced more mark-recapture population estimates for grizzly bears than any similar jurisdiction (province, state) for any bear species, anywhere in the world. Mark-recapture population estimates require DNA analysis from hundreds of bears, repeated over many years. Through the DNA mark-recapture inventory projects alone there have been thousands of grizzly bears studied.

The most recent report on grizzly bears in B.C., published in the Journal of Wildlife Management on November 27th, titled "Sustainability of the Grizzly Bear Hunt in British Columbia, Canada" is an example of the results of grizzly bear studies in the province. This paper is attached to this email for your convenience. Please refer to the Literature Cited section of this paper for a comprehensive list of studies in British Columbia, and other jurisdictions, related to grizzly bears.

In response to your question regarding collared grizzly bears in the province, it is difficult to state exactly how many grizzly bears are currently affixed with collars, the numbers change over time. In the lower mainland region there are currently 6 functioning GPS collars on grizzly bears and 7 additional collars are scheduled to be deployed next year. In the Thompson Region there are currently 6 functioning collars affixed to grizzly bears. In the Kootenay region there are approximately 30 collared grizzly bears, however three collared grizzly bears have recently died due to either road or rail collisions. There are also plans to collar grizzly bears in the Skeena and Peace Regions in the near future.

In 2016, the Province of British Columbia received a commissioned independent review of grizzly bear harvest management. The intent of the review was to provide the province with an unbiased analysis of current harvest management practices. The review panel, selected from a shortlist provided by The Wildlife Society and International Association for Bear Research and Management, consisted of three international experts in the field of bear biology and conservation. After analysis of the provincial grizzly bear harvest management procedure, available data and literature; and interviews with grizzly bear managers, stakeholders and independent scientists; the panel concluded that:

“...the BC grizzly bear harvest management procedures have attained a high level of rigor with a solid scientific underpinning modified, as necessary, by professional judgment. We believe that adequate safeguards have been established to ensure, with a high degree of confidence, the sustainability of this harvest.”

“A great deal of effort and expense have gone into producing population estimates for each GBPU [Grizzly Bear Population Unit]. Undoubtedly, BC has produced more mark–recapture population estimates for grizzly bears than any similar jurisdiction (province, state) for any bear species, anywhere in the world.”

“...our simulation results substantiate the often-cited sustainable yield value of 6% (Harris 1986), that has [sic] used by the FLNRO to determine the target number of bears to be killed by hunters in BC...”

The review also includes recommendations related to habitat monitoring, population inventory and monitoring, resourcing, access management, the Grizzly Bear Harvest Management Procedure, and public engagement.

The independent science review can be found online at <http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/fw/wildlife/management-issues/docs/grizzly-bear-harvest-management-2016.pdf>

Thank you for writing and sharing your thoughts on the management of grizzly bears.

Regards,

Ward Trotter

Bullard, Dan FLNR:EX

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: Your comments re. bear collaring

From: Lesley Fox [<mailto:lesley@thefurbearers.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 17, 2016 2:16 PM
To: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX
Subject: Your comments re. bear collaring

Hi Mr. Ethier,

One of our supporters received forwarded us a response he received from you regarding wildlife management. Attached is an excerpt of your letter.

I am very curious about your comment:

"Altogether, the biologists working for the province have collared, encountered and students thousands (perhaps tens of thousands) of beaver over the past decade."

To the best of my knowledge, there has been very little done in the past decade related to bear collaring. Can you please forward me the results of those 'tens of thousands' of studies?

Lesley Fox
Executive Director

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From: [Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: Bear studies/collaring
Date: August 24, 2016 8:12:04 AM
Attachments: [BC Assistant Deputy Min. - Tom Ethier - bears.pdf](#)

From: Lesley Fox [<mailto:lesley@thefurbearers.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 23, 2016 11:33 AM
To: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX
Subject: Bear studies/collaring

Hello Mr. Ethier,

I apologize for my earlier email to you in which there were many typos. Below is the correct information in which I am hoping you can explain.

Through one of our supporters, I received a copy of your correspondence in which you state (last paragraph, second last sentence), *"Altogether, the biologists working for the province have collared, encountered and studied thousands (perhaps tens of thousands) of bears over the past decade."*

Do you have access to those "tens of thousands" of studies? To the best of my knowledge, there has been very little done in the past decade related to bear collaring.

Thanks for any insight you can offer.

Lesley Fox
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To: Christensen, Tracy E.FLNR:EX
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Subject

Author curious about comment regarding bears and requests the results of bear studies.

Log Notes

2016/12/08 Steve MacIver, finalize draft, forwarded to Mike Ramsay for approval

2016/11/30 drafted by Mike Stalberg, Steve MacIver reviewing to see if he would like to add anything before sending up for approval

2016/11/29 sent to Steve MacIver to draft

2016/10/28 Jeff advised that Mike Stalberg should respond

2016/10/28 sent to Jeff Morgan for response

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From: [Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX](#)
To: [MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: CLIFF ID 223895
Date: December 21, 2016 7:19:47 AM
Attachments: [McIellan et al-2016-The Journal of Wildlife Management.pdf](#)
[223895 MCS Lesley Fox grizzly bear SM.docx](#)
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Importance: High

Hi Steve,

Can you please have a quick look and let me know if the (sic) is suppose to be there or not. Thanks!

Tracy

From: Ramsay, Mike K FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 10:38 AM
To: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: CLIFF ID 223895
Importance: High

Tracy:

Can you explain what (sic) means in the second last paragraph.

From: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 15, 2016 10:15 AM
To: Ramsay, Mike K FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: CLIFF ID 223895
Importance: High

From: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, December 8, 2016 8:23 AM
To: Ramsay, Mike K FLNR:EX
Cc: McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: CLIFF ID 223895
Importance: High

Hi Mike,

Can you please have a look at this and let me know if it is good to go, or you would like changes.

Thanks! tracy

From: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 3:55 PM
To: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: CLIFF ID 223895
Importance: High

Please use this one instead, added some text around collared bears.

Thanks,

Steve

From: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, December 7, 2016 3:43 PM
To: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: CLIFF ID 223895

Hi Tracy,

Here is a revised draft response. I did not do track changes off of Mike Stalbergs draft.

Important Note: I've attached a PDF to this email, this PDF must be attached to the final response (assuming this draft is approved to send).

Thanks,

Steve

From: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX

Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 3:41 PM
To: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: CLIFF ID 223895

Yes, definitely. I'll get to it, just going through the queue now, it's a few down the list.

Steve

From: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, November 30, 2016 11:19 AM
To: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: CLIFF ID 223895

Hi Steve, did you want to add anything to this one? Thanks Tracy

From: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, November 25, 2016 10:43 AM
To: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Cc: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: CLIFF ID 223895

Hi Steve,

Did you have a chance to look at this draft response and add information?

Thanks,

Mike

From: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, November 15, 2016 2:28 PM
To: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Cc: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: CLIFF ID 223895

Hi Steve,

Can you please have a look at the attached response, especially the parts in yellow. Do we have an idea of how many bears have been collared over the last decade?

Do we have reports the we can reference (or send out)?

Thanks,

Mike

From: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 12:03 PM
To: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: CLIFF ID 223895

Sorry, but here is another ☺

From: Morgan, Jeff A FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 11:58 AM
To: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: CLIFF ID 223895

This should go to Mike Stalberg.

Jeff Morgan

Fish and Wildlife Branch - Policy Manager

Resource Stewardship Division

Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

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From: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 11:40 AM
To: Morgan, Jeff A FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: CLIFF ID 223895

Hi Jeff,

Here is another one that needs attention, thank you!

From: Tracy Christensen [<mailto:Tracy.Christensen@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Friday, October 28, 2016 11:40 AM
To: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Subject: CLIFF ID 223895

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To: [Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Question
Date: January 10, 2017 12:08:00 PM
Attachments: [Mclellan et al-2016-The Journal of Wildlife Management.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)

Here it is.

Cheers,

Steve

From: Christensen, Tracy E FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 10, 2017 8:48 AM
To: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Subject: Question

Hi Steve, I am going to send out the email to Lesley Fox, in the email a report is referenced, however not attached. Can you please forward the report to me or direct me to where I would find this. Thanks! Tracy ☺

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Tracy Christensen
Fish & Wildlife Branch
Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations
Phone 250-356-7048



From: [Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Burwash, Michael FLNR:EX](#); [MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX](#); [Wenham, Logan FLNR:EX](#); [Barr, Larry FLNR:EX](#); [Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX](#); [MacDermott, Jerry FLNR:EX](#); [Wilton, William FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Open letter re BC grizzly hunt
Date: May 5, 2017 2:13:23 PM
Attachments: [Open Letter BC Grizzly Hunt.pdf](#)

FYI

From: Gabriel Wildgen [mailto:gwildgen@hsi.org]
Sent: Friday, May 5, 2017 2:04 PM
To: OfficeofthePremier, Office PREM:EX
Cc: Trotter, Ward FLNR:EX; Bohm, Holger FLNR:EX; Morgan, Jeff A FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX; Ramsay, Mike K FLNR:EX; Hamilton, Tony ENV:EX; Kerr-Upal, Manjit ENV:EX; Mattock, Amber JTST:EX; asha.baht@gov.bc.ca
Subject: Open letter re BC grizzly hunt

To the Future Premier of BC,

Please find attached an open letter calling for an end to the trophy hunting of grizzly bears in BC, signed by 24 non-profits, unions, filmmakers, and businesses.

On behalf of all signatories, and on behalf of the over 90 percent of BC residents who oppose trophy hunting, we express our sincere hope that this letter comes to your immediate attention upon taking office, and that you take swift and effective action to protect grizzly bears.

Sincerely,

Gabriel Wildgen

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May 5, 2017

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To the Future Premier of British Columbia,

We, the undersigned, call on the Government of British Columbia to end the trophy hunting of grizzly bears in B.C.

The practice of hunting large, iconic animals simply so that their body parts may be mounted on walls as trophies is widely condemned around the world. Permitting hunters to kill hundreds of B.C. grizzlies per year for this purpose is detrimental not only to the bears' populations and welfare, but also to the international image that B.C. and the rest of Canada projects to the world.

Furthermore, trophy hunting of grizzly bears has a clear negative effect on B.C.'s economy, both in terms of direct losses of opportunity for the bear-viewing industry—which brings in up to twelve times more direct revenue, and more employment to the province—and in terms of indirect losses to other tourism-related industries such as hospitality, transportation, and food.

In addition to these losses, the Government of B.C. is currently wasting taxpayer dollars on managing this economically harmful hunt, with some estimates indicating that the costs exceed the direct revenues that the hunt brings to the province.

The Government of British Columbia must act in accordance with the wishes of the over 90 percent of B.C. residents who are opposed to the trophy hunting of grizzlies, and implement an immediate moratorium on the current spring bear hunt, and then commit to a short timeline to implement a permanent end to the hunt. These actions will show the world that the province's policies are in accordance with B.C. and Canadian values that respect nature, and they will increase tourism revenue while eliminating wasteful trophy hunt management costs.

Signed,

Sara Dubois, PhD, RPBio, Chief Scientific Officer & Senior Manager, BCSPCA

Stephanie Smith, President, BC Government and Services Employees' Union

Barbara Murray, Bears Matter

John E. Marriott, Canadian Wildlife Photography Tours

Katherine MacRae, Executive Director, Commercial Bear Viewing Association

Dr. Faisal Moola, PhD, David Suzuki Foundation

Jefferson Bray, Owner & Manager, Great Bear Chalet Ltd.

Margaret McCullough, Founder, Grizzly Girls

Val Murray, Founder & Director, Justice for BC Grizzlies

Jim Lawrence, Kootenay Reflections Photography

Rebecca Aldworth, Executive Director, Humane Society International/Canada

LUSH Canada

Trish Boyum, Ocean Adventures

Ian McAllister, Co-founder, Pacific Wild

Chris Genovali, Executive Director, Raincoast Conservation Foundation

Caitlyn Vernon, Campaigns Director, Sierra Club BC

Lesley Fox, Executive Director, The Fur-Bearers

Thomas Reissmann, Producer & Director, The Grizzly Truth documentary

Joe Foy, National Campaign Director, The Wilderness Committee

Craig Pettitt & Wayne McCrory, Directors, Valhalla Wilderness Society

Debra Probert, Executive Director, Vancouver Humane Society

Tommy Knowles, Executive Director, Wildlife Defense League

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From: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX
To: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Cc: McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Meeting request - The Fur Bearers - Cliff #235567
Date: January 12, 2018 1:35:19 PM
Attachments: ~WRD000.jpg
image001.png
Importance: High

Hi Stephen

I am not involved in or familiar with any work on trapping seasons. Would this go to you?

Mindy

From: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 2:33 PM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Cc: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Meeting request - The Fur Bearers - Cliff #235567
Importance: High

Hello,

I have logged this meeting request at bottom of page dated July 26th, 2017. Log #235567

Could a response be sent out to Lesley Fox in regards to her concerns below. We will let you know of a meeting recommendation as soon as we can.

Thanks

Sandra



Sandra Purdy

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From: Lesley Fox [<mailto:lesley@thefurbearers.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, January 9, 2018 2:16 PM
To: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Cc: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Meeting request
Importance: High

Hi Sandra,

Thank you so much for taking my call and for your help. Below is a copy of my original meeting request. I am more than happy to travel to Victoria or if Minister Donaldson is in Vancouver, I am happy to meet with him here too. Whichever is most convenient.

Regarding my other request. As you may know, FLNRO is soliciting feedback regarding a proposal to expand the trapping season for wolves. <https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/ahte/content/lengthen-wolf-trapping-season-vancouver-island>

I am trying to find out more information on:

- Specifically, who created this original proposal (Was it from a committee? Which committee and who is on that committee?)
- Who decides/approves the proposal for publication on the website/the process of how to

solicit public feedback?

- After the comments are received, where do those comments go? Who reviews them?

I really appreciate your help navigating my request. Thanks again.

Lesley Fox
Executive Director

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From: Lesley Fox [<mailto:lesley@thefurbearers.com>]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 1:37 PM

To: 'FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca'

Subject: Meeting request

Dear Minister Donaldson,

We briefly met at the swearing in ceremony at the Governor's House. As I mentioned to you, our organization has a long history with your Ministry and I was hoping to schedule a meeting with you when you at your earliest convenience.

Please let me know which date/time works best for you when you are in Victoria next.

Once again, congratulations on all of your achievements. Fantastic!

Lesley Fox
Executive Director

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MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS, NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

PHONE/MEETING RESPONSE RECORD

Response type *(please check applicable option)*: Phone ☒ Meeting ☐

CLIFF Reference Number(s): 235567

Date of Meeting/Call: Jan 18, 2018

Time of Meeting/Call: 3:30

Recipient of Meeting/Call: Lesley Fox

604-435-1850

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Meeting DETAILS:

Lesley is concerned about a proposal to lengthen the wolf trapping season on Vancouver Island and wanted to discuss it. I mentioned that it was a proposal at this point and no decision has been made.

We spoke about the public engagement website, and that it serves many purposes, including public education, public input that can modify proposals, a litmus test for controversial proposals, and more information for the decision maker to base their decision.

Furbearers have other issues with trapping that they want government to act on: signage requirements for traplines in areas with human/pet presence, ID numbers on traps, and giving municipalities authority to regulate trapping within municipal boundaries. I asked Lesley to follow up with more information on the topics through an email.

COMMENTS:

See above

Updated 21/03/2019

CONTACT NAME: Stephen MacIver

CONTACT NUMBER: 778 698 9112

DIVISION: **Fish and Wildlife**

Follow-Up Letter Required? Yes ☐ No ☒

From: [MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: 235567 - Lesley Fox - Please advise/draft response
Date: January 18, 2018 3:40:12 PM
Attachments: [235567 - CLIFF phone call.docx](#)

Hi Diana,
I phoned Lesley, see the attached.
Cheers,
Steve

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 1:32 PM
To: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Cc: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX; Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 235567 - Lesley Fox - Please advise/draft response

Hi Steve,
The response can be via phone call – I have attached the phone call response form which will need to be sent back to us upon completion.

Thanks!

Diana De Cotiis

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From: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 1:05 PM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Cc: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 235567 - Lesley Fox - Please advise/draft response

Hi Diana,
Does this have to be a written response, or can I phone Lesley directly?
Thanks,
Steve

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Monday, January 15, 2018 12:41 PM
To: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Cc: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX; Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: 235567 - Lesley Fox - Please advise/draft response

Hi Stephen,
It has been advised that you will be able to draft a response to Lesley Fox's points on trapping in the attached incoming message. Please confirm, and draft a response with wording/bullets due to CSS by January 26.

Thank you,

Diana De Cotiis

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From: [Michael Howie](#)
To: [Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: ["Lesley Fox"](#)
Subject: 235897 re: Letter to the Minister
Date: January 19, 2018 6:51:19 AM
Attachments: [2018-01-19 DonaldsonLetter.docx](#)

Please find attached a letter to the Minister sent on behalf of Lesley Fox, Executive Director of The Fur-Bearers, regarding a proposed policy change on the AHTE site involving the trapping of wolves on Vancouver Island. This letter is also being made publicly available to our 70,000+ supporters. Ms. Fox would welcome an opportunity to discuss this matter with the Minister in greater detail.

-M

Michael Howie

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From: [Donaldson.MLA, Doug LASS:EX](#)
To: [Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: 235898 FW: wolf hunt letter
Date: January 19, 2018 11:30:32 AM
Attachments: [wolf hunt letter.pdf](#)
[~WRD000.jpg](#)

From: s.22

Sent: Thursday, January 18, 2018 5:00 PM

To: Horgan.MLA, John ; Heyman.MLA, George ; Donaldson.MLA, Doug

Subject: Fwd: wolf hunt letter

----- Forwarded message -----

From: s.22

Date: Thu, Jan 18, 2018 at 4:48 PM

Subject: wolf hunt letter

To: s.22

Dear Premiere and honorable members, my daughter has written the attached letter to you.

Thank you,

s.22

s.22 has attached the following document:



wolf hunt letter

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Dear B.C government,

Hello My name is s.22 and

I oppose your idea to expand
wolf hunting season. The Vancouver
Island Coastal wolf is genetically
different from wolves on the main
land. Also consider if you lower
the wolf population it will be
extremely inhumane.

Six islands on the archipelago
of Haida Gwaii that had no wolves,
and humans introduced deer. It
was horrific the deer consumed
every thing. With that the deer

over populated, and with very
littel food ~~the~~ the deer starved.

I have very littel evidence
that coastal wolves are causing
this problem. Its most likly due
to deforestation, and urban development,
as it takes habitat away from
the deer.

A solution to the low deer
population is to set aside land
for the deer, and develop less
forest land. From s.22

s.22

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s.16

From: [Body, Laura FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Body, Laura FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: CLIFF ID 236045
Date: June 14, 2018 2:27:14 PM
Attachments: [in_vancouver_island_wolf_trapping_regulations_draft3.docx](#)

RS-ADM Referral Slip for ID:236045

2018/06/14

<i>Log Type:</i> Briefing Note	<i>Action:</i> Briefing Note-Information	<i>Due:</i>
<i>Batch:</i>		

Author Type: BN Contact
 Jennifer Psyllakis, Director
 FWB
 Resource Stewardship
Written:
Received: 2018/01/25
Due:
Approved:
Closed: 2018/05/29 *File No.:*

Secondary Authors

Author Type: BN Recipient
 Honourable Doug Donaldson, Minister
 Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural
 Development

Rsp Office: RS-Fish and Wildlife
Issue: Wolf control
X-Ref:

Subject

Vancouver Island Wolf Trapping - briefing for MDD

Log Notes

2018/02/14 Note being used to brief Minister George Heyman. Forwarded to DMO
 2018/01/30 Note approved by Jen P and Tom E. Forwarded to DMO.
 2018/01/25 Sent and e-mail to Jen and Mike Burwash. Asked Jen who should
 attend and asked Mike Burwash to have staff draft a note ASAP.
 2018/01/25 Forwarded to FWB for drafting of information note for MDD.

Referral RS-ADM -> RS-ADM

From: RS-ADM *Sent:* 2018/01/25 *Status:* Completed *Ref Action:* Accept
To: RS-ADM *Received:* 2018/01/25 *Reason:* *Sig Level:*
Assign To: *Completed:* 2018/02/14 *Due:* 2018/02/06 *File No.:*

Referral RS-ADM -> RS-ADM -> RS-Fish and Aquatic Habitat

From: RS-ADM *Sent:* 2018/01/25 *Status:* Completed *Ref Action:* Draft Note
To: RS-Fish and Aquatic Habitat *Received:* 2018/01/25 *Reason:* *Sig Level:*
Assign Jen and Mike *File*

To: Burwash

Completed: 2018/05/29 Due: 2018/02/05 No.:

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

Date: January 30, 2018
File: 280-20
CLIFF: 236045

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

ISSUE: Public interest in a proposal to lengthen wolf trapping seasons on Vancouver Island.

BACKGROUND:

There is a regulatory proposal to lengthen the wolf trapping season on Vancouver Island by 51 days this year. The current season runs from November 1 to June 30. The proposal suggests moving the season's start date to September 10 and this has recently garnered media and public attention.

This proposal is part of a regular two-year review of hunting and trapping regulations. They are typically submitted following consultation with local stakeholders and First Nations. Fish and Wildlife staff also consider input received from the public through a hunting and trapping engagement site before finalizing a regulation proposal and making a recommendation to the Minister.

On Vancouver Island, 65% of commercial traplines are registered to First Nations. When trapping for food, social, and ceremonial purposes, First Nations would not require a licence or change to the season. However, if First Nations desire to sell any furs harvested on a registered trapline a licence is needed and season dates must be followed. Licenced and First Nation trappers may also gain permission from landowners to trap on private property; in these cases no registered trapline is needed.

The ministry estimates there are about 250 wolves on Vancouver Island at this time and the population is increasing. Trapping will occur by licensed trappers or by First Nations. Most trapping occurs on central or northern Vancouver Island.

There is no conservation concern with wolf populations on Vancouver Island.

DISCUSSION:

Vancouver Island First Nations have expressed concern to Fish and Wildlife staff that increased wolf populations are impacting Roosevelt elk and black-tailed deer.

First Nations have also been making arrangements for licenced trappers to come into First Nations' territories (with permission of trapline holders); however, late start dates have hampered some requests for fall trapping due to weather generated freeze/thaw events that affect trap efficacy.

Licensed hunters (both residents and guide outfitters) are anticipated to support the regulation as any reduction in wolf populations is likely to have a positive impact on deer and elk populations.

Several groups and individuals have indicated opposition to the increased trapping season and the practice of trapping generally.

Efforts have been taken to ensure the proposed extension is consistent, humane and measured:

- The proposal mirrors start dates on the South Coast but is more conservative than most other regions. Some other regions have areas with no closed season or no bag limits.
- On Vancouver Island, the primary trap utilized for wolves are modified leg-hold traps. These traps are humane, and are the same design used in collaring studies throughout the province enabling wolves, and any non-target species to be released without injury.
- No wolves were trapped in 2016/17. Conditions in the previous five years were milder, and the yearly average has been seven wolves total for the entire Vancouver Island. We do not expect there to be a significant difference in the number of wolves trapped annually but the change would allow trappers to better work around environmental conditions (freeze/thaw events).

In recent years, environmental organizations have claimed that coastal wolves are genetically unique and should be designated as such. In Canada, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) is able to apply a Designatable Unit (DU) status where there is sufficient information and need to warrant assessing at a sub-species level. At this time, COSEWIC has not considered the available information adequate to identify coastal wolf populations as a separate DU.

There have also been claims suggesting increasing hunting pressure on wolves can cause stress levels to rise, triggering increased breeding. This research is relatively new and many unknowns remain. Modest increases to trapping seasons are not expected to have a significant impact, but regulations are periodically reviewed and can be adjusted if new information warrants.

A Roosevelt elk management plan sets target population objectives for each elk population unit. First Nations, the Province of BC, and user groups on Vancouver Island all work together in an advanced, unique, and collaborative approach which includes sharing of elk, sharing of harvest information, and joint revitalization projects. Elk translocation is a tool used to move elk from areas of high abundance to areas of low abundance to augment recovery efforts. Failure to take some action with respect to wolves could impact First Nations support for these innovative programs.

First Nations who have an abundance of elk in their territories are only interested in allowing elk to be translocated to areas where there are no concerns with local predator populations. In some areas on the north of Vancouver Island, hunting seasons are closing in response to declining deer and elk populations. In others, populations are not growing and so hunts cannot be created. Predation is often a major factor in recovery of these populations.

Spring transect surveys and summer classification surveys are used to monitor deer populations on Vancouver Island and there is a 60 year data set established for much of the island. Management Unit (MU) 1-11 (south of Port McNeill) is illustrative of wolf-deer population interactions (Appendix 1). Wolf numbers in MU 1-11 increased dramatically across the region in 1976-77. Wolf reduction occurred in the 1980s and early 2000s in MU 1-11 resulting in a rebound of deer numbers in subsequent years.

SUMMARY:

- As part of the 2018-2020 update to the Hunting and Trapping Regulation Synopsis, the ministry is considering about 80 proposed regulation changes. The public review and comment period closed January 19, 2018.
- The ministry is proposing to lengthen the current wolf trapping season by 51 days to provide sustainable trapping opportunities and help elk conservation efforts on north Vancouver Island.

- First Nations, who are key partners in these conservation efforts, have expressed concern with wolf predation, at the same time other recovery efforts are underway for Roosevelt Elk.
- Hunters and trappers are required to report their harvest so the province can closely monitor harvest levels.
- The proposed trapping approach is considered humane.

Attachment: Appendix 1: Deer population survey data from 1968-2017 (MU 1-11)

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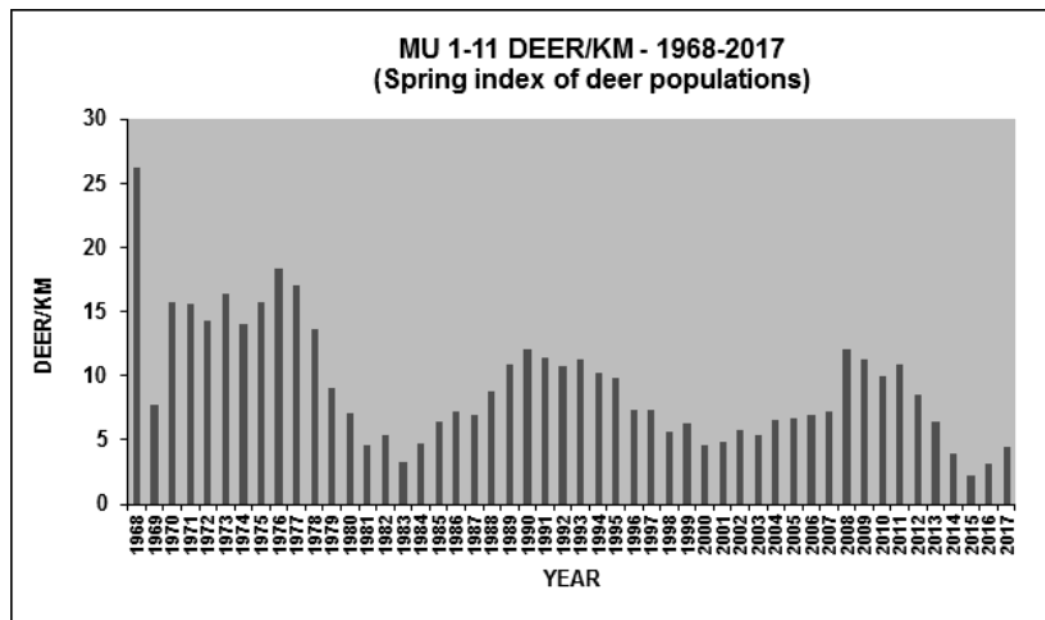
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Reviewed by	Initials	Date
ADM	TE	January 30, 2018
Director	JP	January 30, 2018
Author	LW	January 29, 2018

Appendix 1. Deer population survey data from 1968-2017 (MU 1-11)



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From: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Cc: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX; Body, Laura FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 235897 - please review (Wolf Trapping on Vancouver Island)
Date: July 19, 2018 2:56:09 PM
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235898-v1 (3) (mca).docx

Hi Angela,
Thanks for pulling these letters together, they look good. I made some small suggestions for each letter.
Our relationship with the KCFN is in good standing, and response that acknowledges a positive, professional working relationship is appropriate. I believe your response does this well.
I changed 'traditional knowledge' to 'traditional ecological knowledge' as the latter is the term we are using in discussions with First Nations and stakeholders.

Regards,
Mike

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 5:18 PM
To: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Cc: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX; Body, Laura FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 235897 - please review (Wolf Trapping on Vancouver Island)

Hi Mike,
Attached are all three drafts for your review. The one to Lesley Fox (235897) is pretty much the same as before (had just caught a few more words to change to past tense). And the other two show my edits as tracked changes. I did cut out and add some wording (235898) to better address their concerns (spoke with Steve today to verify information – thanks Steve!), and I have a number of comments for your advice for the response to s.16, as I am not certain of the tone/relationship to convey. Also not sure of the signature level for that one, so will do more formatting afterwards.
Please feel free to make edits (please use tracked changes), and then pass back to me to move up.

Thank you!
Angela

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From: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 4:30 PM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Cc: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX; Body, Laura FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 235897 - please review (Wolf Trapping on Vancouver Island)

Hi Angela,
I like the draft response in regards to Lesley Fox (235897).
In the interest of time, probably the same letter can be used for s.22 (235898).
I think that it is worthwhile to also use a similar response to the KCFN because it highlights the thought process and highlights that their input was considered. Perhaps change the paragraph about the First Nations input to be more directly related to the letter from KCFN. Just a thought.

Thanks,
Mike

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 1:24 PM
To: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Cc: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX; Body, Laura FLNR:EX; Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 235897 - please review (Wolf Trapping on Vancouver Island)

Hi Mike,
Please review this updated response to Lesley Fox for log 235897. (Revised to be past tense and shuffled some points around for flow; feel free to further edit.)
Once you approve, I can modify it to be for s.22 (log 235898).
Log 236158 really should have received a short acknowledgement – would it still be appropriate to send? If so, I can draft for your review.
(Related DN: 236045 as reference only.)
Please advise or call me to discuss (250-387-0034).

Thank you,
Angela

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From: Body, Laura FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:10 AM
To: Bello, Angela M FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 235897 - please advise status
As discussed

From: Body, Laura FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 2:35 PM
To: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Cc: Pendegast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 235897 - please advise status

Hi Mike,
Upon your return, could you look into this and provide an update?
CSS is asking for an update on the wolf trapping MRLs

The log notes indicate they are all on hold waiting for a Decision note, the only DN I could find in CLIFF was 236045, attached here. The last log for this DN indicates the note was being used to brief Minister George Heyman on Feb 14, 2018.
Do you have any further info, are you still waiting on more information or a decision in order to respond to these MRLs? If there is a different Decision Note that you are aware of, let me know and I can check and see where that one is at.

Thanks, Laura

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 2:01 PM
To: Body, Laura FLNR:EX; Regan, Kelly FLNR:EX
Cc: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 235897 - please advise status

Hi Laura and Kelly! Please see my request below and advise.

Thanks,

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Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Perzina, Vinka V FLNR:EX
Cc: de Bree, Jennifer FLNR:EX; Perzina, Vinka V FLNR:EX
Subject: 235897 - please advise status
Hi Vinka,

This log and several others on VI wolf trapping have been on hold pending a DN. Can you provide a status update on responses on this topic?

Thanks,
Eleni

DM-CSS Referral Slip for ID:235897		2018/06/05	
Log Type: Letter via Email	Action: Draft Reply	Due: 2018/02/08	
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Author Type:	Association	Written:	2018/01/19
	Lesley Fox, Executive Director	Received:	2018/01/19
	The Fur-Bearers	Due:	2018/02/08
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	Vancouver, BC, V5Y1P4	Approved:	
		Signed:	
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X-Ref: 235567

Drafter:

With BN:

Subject

Concerns regarding a proposed regulatory change to expand wolf trapping season on Vancouver Island.

Log Notes

2018/03/01 On hold based on DN package with Minister

2018/02/28 Status update sent to Mike Stalberg

2018/01/19 Sent to RED-WC/Mike Stalberg to draft ADM response, due to CSS by Feb 6.

1. Draft bullets or wording
2. Addresses for PCs in draft response, including pc for Minister
3. Approved by (OPR to enter into Log Notes in CLIFF)
4. Drafter's name (OPR to complete drafter field in CLIFF)

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Sig Level:					
File No.:					



Reference: 235897

VIA EMAIL: lesley@thefurbearers.com

Lesley Fox, Executive Director
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Dear Lesley Fox:

Thank you for your email concerning the BC government's decision to lengthen the wolf trapping season on Vancouver Island. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, and I apologize for the delay.

The province has changed regulations on Vancouver Island to provide additional sustainable trapping opportunities for wolves.

Anecdotal reports by First Nations, trappers, hunters, and regional wildlife staff indicate that wolf populations on Vancouver Island have increased in the north and west areas of the island. Surveys of deer populations in these same areas indicate these populations are declining. To aid in deer management efforts, numerous First Nations and stakeholders have asked that the wolf trapping season open on September 10, rather than November 1. This change does allow for a longer trapping season.

This ministry relies heavily on anecdotal observations to monitor the number of wolves because implementing other survey methodologies, such as aerial tracking or the use of tracking devices, can be costly and difficult. In addition, the numbers of wolves in BC is particularly abundant, providing further reason not to monitor their population because conservation efforts are not required. We believe there are approximately 250 wolves on Vancouver Island at this time and the population is increasing. As expected, human impact on the environment is a large factor in ungulate-wolf interactions. Increases in road density and habitat change have tipped the predator-prey balance in favour of the wolves.

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The proposal to increase the season length for wolf trapping on Vancouver Island came from First Nations requests, stating:

- The province has a responsibility to manage all wildlife species, including predators. Although First Nations hold wolves in high regard because of their cultural significance, they feel a responsibility to ensure that wolf populations are managed. Maa-nulth First Nations say “Everything is connected and we must manage for all species and not just certain species.”
- Not managing wolf populations has implications to infringements of Section 35 rights (*Constitution Act*), United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples (UNDRIP), and reasonable opportunity agreements defined in treaty negotiations.
- Through traditional ecological knowledge and citizen science, there has been observed increases in wolf abundance and decreases in elk abundance. Some elk populations in this area are too small to be hunted (i.e. seasons are closed) and are showing no signs of increasing. The province is also proposing to close three additional north island areas due to declining elk numbers.

First Nations have asked for the province to be directly involved in wolf reduction. However, the province, by policy, does not actively manage wolf populations for the enhancement of ungulate populations unless for a species at risk such as caribou. Sixty-five percent of commercial traplines on Vancouver Island are registered to First Nations’ members. With permission of trapline holders, First Nations have also been making arrangements for trappers to come into First Nations’ territories.

Biologists have also noticed an increase in wolf tracks and sightings during deer and elk inventory work. There appears to be correlation between the areas with increased wolf sign and decreased ungulate populations. Although there are scientific inventories to monitor deer and elk populations, there have not been scientific surveys for monitoring wolves. For this reason, we are considering the information to date (traditional ecological knowledge, citizen science, and biologist observations) to be anecdotal from a scientific perspective.

The previous start date for the trapping season occurred when the weather patterns include many freeze-thaw events. This prevents traps from operating properly and makes the trapping season ineffective and our ability to solve First Nations’ requests difficult. Hunter/trapper harvest of wolves is subject to compulsory reporting. The annual reporting indicates that zero wolves were trapped during the fiscal year of 2016-17. As there was significant snowfall and freezing temperatures last winter, trappers were not able to set leg-holds given the conditions. In the previous 5 years, the annual average number of wolves trapped on Vancouver Island has been 7.

In Region 1, the primary trap utilized for wolves are certified padded leg-hold traps. These traps are also used in various wolf radio-satellite collaring studies throughout the province as wolves and any non-target captures can be released without injury. It is important that these traps are set up correctly: very few people have experience trapping wolves and it is a difficult skill to learn.

Lesley Fox, Executive Director

We expect most trapping to occur on central or northern Vancouver Island. We do not expect there to be much difference in the number of wolves trapped for most years, but we do expect trappers to have a better ability to work around snow conditions and to be in a better position to assist with First Nations' requests.

Thank you for reaching out about wildlife conservation in our province.

Sincerely,

Craig Sutherland
Assistant Deputy Minister

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

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
To: Perzina, Vinka V FLNR:EX
Cc: Body, Laura FLNR:EX; Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX; Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX; MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX
Subject: 235897, 235898 + 236158 - please review (Wolf Trapping on Vancouver Island)
Date: July 20, 2018 10:32:44 AM
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235898 FYI and thank letter.msg
236158 KCFN Letter of support for Extending Region 1 V.I. Wolf Trapping Season.msg
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Hello Vinka,

Please ask Sharon to approve v3 of the responses for 235897, 235898 + 236158.

They are all different but based on the same wording (I have included the previous versions with tracked changes that illuminate the difference.) Both Mike Stalberg and Steve MacIver (RS-WH) have provided input and Mike reviewed.

These were on hold pending a DN (236045) and are now ready to go out once RED and ADM have approved.

Please call me if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Angela

Angela Bello

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From: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, July 19, 2018 2:56 PM
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Cc: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX; Body, Laura FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 235897 - please review (Wolf Trapping on Vancouver Island)

Hi Angela,

Thanks for pulling these letters together, they look good. I made some small suggestions for each letter.

Our relationship with the KCFN is in good standing, and response that acknowledges a positive, professional working relationship is appropriate. I believe your response does this well.

I changed 'traditional knowledge' to 'traditional ecological knowledge' as the latter is the term we are using in discussions with First Nations and stakeholders.

Regards,

Mike

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Wednesday, July 18, 2018 5:18 PM
To: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Cc: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX; Body, Laura FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: 235897 - please review (Wolf Trapping on Vancouver Island)

Hi Mike,

Attached are all three drafts for your review. The one to Lesley Fox (235897) is pretty much the same as before (had just caught a few more words to change to past tense). And the other two show my edits as tracked changes. I did cut out and add some wording to convey. Also not sure of the signature level for that one, so will do more formatting afterwards.

Please feel free to make edits (please use tracked changes), and then pass back to me to move up.

Thank you!

Angela

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To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Cc: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX; Body, Laura FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 235897 - please review (Wolf Trapping on Vancouver Island)

Hi Angela,

I like the draft response in regards to Lesley Fox (235897).

In the interest of time, probably the same letter can be used for the 12-year old (235898).

I think that it is worthwhile to also use a similar response to the KCFN because it highlights the thought process and highlights that their input was considered. Perhaps change the paragraph about the First Nations input to be more directly related to the letter from KCFN. Just a thought.

Thanks,

Mike

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, July 17, 2018 1:24 PM
To: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Cc: MacIver, Stephen FLNR:EX; Body, Laura FLNR:EX; Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 235897 - please review (Wolf Trapping on Vancouver Island)

Hi Mike,

Please review this updated response to Lesley Fox for log 235897. (Revised to be past tense and shuffled some points around for flow; feel free to further edit.)

Once you approve, I can modify it to be for 235898.

Log 236158 really should have received a short acknowledgement – would it still be appropriate to send? If so, I can draft for your review.

(Related DN 236045 as reference only.)

Please advise or call me to discuss (250-387-0034).

Thank you,

Angela

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From: Body, Laura FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 19, 2018 10:10 AM
To: Bello, Angela M FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 235897 - please advise status
As discussed

From: Body, Laura FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 2:35 PM
To: Stalberg, Mike X FLNR:EX
Cc: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 235897 - please advise status

Hi Mike,

Upon your return, could you look into this and provide an update?

CSS is asking for an update on the wolf trapping MRLs



The log notes indicate they are all on hold waiting for a Decision note, the only DN I could find in CLIFF was 236045, attached here. The last log for this DN indicates the note was being used to brief Minister George Heyman on Feb 14, 2018.

Do you have any further info, are you still waiting on more information or a decision in order to respond to these MRLs? If there is a different Decision Note that you are aware of, let me know and I can check and see where that one is at.

Thanks, Laura

From: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Sent: Thursday, June 14, 2018 2:01 PM
To: Body, Laura FLNR:EX; Regan, Kelly FLNR:EX
Cc: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: 235897 - please advise status

Hi Laura and Kelly! Please see my request below and advise.

Thanks,

Eleni Gibson

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Sent: Tuesday, June 5, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Perzina, Vinka V FLNR:EX
Cc: de Bree, Jennifer FLNR:EX; Perzina, Vinka V FLNR:EX
Subject: 235897 - please advise status

Hi Vinka,

This log and several others on VI wolf trapping have been on hold pending a DN. Can you provide a status update on responses on this topic?

Thanks,

Eleni

DM-CSS Referral Slip for ID:235897

2018/06/05

Log Type: Letter via Email	Action: Draft Reply	Due: 2018/02/08
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Author Type:	Association	Written:	2018/01/19	Resp Type:	
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Subject

Concerns regarding a proposed regulatory change to expand wolf trapping season on Vancouver Island.

Log Notes

2018/03/01 On hold based on DN package with Minister
2018/02/28 Status update sent to Mike Stalberg
2018/01/19 Sent to RED-WC/Mike Stalberg to draft ADM response, due to CSS by Feb 6.
1. Draft bullets or wording
2. Addresses for PCs in draft response, including pc for Minister
3. Approved by (OPR to enter into Log Notes in CLIFF)
4. Drafter's name (OPR to complete drafter field in CLIFF)

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Reference: 235898

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Thank you for your letter concerning the BC government's decision to lengthen the wolf trapping season on Vancouver Island. I have been asked to respond on behalf of the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, and I apologize for the delay.

The province has changed regulations on Vancouver Island to provide additional sustainable trapping opportunities for wolves. To aid in deer management efforts, numerous First Nations and stakeholders have asked that the wolf trapping season open on September 10, rather than November 1. This change does allow for a longer trapping season.

The numbers of wolves in BC is particularly abundant and so conservation efforts are not required. Coastal wolves are not a different species from wolves living inland, and we believe there are approximately 250 wolves on Vancouver Island at this time and that the population is increasing.

Firsthand reports by First Nations, trappers, hunters, and regional wildlife staff indicate that wolf populations on Vancouver Island have increased in the north and west areas of the island. Surveys of deer populations in these same areas indicate these populations are declining, which is different than what is happening on Haida Gwaii. The deer on Haida Gwaii were introduced by humans and do not have the range of predators that are found on Vancouver Island, most importantly cougars and wolves. The deer on Vancouver Island are native to their habitat and so they have evolved with their predators to balance each other, unlike the predator-prey dynamic on Haida Gwaii. And so, as you have noted, human impact on the environment is a large factor in ungulate-wolf interactions. Increases in road density and habitat change have tipped the predator-prey balance in favour of the wolves on Vancouver Island and across the province. First Nations on Vancouver Island have asked the government for more tools, including changes to the trapping season, to manage wolf populations to a level that is in balance with elk and deer populations.

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Thank you for reaching out about wildlife conservation in our province.

Sincerely,

Craig Sutherland
Assistant Deputy Minister

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MINISTRY OF FORESTS, LANDS AND NATURAL RESOURCE OPERATIONS
INFORMATION NOTE

Date: August 26, 2015
File: 280-20
CLIFF/tracking #:216487

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Steve Thomson, Minister of Forests, Lands and Natural Resource Operations

ISSUE: Update on Trapping Review in preparation for a potential meeting with the Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals

BACKGROUND:

After two unfortunate accidents of family pets being caught in traps in 2012, Minister Thomson agreed to review trap safety issues. Since 2012, the ministry has received five requests from municipal governments to create trap ban by-laws. The ministry has also received two resolutions from the Union of British Columbia Municipalities (UBCM) regarding these issues.

According to the Conservation Officer Service (COS), between 2003-2013 there were over 85 reports of pets being caught in traps (approximately 8 pets per year). The COS and regional Fish and Wildlife staff believe that these numbers are likely much higher and that a large number of these occurrences, mainly those in urban areas, are from illegally set traps (e.g., use of non-certified trap, not set by licenced trapper, set in illegal location, etc.).

The Association for the Protection of Fur-Bearing Animals (APFBA) has contacted the Fish and Wildlife Branch numerous times about these issues and in 2013 the former director met with them to discuss their concerns.

DISCUSSION:

In reviewing the matter, ministry staff have determined that there are a number of issues and therefore a more comprehensive review of trapping issues would be required. Recently, Mindy Richter was tasked with providing an overview of priority trapping issues and solutions.

In 2013, a contractor was hired to consult with BCTA and ministry staff, and conduct a review of the management of trapping. Mindy Richter is reviewing the draft *Wild Fur Trapping: Program Review* (Review), as revised by the contractor in March 2015. By October 2015, there will be recommendations to the minister on which actions identified in the Review should be implemented, and when and how they should be implemented.

Though the issue of pets caught in traps is not specifically mentioned in the Review, the issue is being analysed. There are several options, such as requiring additional urban trapper training, requiring mandatory signage, providing ministerial approval for some urban municipalities to pass by-laws controlling or prohibiting trapping and/or providing a blanket legal authority for all municipalities to control or prohibit trapping.

The British Columbia Trappers Association is being consulted on the Review. Other organizations (e.g., UBCM, First Nations) will be consulted on specific issues that are relevant to them.

MINISTRY RESPONSE:

Canada is a signatory to the Agreement on International Humane Trapping Standards with the European Union. The standards are intended to ensure a sufficient level of welfare of trapped animals, and to further improve this welfare. BC trapping regulations are in full compliance with the Agreement and will continue to be so in the future.

A new wildlife regulation was passed this spring that restricts the size of Conibear traps used within municipal boundaries throughout the province. The regulation limits Conibear-style traps (set on land) to models 220 or smaller within municipalities. This would limit the jaw spread of the trap to seven inches or smaller. The new regulation will reduce the potential for non-targeted species (i.e., pets) to be harmed by land-set traps set for furbearers or nuisance animals within municipal boundaries.

The ministry is aware of the APFBA suggestions and concerns.

A review of multiple trapping issues, including trap signage, trap safety and municipal trapping by-law allowance is still in progress.

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Author	KC	Aug 12/15

From: [Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX](#)
To: [McNeill, Diana A FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Cliff# 244754 Meeting request - deferred to staff
Date: December 19, 2018 2:11:52 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)
Importance: High

Hi Diana,

This meeting request (please see email chain below) is deferred to staff from the Minister's Office. Tom has asked that Jen P. set up a meeting with Lesley Fox/The Fur-Bearers, I will direct the CLIFF log to your branch.

Thank you,



Alanah Nasadyk
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From: Lesley Fox <lesley@thefurbearers.com>
Sent: December 10, 2018 3:17 PM
To: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Meeting request
Importance: High

Hi Sandra and Lisa,

We have had some communication in the past about setting up a possible meeting between Minister Donaldson and I regarding wildlife related issues. Unfortunately, we haven't hear back.

I am following up to see if there would be a possibility of scheduling a meeting in the coming weeks or in new year between Minister Donaldson and myself in Victoria? Dates/times are flexible.

Specifically, I would like to discuss with him two unresolved issues:

- **Trapping regulations – Under current BC trapping regulations, warning signs are not mandatory. There is an urgent need to make warning signs for traps and trapping activity mandatory.** The government's own documents that each year several pets – dogs and cats – are maimed or killed in traps. Pets are private property. Individuals have a right to protect their property and to know when it's being placed at risk as a result of government issued permits. Children and members of the public also have a right to personal security and not to be deprived of that except by reasonable limitations prescribed by law. Issuing a government kill permit without requiring notification to the public in dual use areas is not reasonable by law and needlessly places the public at personal risk and risk of harm to personal safety.

- Traps in urban/semi-rural areas are causing safety concerns. The municipalities of Surrey, Nanaimo, White Rock and Sechelt have drafted bylaws to regulate trapping within their border. They are requesting permission from FLNRO. Correspondence dates back to 2013 and they have not received a response. **Will the FLRNO give BC municipalities permission to regulate trapping within their jurisdiction?**

Once we can get a date/time confirmed, I am happy to prefer a debriefing/info package for the Minister.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Lesley Fox
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From: Lesley Fox
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 2:16 PM
To: 'sandra.purdy@gov.bc.ca'
Cc: 'lisa.silverio@gov.bc.ca'
Subject: FW: Meeting request
Importance: High

Hi Sandra,

Thank you so much for taking my call and for your help. Below is a copy of my original meeting request. I am more than happy to travel to Victoria or if Minister Donaldson is in Vancouver, I am happy to meet with him here too. Whichever is most convenient.

Regarding my other request. As you may know, FLNRO is soliciting feedback regarding a proposal to expand the trapping season for wolves. <https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/ahte/content/lengthen-wolf-trapping-season-vancouver-island>

I am trying to find out more information on:

- Specifically, who created this original proposal (Was it from a committee? Which committee and who is on that committee?)
- Who decides/approves the proposal for publication on the website/the process of how to solicit public feedback?
- After the comments are received, where do those comments go? Who reviews them?

I really appreciate your help navigating my request. Thanks again.

Lesley Fox
Executive Director

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From: Lesley Fox [<mailto:lesley@thefurbearers.com>]
Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 1:37 PM
To: 'FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca'
Subject: Meeting request

Dear Minister Donaldson,

We briefly met at the swearing in ceremony at the Governor's House. As I mentioned to you, our organization has a long history with your Ministry and I was hoping to schedule a meeting with you when you are at your earliest convenience.

Please let me know which date/time works best for you when you are in Victoria next.

Once again, congratulations on all of your achievements. Fantastic!

Lesley Fox
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From: [Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX](#)
To: [FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Cliff# 244754 Meeting request
Date: December 19, 2018 2:09:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Thank you Arianna,

Yes, please defer the meeting to us at RSD and I will direct it to our staff in Wildlife and Habitat Branch.

Cheers,



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From: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 2:36 PM
To: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
Cc: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Cliff# 244754 Meeting request
Importance: High

Hi Alanah,

Could we please defer to staff to take this meeting? I will update CLIFF.

Thank you!
Arianna

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Sent: Tuesday, December 18, 2018 11:35 AM
To: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX
Subject: Cliff# 244754 Meeting request
Importance: High

Hello,
This was reviewed in MO, please defer to staff to take meeting. Thank you,

Lisa

From: Lesley Fox <lesley@thefurbearers.com>
Sent: December 10, 2018 3:17 PM
To: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Meeting request
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From: Lesley Fox
Sent: Tuesday, January 09, 2018 2:16 PM
To: 'sandra.purdy@gov.bc.ca'
Cc: 'lisa.silverio@gov.bc.ca'
Subject: FW: Meeting request
Importance: High

Hi Sandra,

Thank you so much for taking my call and for your help. Below is a copy of my original meeting request. I am more than happy to travel to Victoria or if Minister Donaldson is in Vancouver, I am happy to meet with him here too. Whichever is most convenient.

Regarding my other request. As you may know, FLNRO is soliciting feedback regarding a proposal to expand the trapping season for wolves. <https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/ahte/content/lengthen-wolf-trapping-season-vancouver-island>

I am trying to find out more information on:

- Specifically, who created this original proposal (Was it from a committee? Which committee and who is on that committee?)
- Who decides/approves the proposal for publication on the website/the process of how to solicit public feedback?
- After the comments are received, where do those comments go? Who reviews them?

I really appreciate your help navigating my request. Thanks again.

Lesley Fox
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From: Lesley Fox [<mailto:lesley@thefurbearers.com>]

Sent: Monday, July 24, 2017 1:37 PM

To: 'FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca'

Subject: Meeting request

Dear Minister Donaldson,

We briefly met at the swearing in ceremony at the Governor's House. As I mentioned to you, our organization has a long history with your Ministry and I was hoping to schedule a meeting with you when you are at your earliest convenience.

Please let me know which date/time works best for you when you are in Victoria next.

Once again, congratulations on all of your achievements. Fantastic!

Lesley Fox
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From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
To: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: New wildlife program
Date: March 29, 2017 4:28:25 PM

From: Michael Howie [mailto:michael@thefurbearers.com]
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 4:20 PM
To: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX; Lloyd, Penny FLNR:EX
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From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX [<mailto:Vivian.Thomas@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 3:48 PM
To: 'Michael Howie' <michael@thefurbearers.com>
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Cheers,

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From: Michael Howie [<mailto:michael@thefurbearers.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, March 29, 2017 12:23 PM
To: Bethel, Greig GCPE:EX; Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Cc: Richter, Mindy S FLNR:EX; Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX
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Subject: FW: New wildlife program
Date: March 29, 2017 4:51:04 PM

FYI only – it may be worth scanning down and reading the article...

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From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
To: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX; Psyllakis, Jennifer FLNR:EX
Subject: ENGO News Release - BC Wildlife Agency
Date: June 27, 2017 11:26:40 AM

Tuesday June 27, 2017

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To: [Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FOI FW: ENGO News Release - BC Wildlife Agency
Date: January 30, 2019 10:17:09 AM

From: Thomas, Vivian P GCPE:EX
Sent: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 11:27 AM
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Subject: FW: Info Request - Salmon Habitat and Trapping Safety
Date: May 7, 2019 3:49:59 PM

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To: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
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Sent: Monday, May 6, 2019 4:34 PM
To: Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX
Subject: Info Request - Salmon Habitat and Trapping Safety

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From: [Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Nasadyk, Alanah FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Info Request - Salmon Habitat and Trapping Safety
Date: May 8, 2019 10:54:42 AM

Looks good.

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