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Subject: Briefing
Date: July 10, 2020 9:25:01 AM

Hi Lisa,

Could you schedule a briefing for PSRK with John Allan and staff on the Old Growth Report?

Thanks,

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Subject: FLNR: End of Day Media Request Report June 29
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Ongoing:

Roy Hales - EcoReport
ISSUE: BC Timber Sales
STATUS: With Program Area

Priyanka Ketkar - Lakes District News
ISSUE: Tree planting
STATUS: With Program Area

Colton Davies - CHNL Radio (Kamloops) AM 610
ISSUE: Forest Relief Fund
STATUS: With GCPE

Matt Simmons - The Narwhal
ISSUE: Interview Laura Grant on Caribou
STATUS: With Program Area

Dan Falloon - Pique NewsMagazine
ISSUE: Motorized Activity in Sea to Sky
STATUS: With Minister's Office

Emelie Peacock - Hope Standard
ISSUE: Skagit investigation into killing of bear, bear cub rescue
STATUS: Provided Background

- We do not sell spring or fall black bear licences, and there's no way of knowing if someone who purchased a licence between April 1st and June 15th hunted during that period. They may have purchased their BEAR licence on April 1st, intending to hunt fall bear. We also don't sell licences to be used in a specific area. A hunter who purchase a black bear licence can use that licence anywhere in the province, following general open season regulations that specify areas and seasons of allowable hunting.
- Black bear licence sales for resident hunters in 2018/19 and 2019/20 were 28,073 and 31,163 respectively.

Greg Sabatino - Williams Lake Tribune
ISSUE: Goldfish Management at Quesnel
STATUS: Provided Background

- This was originally a proposal submitted to the Freshwater Fisheries Society of BC to

make incremental investments in small lake recreational fisheries. The priorities are selected in partnership with FFSBC and FLNRO biologists. This proposal received \$15k to ensure the foundational monitoring was completed, but with several competing priorities, the additional work was not funded. This decision was made carefully, to ensure the requirements were met. Often, additional funding partnerships are secured and in this case, the opportunity was presented to the municipal government. The Province appreciates the City's consideration and fully supports their decision to not provide funding.

- The Province invests heavily into Dragon Lake as it is a popular lake that is stocked by the provincial recreational fishing stocking program, and Dragon lake is also a brood-stock lake for a popular strain of trout that is used in multiple other lakes (eggs taken, reared in a hatchery, released as appropriate in specified lakes).
- Goldfish in Dragon lake have been a problem for about 10 years. The first goldfish were likely due to people releasing their pets, however the lake conditions are favourable to this species and they established themselves.
- Goldfish are an "invasive species" and compete for the same food sources as trout.
- The management of the invasive goldfish has been an ongoing priority.
- Over the years several different actions have been taken, but a recent update on the priority actions for this year can be found on the gofish BC website:
<https://www.gofishbc.com/Blog/Conservation/Electroshocking-to-Control-Invasive-Species.aspx>
- Monitoring work is typically scalable: a minimum level of sampling required and additional sampling as resourcing permits in order to increase the statistical certainty of results. The allocation of 15K out of the ask for 25k ensured all of the foundational monitoring would be completed.
- This year's operational activities have been adjusted to ensure only essential activities and travel are conducted, in compliance with the Public Health Officer's direction on COVID-19

Derek Kilbourn - Gabriola Sounder (Gabriola Island)

ISSUE: Gabriola Land Trails

STATUS: Provided Background

- There are no authorizations in place for trail building on Crown land on Gabriola Island. Persons wanting to build trails on Crown Land require provincial authorization under section 57 of the Forest and Range Practices Act. Interested persons can visit the RSTBC website for information about applications and partnering with the branch (<http://www.sitesandtrailsbc.ca/>). Applications go through an extensive referral and review process (including First Nations Consultation) before being considered for approval. Please note that due to land use constraints and limited resources within the Recreation Sites and Trails branch only a small number of the annual applications are considered for approval.

Bruce Fuhr - The Nelson Daily
ISSUE: Idaho Peak FSR
STATUS: Provided Background

- At approximately 1.5km, a stream culvert was overwhelmed by the storm freshet on May 31, 2020.
- The culvert inlet was plugged with woody debris and a debris torrent.
- The plugged culvert inlet forced the stream flow onto the road surface, scouring the road for approximately 375m. The running surface is badly scoured to a depth of 1.5 m and there are two large fill-slope failures resulting in the complete loss of the road prism.
- This FSR is closed for an indefinite period of time.
- A geotechnical field review was conducted on Thursday June 18/2020 to assess the site at 1.5 km and an aerial survey was performed via helicopter the same day.
- There were no other notable failures observed upgrade of the site at 1.5 km.
- Considerable snow still persists above 1600 m in elevation.
- A prescription for road repair/remediation and the subsequent costing is being evaluated.

Ria Renouf - News 1130
ISSUE: Fire Risks
STATUS: Referred to Third Party

- BC wildfire service to connect with reporter

Jules Knox - Global - Okanagan
ISSUE: Stump Lake
STATUS: Provided Background

- The Thompson Nicola Regional District (TNRD) are commissioning a water balance and feasibility study, which will review options for managing water levels in Stump Lake.
- FLNRORD have agree to fund \$20,000 of the TNRD study (estimated total budget of \$48,000)
- On Tuesday June 30th, the TNRD and their technical consultant will be hosting a meeting to present the elements of the study and answer questions. Attendees are various stakeholders including land owners, First Nations, City of Merritt, DFO, Emergency Management BC, and FLNRORD water management staff.
- The contact at TNRD is Ron Storie, Director of Community Services

Justin Madu - VISTA (Prince George) - Country 97 FM | CJCI 97.3 | 94.3 The Goat
ISSUE: RFC - Flooding in PG
STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Jonathan Boyd to call reporter.

Darrian Matassa-Fung - Global - Okanagan
ISSUE: Okanagan River Levels
STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Shaun Reimer to call reporter

Monica Lamb-Yorski - Williams Lake Tribune
ISSUE: Quesnel River
STATUS: Provided Background

- Sent them RFC report on Quesnel

Pat Matthews - The Goat 97.5 - Williams Lake
ISSUE: RFC - Quesnel River
STATUS: Reporter Dropped

- Dropped

Colleen Flanagan - Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows News
ISSUE: Fraser River levels
STATUS: Provided Background

- Is this unusual for this time of the year?
No, this is not unusual for late June which is the snowmelt “freshet” window where high flows are expected. While it may seem to some that this year’s peak freshet flow on the Fraser was “late”, it is in fact around the average timing. The impression may have been due to 2017 and 2018 both having freshet that started and ended earlier than the average historical timing.

What is causing the high water level?

The high water level in recent days is caused by a combination of the above-normal snow accumulation from the winter season, recent mountain snowmelt in the upper Fraser River watershed, and rainfall that has recently fallen throughout the Upper and Middle Fraser River watershed that is making its way downstream.

Is the ministry concerned about flooding up and down the river?

The Province has been monitoring the river flows/levels since April. The Province also produces flow and flood level forecasts for many river systems across BC, including the Lower Fraser River. Emergency Management BC actively communicates and works with local governments/Emergency Operation Centres on flood-related information and resource supports as needed.

When is the river supposed to peak?

The peak for this event is expected to take place approximately on June 28, 2020; however this may change due to the uncertainties in the weather forecast by

Environment and Climate Change Canada, which impacts the flow and flood level forecasts. Additional significant peaks later in the summer season, though rare, are also possible.

What can we expect to see within the next couple of days?

The river level is expected to continue to rise until June 28, 2020, then start receding, unless the weather forecast changes significantly from today.

For more information on the flow/water level projections please visit the Current Streamflow Conditions and Flood Forecast Modeling webpage below. Please note that the water level projection is for the Fraser River at the Mission Station, which is used as a benchmark for many local Emergency Operation Centres; the water level rise will vary along the lower Fraser River depending on the location of interest.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/air-land-water/water/drought-flooding-dikes-dams/river-forecast-centre/current-streamflow-conditions-and-flood-forecast-modeling>

Monica Lamb-Yorski - Williams Lake Tribune

ISSUE: Fuel Treatment at Fox Mountain

STATUS: Provided Background

- 1. Yes. The aftermath of the 2017 wildfires brought into focus the high levels of forest fuel buildup around Williams Lake. We saw then the devastating impact that this fuel buildup can have and is something no one here wants to repeat. Under the Williams Lake & Area Community Wildfire Protection Plan (WLCWPP), which was developed in response to the fires, identified community values such as residences, infrastructure and recreation that have the potential to be impacted by fire. In order to ensure the integrity of our community values Wildfire Risk Reduction projects have been in progress in and around Williams Lake. Areas such as the one underway on Fox Mountain were selected as a priority to have done due to overlap of many different values. This area and others have been a concern of the ministry because if a fire were to impact the site it could have severe consequences.
- 2. Other areas that have been identified in the WLCWPP includes South Lakeside, Dog Creek Road, Soda Creek Road and Wildwood as priority areas. The goal of our fuel-reduction treatments is to remove the fine fuels, ladder fuels, and occasionally mature trees such that in the event of a fire these treatment areas will reduce the intensity of a fire. By doing this the ministry can have a fire crew more safety and effectively control the spread of fire.
- 3. Fire can be scary, but it's important to note that fire is a necessary feature on the landscape. Without it, we end up where we are today. There are many areas in Williams Lake and across the province with unnatural levels of fuel buildup that wouldn't have happened historically. This high amount of fuel buildup can lead to the megafires we

have seen in recent years that devastate ecosystems causing more damage than a frequent but less intense fire would have. While the ministry is working to have as much identified areas around the town treated it will still take time to complete. The best thing you can do to ensure your protected in the event of a fire is to follow the FireSmart principles for your home and download the guide at firesmartbc.ca.

Justine Hunter - Globe and Mail - BC Bureau

ISSUE: Quatsino Cave Amphipod

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Justine is going to talk to Darryn McConkey

Joe Fries - Penticton Herald

ISSUE: Okanagan Lake Level

STATUS: Reporter Dropped

- dropped

Justin Madu - VISTA (Prince George) - Country 97 FM | CICI 97.3 | 94.3 The Goat

ISSUE: RFC - Flooding in PG

STATUS: Unavailable for Interview

- RFC swamped - no interviews.

Bob Keating - CBC Radio - Nelson

ISSUE: Idaho Peak Forest Road

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Andru McCracken - The Rocky Mountain Goat News

ISSUE: RFC - Flooding

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Dave Campbell did interview

James Peters - CFJC TV and Radio (Kamloops)

ISSUE: RFC - Streamflows

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- David Campbell did interview

Joe Coppolino - One Tree Planted

ISSUE: Documentary about fighting wildfires for One Tree Planted

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

- With BC Wildfire service

Brian Payton - Hakai Magazine

ISSUE: North Island Grizzlies

STATUS: Provided Background

- • We have no evidence that female grizzly bears have become established in Vancouver Island.
- There was one sighting of a sow with cubs near telegraph cove last year but it was not confirmed that they stayed on the island for any length of time.
- There are bears that apparently are frequenting Northern Vancouver Island but we have no evidence that they are hibernating and have no documentation of denning thus far.

Stephanie Wood - The Narwhal

ISSUE: Flood infrastructure

STATUS: Provided Background

- • Local authorities are responsible for development and maintenance of flood infrastructure.
- The province encourages the use of fish friendly infrastructure.
- The primary piece of legislation is the Dike Maintenance Act; other reviews under the Water Sustainability Act and the federal Fisheries Act that may require mitigation of potential impacts to fish and fish habitat
- Funding programs that support the development of infrastructure may require fish friendly works.
- The province is also initiating a Flood Risk Strategy that will consider environmental interests.

Rebecca Dyok - Williams Lake Tribune

ISSUE: Wildland Fighter Academy

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

- BC wildfire service to respond

Nich Johansen - Castanet (Kelowna)
ISSUE: Broken Dock in Kelowna
STATUS: Provided Background

- Private moorage does fall under the jurisdiction of the provincial government.
- The Ministry is aware of the issue and has been in contact with the landowner to repair the dock or remove the pilings. The Ministry has also identified the pilings as a hazard to the landowner and requested the pilings be marked to reduce risk of injury. The issue has been raised with Ministry Compliance and Enforcement staff.

Anais Elboudjaïni - CBC Radio Canada
ISSUE: Haida Gwaii - Annual Allowable Cuts
STATUS: Provided Background

- The total provincial Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) of the major forest tenures (Timber Supply Areas and Tree Farm Licenses) in BC have been declining since 2007 from 85.3 million cubic metres per year to the current 63.9 million cubic metres per year.
- These declines in AAC are largely due to Mountain Pine Beetle losses of mature timber and additional areas that have been reserved from harvest to protect non-timber values (e.g. Caribou habitat).
- The way the AAC is set for Haida Gwaii is unique in that the AAC is set by the Haida Gwaii Management Council not the Chief Forester.
- The Haida Gwaii Management Council is composed of representatives from Government and the Haida Nation.
- The Chief Forester is only responsible for distribution the AAC determined by the council to the different tenures types (Timber Supply Areas or Tree Farm Licenses) on Haida Gwaii.
- The Haida Gwaii Management Council recently (May 2020) reduced the AAC for Haida Gwaii from 913,000 cubic metres per year to 804,000 cubic metres per year.

Chantelle Bellrichard - CBC Online
ISSUE: Firefighter Academy
STATUS: Referred to Third Party

- BC Wildfire Service to Respond

Larry Pynn - Hakai Magazine
ISSUE: Wolf and coyote conflicts and BC Cattlemen's Association response/stats
STATUS: Provided Background

- Private land vs Crown land:
 - April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020: Wolf: 66 private land, 57 crown land, 6 unknown
 - Coyote: 61 private land
 - For actions on parks/protected areas:

- No wolf or coyote kills have occurred in parks from April 1, 2019 through to March 31, 2020.

Colton Davies - CHNL Radio (Kamloops) AM 610

ISSUE: RFC Snowpack bulletin

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- David Campbell did interview

Victor Kaiser - CHNL Radio (Kamloops) AM 610

ISSUE: Stump Lake Bombers

STATUS: Reporter Dropped

- Dropped

Bill Metcalfe - Nelson Star

ISSUE: Large old growth trees

STATUS: Provided Background

- We're aware of the report and the concerns about old growth forests.
- Building a consensus on managing old growth forests has been a challenge for more than 30 years, this includes trying to get all parties to agree on what is and is not old growth and how old growth areas are measured.
- This is a problem many years in the making and it won't be solved immediately.
- That's why we launched a review and engagement process by two independent experts to provide recommendations.
- We need a science-based approach and solutions that respects and understands the benefits of old growth to biodiversity in our forests and includes First Nations, communities, industry and people.
- We agree that more work needs to be done with environmental organizations, First Nations, industry and other groups to resolve this.
- By working together we can and will find a path forward to better manage for our old growth forests.

Steve Hubrecht - Columbia Valley Pioneer

ISSUE: Mountain Bike Trails

STATUS: Provided Background

- Can you outline the reasons why the Power Wagon and Stinking Badger trails have been closed and are being reclaimed?

The Power Wagon and Stinkin' Badger trails are unsanctioned trails that exist within the boundaries of the Columbia Wetlands Wildlife Management Area. These trails pass through habitat for many sensitive species and species at risk. The primary objectives for management within the WMA are focused on habitat and wildlife values, not recreation. Deactivation of trails is aimed towards reducing human disturbance levels

(from all user groups) to benefit wildlife species.

Can you outline why the Deja View trail has been closed to mountain bikers, but not other users (such as hiker or dog walkers)?

The Deja View trail has not been closed to mountain bikers. Signage was installed that encouraged use of The Old Coach Trail, as it is the only sanctioned trail in the area. At no point was biking prohibited from the Deja View trail. There was some erroneous signage installed about 1.5 weeks ago that may have given the impression that mountain biking was not allowed, that was not the intention though and those signs have since been removed.

Why is Deja View not being reclaimed as Power Wagon and Stinking Badger are?

At this time deactivation of only the Power Wagon and Stinkin' Badger trails has been initiated. A plan has not yet been confirmed for the future of the Deja View trail.

About five years ago there were reports and news stories about Deja View being closed to mountain bikers, yet mountain bikers continued to use the area: what happened?

The Dry Gulch area has a long history of use due to its proximity to communities, spectacular views and feasible recreation opportunities. About 4-5 years ago, the ministry started discussions with local stakeholders about the unsanctioned trails in the Wildlife Management Area. Through those discussions, the 2 main issues were raised – Sheep and grassland habitat impacts from Power Wagon trail and grassland impacts from Déjà vu. At that time deactivation was proposed for Power Wagon and a partial restriction on Déjà vu. The ministry is now able to move forward on some trail stewardship actions aligned with Fuels Management and Habitat Enhancement treatments in the area. Following these investments to enhance the values of the WMA, this year is an appropriate time to address the unsanctioned trails in the area and continue to work towards the protection and enhancement of wildlife and habitat.

What are the environmental sensitivities of the Dry Gulch/Power Wagon/Stinking Badger area?

The Power Wagon/Stinking Badger area passes through critical and limited range and refuge area for the Radium-Stoddart bighorn sheep herd. This herd has experienced significant declines in recent years due to habitat loss, fragmentation and proximity to human infrastructure. The trails travel just below and parallel to Highway 93 through features that act as escape terrain for the herd. Concerns that human disturbance on the Power Wagon/Stinkin' Badger trails will spook the sheep towards the highway and result in mortality have led to deactivation efforts.

What are the environmental sensitivities of the Deja View/Old Coach trail area?

The Deja View/Old Coach trail area lies directly upslope of the Columbia Wetlands – an

area considered a biodiversity hotspot. Several large mammal and bird species rely on this upslope bench-land habitat that overlooks the wetlands. The growing popularity of the Deja View trail has increased disturbance levels and has widened sections of the unsanctioned trail, cutting further into its sensitive plant community and providing an additional vector for invasive plant introduction and establishment. Invasive plants displace native species and reduce forage quality for ungulates. Leafy spurge has been identified on site in proximity to unsanctioned trails. This species is very challenging to eradicate and heightens concerns for the introduction of other non-native plant species.

Bill Metcalfe - Nelson Star
ISSUE: Old Growth Report
STATUS: Provided Background

- We are expecting to release it later this summer.

Chad Klassen - CFJC TV and Radio (Kamloops)
ISSUE: Interview MDD on Stump Lake Flooding
STATUS: Provided Background

- The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development does not actively manage and control the water level of Stump Lake. The provincial government typically does not provide engineering solutions to flooding problems.
- Residents would need to make an application under the Water Sustainability Act before proceeding with any work.
- Any draining of the lake would have serious consequences downstream, including impacts on fisheries values.
- The ministry's Compliance and Enforcement Branch and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans have been investigating who is responsible for digging a channel on private property that apparently was intended to reduce the water level of Stump Lake. This is an ongoing investigation, so it would be inappropriate to discuss the progress of that investigation at this time. The ministry is unable to comment on the investigation or provide a timeline as to when it will be completed.
- If anyone has any information related to this investigation or any other works in the area to try and lower the lake level, they can report it to the Natural Resource Violation Reporting system (<https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/nrv>) or call 1 877 952-7277.
- The Thompson Nicola Regional District hosted a teleconference on May 27, 2020 to discuss water levels with local stakeholders. Those discussions have been ongoing and will continue.

Zoe Ducklow - North Island Gazette (Port Hardy)
ISSUE: Tree planting
STATUS: Provided Background

- The Ministry's appraisal process provides forest companies the ability to be

reimbursed for reasonable costs associated with the COVID pandemic

- The 2020 planting season was based on agreements being reached between the forest companies and planting contractors to acknowledge COVID-related costs; ensuring that the health and safety of the planters and the adjacent communities, was the highest priority
- The Provincial Health Officer issued a Silviculture Camp Standards order and guidance on April 23rd. These measures have been incorporated across the province and to date, have allowed almost 5200 planters to be working in a COVID-free environment
- Planting continues across the Province, with close to 170 million trees being planted so far.

Janice Nelson - The Macktown Buzzette

ISSUE: Interview PSRK on Mackenzie Curtailment

STATUS: Unavailable for Interview

- Unavailable for interview

Catherine Garrett - Vista Radio (Prince George)

ISSUE: Interview MDD on Mackenzie Curtailment

STATUS: Unavailable for Interview

- Unavailable for interview

Emilee Gilpin - National Observer

ISSUE: Working with the Gitanyow

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Aaron and Roxy will set up interview

Jan McMurray - Valley Voice (New Denver): Arrow Lakes, Slocan & North Kootenay

ISSUE: Caribou Creek Bridge Washout

STATUS: Provided Background

- - Have officials been made aware of it? Yes. The landowner is working with FLRNORD water stewardship experts.
- What are they doing about it? The water stewardship team is trying to help the landowner find the best way to get the bridge out of the creek.
- Apparently, it's a private bridge, but the owner must have some sort of permit for it? It is a private bridge. The landowner is working on getting the bridge removed, and the in-stream works have to be authorized by FLNRORD.

Mark Nielsen - Prince George Citizen

ISSUE: Interview on Moose and Wolf Cull

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Jen P did the interview.

Nathaniel Vanderklippe - Globe and Mail - Beijing
ISSUE: China blocking importing of logs from BC
STATUS: Referred to Third Party

- Deferred to Federal government

Kristen Holliday - Black Press Media
ISSUE: Data on Mill Closures
STATUS: Provided Background

- As of June 11, there are currently 39 B.C. mills in active (current and planned) curtailment or closure status. This includes:
 - o 7 permanent closures
 - o 4 indefinite closures, and
 - o 29 curtailments (8 shift reductions, 4 work week reductions, 13 temporary curtailments, and 4 indefinite curtailments)
- Nearly half the mills in active curtailment have indicated that this is due in whole or in part to COVID-19 impacts.
- The \$69 million fund we announced last fall to support British Columbia forest workers impacted by mill closures and shift reductions in several B.C. Interior communities includes new supports to make sure people have access to the services they need.
- This includes everything from training, to work placement, to early retirement.
- It also includes community support grants for communities that have been hardest hit by a mill closure or curtailment.
- We know that businesses across the province are struggling in the wake of the slowdown caused by COVID-19.
- We're supporting the forest sector and the families and communities who depend on it. We've deferred stumpage fees for eligible companies for three months with interest, leaving them with \$80 million to pay employees, contractors and other bills.
- The deferral may allow some companies to get back online sooner rather than later when we get through the situation we're in now - or it may save other companies from having to shut down altogether.
- We also worked with the silviculture sector, the Provincial Health Officer and other partners to develop guidelines to keep everyone safe during this year's tree planting season, while contributing to our economy.
- And we postponed changes to the Manufactured Forest Products Regulation (MFPR) and the Coast-wide implementation of the variable fee-in-lieu of manufacture on log exports that were scheduled to come into force on July 1, 2020, until Sept. 30, 2020, and December 2020 respectively.
- As well, to reduce stress on all British Columbians, we will be deferring several provincial tax filing and payment deadlines to Sept. 30, 2020.
- That includes payment of the Provincial Sales Tax, municipal and regional district tax,

carbon tax, motor fuel tax, tobacco tax and Employer Health Tax. Businesses with a payroll under \$500,000 are already exempt from the EHT.

- We're also delaying the increase to the carbon tax rate, which had been scheduled to go up on April 1, so that businesses that need to fuel their vehicles or heat their buildings won't need to worry about this extra cost right now.
- For commercial properties in Classes 4, 5 or 6, the school property tax rate will be cut in half for the 2020 tax year.
- Looking to the future, we've struck an economic advisory committee with the B.C. business community so we can collaborate and plan for recovery.
- We have set aside \$1.5 billion so that we can provide stimulus to businesses once the immediate crisis has passed.
- And major industries, like pulp and paper mills and mines, will have the opportunity to defer 50% of their BC Hydro bill payments for three months.

Chelsea Powrie - Castanet (Penticton); Steve Arstad - InfoNews; David French - CBC - Kelowna; Shelby Thom - Global - Okanagan
ISSUE: Okanagan Lake Levels
STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Shaun Reimer has done or is to do interviews.

Tom Popyk - CBC - Kamloops
ISSUE: RFC - Flooding in Kelowna
STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Dave Campbell did interview

James Peters - CFJC TV and Radio (Kamloops)
ISSUE: RFC - Kamloops
STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Dave Campbell did interview

Lynda Mapes - The Seattle Times
ISSUE: Old Growth Forest
STATUS: Provided Statement

- "We are taking seriously the challenge of managing our vital old forests and ensuring that biodiversity in BC. That's why we launched a review and engagement process by two independent experts to examine the issue and provide recommendations. Addressing the issue of managing old growth forests while supporting workers and communities has been a challenge for more than 30 years. This includes coming to a mutually accepted determination of the state of old forests; again, that is why we commissioned a review from the independent panel. This is a problem many years in the making and it won't be solved immediately. We need a science-based approach and solutions that respects and understands the benefits of old growth to biodiversity in our

forests and includes First Nations, communities, industry and people. We agree that more work needs to be done with environmental organizations, First Nations, industry and other groups to resolve this. By working together we can and will find a path forward to better manage for our old forests.”

Alex Bolton-hogg - Positively Reel productions

ISSUE: Wildfire Women Doc

STATUS: Referred to Third Party

- BC Wildfire Service to Respond

Lindsay Newman - The Peak (Smithers 870AM|Houston 106.5|Burns Lake 760|Granisle 1480|Hazelton 1490)

ISSUE: Interview MDD on Mackenzie Curtailment

STATUS: Unavailable for Interview

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Ian MacNeill - Truck LoggerBC Magazine

ISSUE: Manufactured Forest Products Regulation

STATUS: Provided Background

- I have been told to send you this IB regarding your MFPR inquiry:
<https://news.gov.bc.ca/releases/2020FLNR0032-001041>

Darrian Matassa-Fung - Global - Okanagan

ISSUE: RFC - Vernon Flooding

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Hydrologist Jonathan Boyd to call reporter

Nich Johansen - Castanet (Kelowna)

ISSUE: RFC - Flooding in Okanagan

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Colin Dacre - Castanet (Penticton)

ISSUE: Salvage Logging Philpott Road Wildfire

STATUS: Provided Background

- • MOTI and FLNRORD specialists are currently working to determine the cause of the road failure.
- Approval for these cutting permits followed provincial process. Once a licensee has submitted a complete CP application, approval is typically within 40 days. Terrain stability assessments were conducted by the licensees prior to the harvesting.
- Review and approval for cutting permits is a responsibility of the District Manager.
- This link is available to the public and shows proposed and completed harvesting:

Priyanka Ketkar - Lakes District News
ISSUE: FOLLOW-UP: moose hunting
STATUS: Provided Background

- From reporter: 1. From what I understand according to your responses, there is not going to be any cow and calf culling this year. However, you are opening up the season for harvest for moose and cow and calf. So in that case,
 - What exact regions would the harvest be opened up in?
In 90% of the Province this doesn't take place, but the Province is expanding existing authorizations to the Kootenay Region (Revelstoke area) and Omineca Region (Parsnip area)
 - How many permits will be given out for the harvest season?
The total number of authorizations across BC will be 400, and this is a slight increase from last year's 357.
 - What is the duration of this harvest season; when does it start and till when will it go on?
Oct 16-Dec 10 (varied by region)

Further messaging:

- Licensed hunting of cow and calf moose is concentrated within Mountain Caribou Recovery Areas.
- Stabilizing moose abundance in these areas is expected to keep predator populations, mainly wolves, low and consequently reduce predation on threatened mountain caribou.
- This wildlife management action has been occurring in the Parsnip Valley and northwest of Revelstoke for over a decade.
- Over the last 5 years approximately 77% of cow/calf moose hunting authorizations have been allocated to caribou recovery areas, which represent 9% of the total area where cow/calf moose hunting is permitted. Approximately 80-90% of all cow calf moose harvested by licensed hunters come from caribou recovery areas.
- Mountain Caribou recovery is a top priority for this government; it is a worthwhile trade-off to remove a few moose, a species that's population is secure throughout the northern hemisphere, if it assists in saving another species from extinction.
- It is worth noting that most of the area occupied by moose in B.C. has a prohibition on licensed cow/calf moose hunting.
- This management strategy is being closely monitored and contributes to research on the recovery of Mountain Caribou.
- Below is a chart showing the Cow Calf harvest showing the numbers back to 2011.
- Cow calf harvest rates are well down since 2011 and now almost entirely in areas

where government is focused on caribou recovery.

Year Total Provincial Cow Calf Harvest Cow Calf harvest in caribou recovery areas

2011 584 28

2012 399 9

2013 206 15

2014 174 13

2015 195 33

2016 46 27

2017 43 34

2018 56 51

2019 79 74

2. When you say wolf-reduction, does that mean there is wolf culling happening in the two areas? Yes

- Also, which are these two areas?

Kootenay Region (Revelstoke area) and Omineca Region (Parsnip area)

- How many wolves are being culled/reduced?

10 wolves in Revelstoke and 91 in Parsnip area

- How much is it costing to reduce the wolf population?

\$156,000 for Revelstoke and \$173,000 Parsnip

- In the short term, predator management like this is essential to the survival of the caribou.
- The Province of B.C. is striving to find shared solutions that allow all three species to persist on the landscape, and re-establish the natural balance of natural predator-prey systems.

Jules Knox - Global - Okanagan

ISSUE: Stump Lake Flooding

STATUS: Provided Background

- The following can be attributed to the The Ministry of Transportation and Infrastructure:
 - Crews have completed phase one of this season's work on Highway 5A, including raising the road above the current lake level and re-establishing traffic through the site. Further engineering to complete and pave the road is currently underway. Construction will begin once this engineering work is complete.
 - The total estimate of work completed, and the work planned to complete the emergency response work this construction season, is approximately \$3 million.

- The maintenance contractor will be regularly monitoring the site to ensure it remains safe for the travelling public.

The following can be attributed to The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development:

- The Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development does not actively manage and control the water level of Stump Lake. The provincial government typically does not provide engineering solutions to flooding problems.
- Residents would need to make an application under the Water Sustainability Act before proceeding with any work.
- Any draining of the lake would have serious consequences downstream, including impacts on fisheries values.
- The ministry's Compliance and Enforcement Branch and the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans have been investigating who is responsible for digging a channel on private property that apparently was intended to reduce the water level of Stump Lake. This is an ongoing investigation, so it would be inappropriate to discuss the progress of that investigation at this time. The ministry is unable to comment on the investigation or provide a timeline as to when it will be completed.
- If anyone has any information related to this investigation or any other works in the area to try and lower the lake level, they can report it to the Natural Resource Violation Reporting system (<https://www.for.gov.bc.ca/nrv>) or call 1 877 952-7277.
- The Thompson Nicola Regional District hosted a teleconference on May 27, 2020 to discuss water levels with local stakeholders. Those discussions have been ongoing and will continue.

Jennifer Thuncher - Squamish Chief

ISSUE: Cat Lake Info

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Alistair McCrone to call reporter.

Wayne Kelly - EZ Rock (Kootenays)

ISSUE: Angler incentive program

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Matt Neufeld did interview

Mark Nielsen - Prince George Citizen

ISSUE: Wolf Cull

STATUS: Provided Background

- - 474 wolves were "removed" (culled) in the Province for 2019/2020.
- This usually happens typically in the winter, but there a bunch of factors that go into when predator removal occurs.

Tereza Verenca - Castanet (Kamloops)

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STATUS: Provided Background

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Sarah Cox - The Narwhal

ISSUE: Fisher Management Plan

STATUS: Provided Background

- A Fisher Management and Recovery Plan is currently under development with completion targeted for 2022. Ongoing activities include the compilation and synthesis of current science and knowledge to establish the foundations needed to develop a comprehensive plan. Included, is leveraging the efforts of the "Fisher Habitat Extension Program" (www.BCFisherHabitat.ca) who have been converting sound science into practicable forestry guidance since 2009.
- Fisher-specific guidance has been incorporated to all of the major Forest Stewardship Plans in the Cariboo Region under the Furbearer Objective. On approval, these documents become legally-binding and agreement holders have to achieve the described objectives identified for fisher.
- Continued pursuit of completing an Order for four new Wildlife Habitat Areas in the Mackenzie Natural Resource District that will protect 4433 hectares of fisher denning habitat when completed.
- Ongoing predictive modelling and impact scenario evaluation that will result in spatial tools and procedures to help licensees and gov't manage habitat at broad scales. Anticipated completion mid-2022.
- Continued delivery of the Fisher Habitat Extension Program (per www.BCFisherHabitat.ca).

George Henderson - 94.9 GOAT FM (Quesnel)

ISSUE: Snowpack levels and C@C wood products

STATUS: Provided Background

- C & C Wood Products filed for bankruptcy on June 2 2020 through their appointed trustee Price Waterhouse Coopers after having halted operations on May 29, 2020.
- The termination of operations will affect between 100 and 130 full-time jobs in Quesnel.
- The province of British Columbia is working through the FLNRORD Regional Economic Operations Branch and the FLNRORD Quesnel Forest District to engage in a discussion between the municipal government and the Southern Dakeelh Nation Alliance on business valuation and business assessment resources that could support a public-private partnership or joint venture purchase to maintain jobs and operations at the mill.

Cam Mitchell - CTV News Vancouver

ISSUE: Spirit bear photo

STATUS: Provided Background

- - These are young grizzly bears
- It is not a Spirit bear because they are only found on Princess Royal Island and 2 other islands

Randy Shore - Vancouver Sun

ISSUE: Steelhead Runs Data

STATUS: Provided Background

- The current predicted numbers of Interior Fraser Steelhead for the spring 2020 run remain the same as reported previously,
 - o Spring 2020: 196 projected spawners (Thompson 134; Chilcotin 62).
- As per normal practice, field work and data assessments are currently underway to monitor and estimate the actual returns, as well as enable a prediction for 2021.
- To date, it appears that the actual returns are in line with the predictions, but it is simply too early to confirm one way or the other. The scientific analysis needs to be completed first.
- The current predictions represent the lowest-on-record returns and are of significant concern to the Province.
 - o Spring 2019: 257 spawners (Thompson 175; Chilcotin 82).
 - o Spring 2018: 227 spawners (Thompson 150; Chilcotin 77).

Also excel sheet sent on 80s and 90s numbers sent.

Sean Brady - Kamloops This Week

ISSUE: Water levels in the Kamloops area - River Forecast Centre

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Dave Campbell provided interview.

Michael Reeve - CKMQ Merritt (Q101)
ISSUE: Water levels - River Forecast Centre
STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Dave Campbell provided interview.

Jessica Wallace - Kamloops This Week
ISSUE: FOLLOW-UP: Cars on riverbank in Westsyde area
STATUS: Provided Background

- The City of Kamloops would need to pay for the remediation work if it wants it done.
- The applicant who requests and receives Water Sustainability Act Change Approval to do the work would pay all associated costs for the work.
- The ministry does not actively undertake riverbank restoration projects.

Curt Appleby - CHNL Radio (Kamloops) AM 610
ISSUE: Stump Lake flooding
STATUS: Provided Background

- The minister is unavailable, but here's some information that you may find helpful (attributable to the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development).
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John Boivin - Valley Voice (New Denver): Arrow Lakes, Slocan & North Kootenay
ISSUE: Road washout: Idaho Peaks Forest Service Road

STATUS: Provided Background

- 1. Is the ministry aware of the loss of the road?
 - Yes.

- 2. Has anyone been up to assess it? What did they report? what has happened to the road?
 - It was assessed on June 04, 2020.
 - Prior to that, repairs were ongoing to re-establish access across Carpenter Creek at Sandon.
 - At approximately 1.5km, a stream culvert was overwhelmed by the storm freshet on May 31, 2020.
 - The culvert was likely plugged by avalanche debris.
 - This caused the stream to flow down the road for approximately 375m causing multiple fill slope failures, including two major events resulting in the complete loss of the road running surface.
 - The FSR is closed.

- 3. Can we expect the road to be repaired in the near future? Any timeline for repairs?
 - This road will not be repaired in the near future.
 - A more thorough review is required to assess the road beyond to determine if additional failures have occurred.
 - Further geotechnical investigation and design is required.

Nicole Oud - CBC British Columbia

ISSUE: Moose hunt

STATUS: Scheduled Interview

- Jen Psyllakis completed interview

Larry Pynn - Hakai Magazine

ISSUE: Wolf and coyote conflicts and BC Cattlemen's Association response/stats

STATUS: Provided Background

- • January 1, 2016 - March 15, 2019 – 555 wolves and 253 coyotes were killed (approximately 171 wolves/year and approximately 78 coyotes/year)
- April 1, 2019 - March 31, 2020 – 129 wolves and 61 coyotes were killed
- Our provincial wolf population estimate is approximately 8,500 (range 5,300 – 11,600).
- Please see the attached status report of the summary with redacted information.

Colin Dacre - Castanet (Penticton)

ISSUE: Administrative review of James Wiens's guide outfitter licence (Vasux Creek Outfitters)

STATUS: Provided Background

- An administrative review is underway regarding the guide outfitter licence and guiding territory certificate for James Wiens (Vasux Creek Outfitters), who was convicted in April 2019 of Wildlife Act violations including baiting black bears.
- The next step in the process is a Wildlife Act Section 61 administrative hearing, which is scheduled for July 7, 2020 in Penticton.

Priyanka Ketkar - Lakes District News
ISSUE: FOLLOW-UP: moose hunting
STATUS: Provided Background

- 1. Does this mean that the NDP confirms culling will take place this season?
 - There is no intent to cull moose. Moose calf and cow seasons occur across Canada as part of standard moose hunting regulations.
 - In two localized areas of the province, hunting is being used to stabilize moose populations as part of a broader strategy to recovery caribou herds. These two areas are part of broad-scale experiments to help understand multiple management approaches that benefit caribou recovery.
 - Wolf reductions are also taking place within these two areas to support caribou recovery. Wolf reductions are expected to result in increasing moose populations if management actions are not taken to keep moose populations at low/moderate densities.
 - These combined actions are expected to re-balance predator and prey populations and allow all three species to persist on the landscape.
- 2. Would hunting moose be permitted now in the Lakes District Area and Northern Interior BC?
 - There is no cow or calf season in the Lakes District Area. Bull (male) moose harvesting is permitted in the Lakes District and much of Northern Interior B.C.
 - Determining whether a moose harvest can take place and how many animals may be harvested from a population is informed by the population trend (stable, increasing or decreasing) as well as the number of bull moose to cow moose in the population. This approach ensures that the licensed harvest is managed sustainably.
- 3. Is there an official release on this yet?
 - This is not a deviation from past practices of sustainable moose harvest and caribou recovery. In fact, cow and calf moose harvest opportunities have diminished substantially in the province.
 - About 10 years ago, two large-landscape experiments were designed to help better understand the dynamics among wolf, moose and caribou populations. Scientific papers have been published summarizing the results and the Province continues to study the long-term effects on caribou recovery.

4. According to a 2019 press release from Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, predator reduction was a better solution for caribou recovery.

- Wolf reduction is an effective option to support caribou recovery. However, it may not be the only option or the long-term solution.
- Predators play an important role in ecosystems, and controlling their populations is intensive, expensive, and also controversial. The Province is looking at novel approaches that combine predator, alternate prey, maternity penning, and habitat management options to ensure that caribou populations are recovered and sustained.

5. Won't moose hunting be in contradiction with the ministry's plans to help restore moose?

- Moose populations have declined in many, but not all, areas of the province. In some instances, moose hunting opportunities are significantly reduced or closed, most harvests are for bull only, and there are only two small areas where moose populations are managed with caribou recovery. (Also see the response to Question 2.)

6. When would the moose culling begun and in exactly which areas?

- There is no intent to cull moose. Harvest seasons vary throughout the province.

Fran Yanor - The Rocky Mountain Goat News

ISSUE: FOLLOW-UP: Moose hunting/limited entry hunt

STATUS: Provided Background

- Which specific areas were granted an increase in moose LEH (I have gotten a variety of answers on this)? Revelstoke area in the Kootenay Region (~increase of 50 LEH authorizations). Parsnip authorization number the same as last year.

The minister mentioned the Parsnip and Revelstoke areas had experienced an increase in moose populations, (including a 50 per cent increase near Revelstoke) and that, essentially, the increase in NEH was to reduce the moose pop, to reduce the wolf pop, to protect the caribou.

It's my understanding that this strategy of restricting one species to protect another is the alternate prey theory. Is this in fact the strategy the Ministry is employing? This is a strategy that is also combined with predator control and habitat protection.

Can you point me to the scientific evidence supporting this approach (a study or report)? <https://peerj.com/articles/3736/>

Why was this approach adopted over other potential strategies, such as increasing measures to protect the caribou by expanding their continuity of habitat, for instance?

Although habitat protection is very important to the long term maintenance of caribou populations across the province, predator control is necessary in the short – medium term in areas where the habitat condition has swung to benefit moose (as well as deer and elk in some places). That is to say that even if we protected all capable caribou habitat in the province the current condition does not change due to the decision to protect it. Only time and intensive management (functional or ecological restoration work) does that.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/wildlife-conservation/caribou/management-activities> “

Steph Wood - The Narwhal

ISSUE: Forest Practices Board report: impact of forestry on fish habitat

STATUS: Reporter Dropped

- dropped

Sarah Cox - The Narwhal

ISSUE: Spotted owl habitat and logging

STATUS: Provided Background

- General comments:
 - The spotted owl is an iconic species in this province and the B.C. government has a plan in place to help this endangered species recover.
 - We are committed to supporting their recovery by protecting specific areas of spotted owl habitat and helping increase the population of these endangered animals through captive breeding and release.
 - The Province supports a captive breeding program, barred owl removals, and field research and inventories.
 - B.C.'s has the world's only spotted owl captive breeding centre.

Q. Why has the government approved new logging (312 cutblocks in the past year and a half) in spotted owl critical habitat?

- All of the 312 cut blocks identified by the Western Canada Wilderness Committee are outside of the areas protected by the Spotted Owl Habitat Plan, with the exception of those approved for major infrastructure projects, habitat enhancement and cut blocks allowed within a Managed Future Habitat Area.
- No logging is taking place in areas where spotted owls exist.
- In addition, no clear-cut logging is taking place in spotted owl habitat within: the boundaries set out by the Spotted Owl Habitat Plan (specifically in Wildlife Habitat Areas called Long-term Owl Habitat Area); provincial parks; other protected areas; and Metro-Vancouver watersheds. However, selective logging for the purposes of habitat enhancement (to improve suitable habitat) is permitted in these areas, although it is rarely done.

- Logging that retains large trees is occurring in Wildlife Habitat Areas called Managed Future Habitat Areas, consistent with legally established Government Actions Regulations (GAR) orders.
- Some logging has also been approved in both Wildlife Habitat Area types (Long-term Owl Habitat Areas and Managed Future Habitat Areas) to support major infrastructure projects such as the Trans Mountain Pipeline, when there is no other viable option. In such cases, a Mitigation Agreement must be completed to offset any impacts to spotted owls.
- Trees in spotted owl habitat found outside of the Spotted Owl Habitat Plan boundaries may be harvested, subject to any other forestry constraint on the landbase.
- The Spotted Owl Habitat Plan protects about one-third of the total spotted owl habitat found within the range of the species in B.C.
- Based on the advice of the Canadian Spotted Owl Recovery Team, the B.C. government's Spotted Owl Recovery Action Plan protects forests within the Spotted Owl Habitat Plan to sustain a minimum of 250 mature spotted owls in the future.
- Meeting this population target is necessary to change the status of this species from "endangered" to "threatened".
- The Spotted Owl Habitat Plan protects 281,284 hectares of forests within provincial and regional parks, Greater Vancouver watersheds and wildlife habitat areas. About 70% is comprised of old and mature forests, which are preferred by the spotted owl.
- An additional 53,000 hectares of Wildlife Habitat Area (called Managed Future Habitat Areas) under the Spotted Owl Habitat Plan is managed for future recovery considerations. About 52% of these Wildlife Habitat Areas is comprised of old and mature forests.

Q. Does the government still plan to re-introduce spotted owls to the wild?

- Yes. The Province is in the process of developing a release strategy that may begin releasing spotted owls in 2021.

Q. If the answer is yes, how can spotted owls survive in the wild if the government continues to sanction destruction of their critical habitat?

- Captive-born spotted owls will be released into forests protected by the Spotted owl Habitat Plan.
- It is estimated that these protected forests will eventually support a minimum of 250 mature spotted owls in the long term, a population target identified in the 2006 federal Recovery Strategy for the Northern Spotted Owl in Canada, under the federal Species at Risk Act.

Q. What is the government's recovery strategy for the spotted owl?

- protection of forests to support a minimum of 250 mature spotted owls
- captive breeding and release of captive-born spotted owls into protected forests

under the Spotted Owl Habitat Plan

- removal of barred owls to protect the wild spotted owl population and within forests protected under the Spotted Owl Habitat Plan where captive-born spotted owls will be released
- monitoring to determine the effectiveness of the Spotted Owl Recovery Action Plan

Ian MacNeill - Truck LoggerBC Magazine

ISSUE: Manufactured Forest Products Regulation

STATUS: Reporter Dropped

- Dropped

Benjamin Polley - Freelancer

ISSUE: Caribou data - Biographic Magazine

STATUS: Provided Background

- Data provided

Sarah Cox - The Narwhal

ISSUE: Provincewide caribou population

STATUS: Provided Background

- Data provided

Ben Parfitt - The Narwhal

ISSUE: Emergency preparedness plans - W.A.C. Bennett and Peace Canyon dams

STATUS: Reporter Dropped

- Dropped

From: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
To: Correspondence Serv. Sectn, FLNR:EX; Donison, Sonia FLNR:EX
Cc: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX; Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Call with Ministers Donaldson and Heyman/ Ancient Forest Alliance, Sierra Club BC, Wilderness Committee, June 11, 2020
Date: July 16, 2020 10:49:21 AM
Attachments: Sustainable Forestry Jobs Policy Brief - June 2020.pdf

Hi Sonia;

Here is an older letter sent to me but addressed to Minister. Please log. I have discussed this with others but have neglected to send to your dept. Apologies. I know MCCS has recently logged this letter.

Response is; Thanks for your letter. Working on the OG document. No meeting planned at this time. I am sure David Muter's dept will have the wording.

Thanks,
Kenn

From: Jens Wieting
Sent: June 23, 2020 2:46 PM
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Cc: andrea@ancientforestalliance.org; torrance@wildernesscommittee.org; Caitlyn Vernon ; Mark Worthing ; TJ Watt
Subject: Call with Ministers Donaldson and Heyman/ Ancient Forest Alliance, Sierra Club BC, Wilderness Committee, June 11, 2020

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Dear Ministers Donaldson and Heyman,

Thank you for taking the time to meet with us on June 11th.

Ancient Forest Alliance, Sierra Club BC and Wilderness Committee welcome the news that the BC government will release the Old Growth Strategic Review panel's report and recommendations on old-growth management to the public in mid-August, along with the provincial response including interim measures. We look forward to working with you to develop these interim measures as well as longer-term old-growth solutions

At the same time, it is deeply concerning to see steps taken in the opposite direction. We believe crucial opportunities are being missed that would support a robust, effective old-growth protection strategy and the needed transition of BC's forest sector to one that supports resilient communities, complements rather than undermines the BC government's climate and emissions reduction goals, and supports workers into the future.

For example, we were disappointed to learn that much needed regulatory reforms to raw log export regulations have been delayed for a second time, as this is an urgently needed step toward transitioning from a volume-based industry to a value-based one that is critical to allowing conservation of endangered old-growth.

We have similar concerns with regard to last week's announcement about the BC government's commitment to supporting the use of mass timber in public and private building projects as a climate-friendly solution. Using timber without protecting carbon-rich old-growth ecosystems and improving forestry practices is not a climate solution.

According to the US Forest Service website, "Harvesting old-growth forests for their forest products is not an effective carbon conservation strategy because the carbon remaining in the wood products

plus the regrowth are not enough to compensate for the loss of large carbon stocks in the intact forests". (Click on 'synthesis': <https://www.fs.usda.gov/ccrc/topics/forests-carbon>)

We appreciated Minister Donaldson's comments about a much needed shift in focus away from volume and toward getting more value from BC logs. We also recognize the complex economic and political environment within which this work is happening.

To support these efforts, please find attached a policy brief developed by AFA and the Public and Private Workers of Canada (PPWC) forestry union that outlines a number of policy recommendations on how to facilitate the necessary shift to sustainable, second-growth forestry in BC, along with increased wood processing and value-added manufacturing.

Regarding the FRPA round II amendments that were delayed due to COVID-19, will they be tabled in the legislative session commencing this week?

We acknowledge that your government has some challenging decisions to make, faced with climate, extinction, public health, and economic crises. Several past governments have failed to take action for endangered old-growth forests before your government got elected.

The evidence is clear, however, that your government may very well be the last one with a chance to safeguard these endangered ecosystems, which support a diverse economy with long-term jobs and the environmental benefits we need for our survival, before it's too late.

As we have learned from COVID-19, ignoring evidence and delaying action can quickly make matters worse until they become unmanageable. We hope for the same leadership we have seen from the province in response to COVID-19 in the context of safeguarding the natural life support systems of the province.

We look forward to the follow-up meeting with representatives from both ministries, to further discuss interim and longer-term measures as part of an Old Growth Strategy.

Sincerely,

Jens, Caitlyn, Sierra Club BC

Andrea, Ancient Forest Alliance

Torrance, Wilderness Committee

Please find attached a policy brief prepared by the Ancient Forest Alliance (AFA) and the Public and Private Workers of Canada (PPWC),

Policy recommendations to support sustainable, value-added, second-growth forestry jobs in BC.

From: [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Call: Old Growth
Date: July 13, 2020 1:37:25 PM

Can I cancel the Daily call with John Allan or the daily MO call on Thursday to make this happen?

From: Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX
Sent: July 13, 2020 1:03 PM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: Call: Old Growth

Hey Lisa,

MGH is hoping to check-in this week with MDD regarding Old Growth. No staff or materials, just Ministers and MAs. He's looking for about 20 mins. Is there a good time on your end? Can you let me know if any of these times work?

- Tomorrow at 3pm or 4:30pm
- Thursday at 9am
- Friday - we will probably be done Estimates on Thursday, meaning we could make any time between 9:00-10:30am work.

Thanks! If none of those times work, let me know what might and I'll rearrange what I can on my end.

Alyssa Hrenyk

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Cc: [Haslam, David GCPE:EX](#); [Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FW: FLNR Media Request: Old Growth Forest
Date: June 15, 2020 11:37:25 AM

Hey MO,

Looking for approval on statement to go to Seattle Times, attributable to MDD.

Please let me know!

Cheers,

Reporter

Lynda Mapes, Reporter
The Seattle Times
lmapes@seattletimes.com
206-464-2515

Deadline ASAP

Request

From reporter: I'm doing a story for the Seattle Times about a report that recently came out that found there is far less actual big old growth forest standing in BC than the overall percentage of old growth would indicate.

I'd like to hear the minister's response to the report, and about what the ministry is doing with regard to management of old growth, into the future and the minister's response to the scientists' call in the report for a moratorium on further logging of old growth forests.

Thank you.

Recommendation: provide statement attributable to MDD

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From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To: "Al Gorley"; "Garry Merkel"
Subject: FW: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel
Date: July 15, 2020 10:22:59 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Good Morning Al & Garry,

Could you provide me with some dates & times that you would be available to brief the Green Caucus along with Ministerial Tim Renneberg on Old Growth. As well, please advise if your preference is to do this briefing in person or virtually.

Much appreciated,



Lisa Silverio
Administrative Coordinator to the
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From: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX
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Subject: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

Hello Tim and Sarah,

As discussed with both of you, Green Caucus is seeking a meeting with the authors of the Old Growth Report, Al Gorley and Garry Merkel.

Lisa/Tim, could I ask you to begin by proposing a couple of dates/times that would work for Mr. Gorley and Mr. Merkel? Could you also see if they would be comfortable meeting in-person or would prefer to connect remotely? We are hoping to arrange a conversation as follows:

Timing:

- 45 minutes

Attendees:

- Al Gorley
- Garry Merkel
- MLA Olsen
- MLA Furstenuau
- Evan Pivnick, Chief of Staff
- Sarah Miller, Policy and Issues Manager

Location:

- In-person or remote, TBD.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can assist.

Thank you,

JM

John Michael McColl

Manager

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From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel
Date: July 15, 2020 11:10:40 AM
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Preference?

From: Al Gorley
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Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

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Hi Lisa,

The following dates/times work for me to do a phone or video briefing:

July 17 3pm-5pm

July 21 or 22 anytime

August 6 or 7 anytime

Al

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 15, 2020 10:23 AM
To: 'Al Gorley' <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>; 'Garry Merkel' <gmerkel@telus.net>
Subject: FW: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

Good Morning Al & Garry,

Could you provide me with some dates & times that you would be available to brief the Green Caucus along with Ministerial Tim Renneberg on Old Growth. As well, please advise if your preference is to do this briefing in person or virtually.

Much appreciated,



Lisa Silverio
Administrative Coordinator to the
Honourable Doug Donaldson
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
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From: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX <JohnMichael.McColl@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 14, 2020 3:46 PM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>; Miller, Sarah LASS:EX <Sarah.Miller@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX <Donna.Sanford@gov.bc.ca>; Rendek, Judy LASS:EX <Judy.Rendek@leg.bc.ca>; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

Hello Tim and Sarah,

As discussed with both of you, Green Caucus is seeking a meeting with the authors of the Old Growth Report, Al Gorley and Garry Merkel.

Lisa/Tim, could I ask you to begin by proposing a couple of dates/times that would work for Mr. Gorley and Mr. Merkel? Could you also see if they would be comfortable meeting in-person or would prefer to connect remotely? We are hoping to arrange a conversation as follows:

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- 45 minutes

Attendees:

- Al Gorley
- Garry Merkel
- MLA Olsen
- MLA Furstenau
- Evan Pivnick, Chief of Staff
- Sarah Miller, Policy and Issues Manager

Location:

- In-person or remote, TBD.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can assist.

Thank you,

JM

John Michael McColl

Manager

Confidence and Supply Agreement Secretariat

250-883-2758

From: [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Engert, Tyler M FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX](#); [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Green staff re: old growth
Date: June 29, 2020 8:45:51 PM

Hello,

Tuesday, July 7th 9:15 - 10 a.m.

Green caucus staff, Tim renneberg, Brian and David and CASA secretariat.

Conference call details

1-877-353-9184

Participant ID:s.15

Tim- will you provide call in details to green staff?

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

From: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 29, 2020 4:37 PM

To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: Green staff re: old growth

Tuesday, 9:15 - 10 a.m.

Green caucus staff, plus myself, Brian and David and CASA secretariat.

Tim Renneberg

Ministerial Assistant

Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

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tim.renneberg@gov.bc.ca

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From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: June 29, 2020 3:05 PM

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

Subject: FW: Green staff re: old growth

Here are some options for green briefing. Also, can you confirm names of everyone participating. Thanks.

Please see the available times for David and Brian. I will update Gwen regarding the attendees and topic based on our call.

Mon July 6 9:30-10 AM, 11:30-12:00 PM

Tues 9-9:30, 10-10:30 AM, 1:30-2:00 PM

Wed 9-11 AM, 3:30-4 PM
Fri 11:30-12 PM, 2:30-4 PM

Cheers,
Gwen

Gwen Leahy || Acting Executive Administrative Assistant Resource Stewardship Division Ministry of Forests,
Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
236-478-1419

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

From: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 29, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Leahy, Gwen FLNR:EX <Gwen.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Green staff re: old growth

Hello Gwen,

Please see Lisa's request below and advise some available times for David and Brian.

Cheers,
Tyler

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

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 29, 2020 12:08 PM
To: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Green staff re: old growth

Hi, green staff are looking to have another briefing regarding old growth. Can you give me a few options for next week when David and Brian are available to provide the briefing. Tim Renneberg will participate in the briefing as well. Thanks,

Lisa

From: [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#); [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#); [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Letter and meeting request - Conservation North
Date: June 29, 2020 9:17:51 AM
Attachments: [FINAL Letter to Donaldson 2020-06-23.pdf](#)

Following up on this, should MDD meet?

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

From: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX <FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 25, 2020 10:16 AM
To: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>; Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Letter and meeting request - Conservation North

Hi, mtg request

Thank you—Di Bohja!

Sonia Donison
Team Lead
Correspondence Services
778 974-5834

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

From: Michelle Connolly <Michelle.Connolly@alumni.unbc.ca>
Sent: June 25, 2020 9:05 AM
To: Minister, FLNR FLNR:EX <FLNR.Minister@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Letter and meeting request - Conservation North

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Dear Minister Donaldson,

Attached is a letter that you will also received in hard copy via mail.

Conservation North is requesting a meeting with you to discuss interior old growth forests.

I am reachable at this email (michelle.connolly@alumni.unbc.ca<<mailto:michelle.connolly@alumni.unbc.ca>>), at info@conservationnorth.org<<mailto:info@conservationnorth.org>> or by phone (below). We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,
Michelle

Michelle Connolly, M.Sc.
Prince George, B.C.
778 349 3667

From: [Allan, John FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Donaldson, Doug](#)
Cc: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: MDD Speaking Notes for PA - OG Presentation July 23 2020 (1)
Date: July 23, 2020 8:25:18 AM
Attachments: [MDD Speaking Notes for P&A - OG Presentation July 23, 2020.pdf](#)
[MDD Speaking Notes for P&A - OG Presentation July 23, 2020.docx](#)

Minister—here are the revised and shortened speaking notes which run about 15 minutes. They are written for you to present. If you would like I can present after your introduction.

John Allan

Deputy Minister
Forests, Lands, Natural Resource
Operation & Rural Development

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To: Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX; Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX
Subject: FW: Meeting Request: Minister Heyman and Minister Fraser/Don Wright July 21
Date: July 15, 2020 10:46:34 AM
Attachments: STRATEGIC REVIEW 20200430 Minister Scott Fraser.pdf
OG for Cabinet July 12 2020.pdf
OG for Cabinet July 12 2020.pptx
STRATEGIC REVIEW 20200430 Minister George Heyman.pdf

Hello,

Here are the materials, will find out if we can go ahead as planned without Don Wright.

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX

Sent: July 15, 2020 10:31 AM

To: Roberts, Connie A IRR:EX ; Hrenyk, Alyssa ENV:EX ; Higgins, Keira PREM:EX

Subject: RE: Meeting Request: Minister Heyman and Minister Fraser/Don Wright July 21

Hello,

I have confirmed the following meeting for Minister Donaldson, please confirm if your member can participate. Call details below:

Conference call details

1-877-353-9184

Moderator ID MDD

Participant ID: s.15

NOTE: Please include attendees: DM Caul, DM Jardine, DM Don Wright and DM Allan

Meeting Request for Minister Heyman and Minister Fraser	
Meeting Requested by	David Muter
Meeting Purpose	briefing on Old Growth report
Date/Time of meeting	July 21 st 11:15am-12pm
Meeting Duration	45
In person / via phone	In person if they're all from Victoria please, otherwise a teleconference works.
Staff Attendees: Y/N/Who	David Muter and Brian Bawtinheimer
Materials: Y/N	Yes - the deck and a copy of the OG report ready July 10
Cliff Log #	
eApprovals #	
Materials due to MO	[MO to complete]
Materials due to DMO	[DMO to complete]
Material due to ADM	[ADMO to complete]

From: [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: OG draft PPT
Date: July 10, 2020 1:40:11 PM
Attachments: [200pm - OG for Cabinet July 7.pdf](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

Agree with all your points.

s.13

From: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Sent: July 10, 2020 10:45 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX ; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX ; Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX ; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Subject: OG draft PPT
As discussed.

s.13

From: [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Old Growth Briefing PP
Date: May 7, 2020 9:44:45 AM
Attachments: [May 7 Minister's Briefing on Old Forests Report.pptx](#)

Pls add to sp for mdd today at 1pm, thx

From: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Sent: May 7, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: FW: Old Growth Briefing PP

Good Morning Lisa;

Could you please add this power point from Al Gorely to the shared drive for Minister. We can tell him to check there prior to the call. He has the report but he sometimes does not check his email for such things.

Thanks,
Kenn

From: Al Gorley <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>
Sent: May 7, 2020 7:39 AM
To: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX <Doug.Donaldson@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>; Garry Merkel <gmerkel@telus.net>
Subject: Old Growth Briefing PP

Attached please find a set of slides to accompany today's briefing, scheduled for 1:00 – 2:30.

Al & Garry

R.A. (Al) Gorley, RPF

Office (Victoria) 250 474-4289

Office (Uncha) 778 693-2073

Cellular s.22

From: [Maitland, Julie](#)
To: [Worthington, Shelley LASS:EX](#); [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Old-growth management letter
Date: July 22, 2020 3:40:10 PM

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I wanted to let you two look at this response...for response to our people.

From: Champion, Ella
Sent: Wednesday, July 22, 2020 10:04 AM
Cc: Vasilev, Susan ; Kesteven, Torey
Subject: Old-growth management letter

Hello,

Below is a template letter that can be used in correspondence on the subject of old growth forest management, including on the subject of the upcoming release of the old-growth panel report, and the independent report that was released in June.

Please let me or your respective RCO know if you have any questions!

Best wishes,

Ella

Dear [Name],

Thank you for writing and for expressing your concerns about the management of our old growth forests. This issue is important to me and it is one that our government is actively working on. Our forests suffered under the previous government due to lack of funding, dramatic cuts to Forest Service staff, and ineffective policies. At the same time the BC Liberals were curtailing our ability to effectively monitor and manage our forests, they allowed the export of raw logs to skyrocket and oversaw the loss of more than 30,000 forestry jobs and the closure of dozens of mills.

Our government is doing things differently. We believe that we can find a balance between protecting the health and sustainability of our forests, and ensuring we have a forest industry that can support good-paying jobs for people across BC. We appreciate the value of our old growth forests in finding this balance, as they are critical for maintaining biodiversity and the habitat that fish and wildlife depend upon.

We are taking action to develop an approach to old-growth management that will balance the many different values that old-growth forests bring to our province, and the diverse views that British Columbians have on this issue. In 2019 we commissioned the Old Growth Strategic Review, an independent panel that travelled the province this year and heard input from thousands of British Columbians. The panel also received the independent report by Karen Price, Rachel Holt and Dave Daust which was released publicly in early June, and took this into consideration as a submission. Our government is taking time to fully review the panel's report and recommendations before releasing them publicly within the next several weeks. At the time the report is released, we will also be announcing immediate measures that we will be taking based on the content of the report, as well as next steps we will be taking to build a roadmap forward informed by its recommendations. It's important to remember that we have a duty to engage on a government-to-government basis

with First Nations, and our comprehensive response will follow consultation with environmental organizations, industry, workers and the public.

We are committed to a science-based approach and solutions that respect and understand the benefits of old growth to biodiversity in our forests and that include First Nations, industry, communities, and workers. We agree that more work needs to be done—building an approach to old growth management based on the Strategic Review is an important step but will certainly not be the final one.

Please be assured that this issue is very important to our government and that we are working diligently on solutions. By working together we can and will find a path forward to better manage for our old growth forests while supporting workers and communities. Thank you again for writing.

Sincerely,
MLA

Ella Champion | Research and Communications Officer | New Democrat BC Government Caucus
778-998-5262 ella.champion@leg.bc.ca <http://bcndpcaucus.ca/>

From: [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
To: [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Phone Call with Minister Donaldson
Date: May 1, 2020 12:40:27 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

FYI

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Sent: May 1, 2020 12:28 PM
To: 'Al Gorley' ; 'Garry Merkel'
Subject: Phone Call with Minister Donaldson

Hello,

I have had a few conversations with Kenn McLaren this morning and he has advised that the phone call with yourselves and Minister Donaldson Only will now be on May 7th 1pm-2:30pm.

Conference call details

1-877-353-9184

Participant ID^{s.15} #

Please confirm the new date and time work within your schedules.

Much appreciated,



Lisa Silverio
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From: [Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Kahlon, Ravi FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: RUSH: Ravi Kahlon briefing material for today
Date: July 15, 2020 10:39:30 AM
Attachments: [STRATEGIC REVIEW 20200430 Ravi Kahlon.pdf](#)
[image001.png](#)
Importance: High

Hi Ravi,

Attached are briefing materials for your old growth meeting today at 3pm.

Sandra



Sandra Purdy

Administrative Assistant to the

Honourable Doug Donaldson

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From: [Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#); [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#); [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [Haslam, David GCPE:EX](#); [Pierson, Nova GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: FYI - Old Growth Report issues note - 25 May 20
Date: May 25, 2020 11:46:58 AM
Attachments: [IN Old Growth Report Review May21 4pm.docx](#)

Hi all,

Please find attached the latest issues note on release of the Old Growth report.

Thanks,

Glen

Glen Plummer

A/Communications Manager

Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development

250 952-0559 office

250 213-5667 cell

From: [Alexa Young](#)
To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: For reference - COFI's old growth submission
Date: June 19, 2020 9:32:51 AM
Attachments: [COFI Old Growth Submission \(Jan 31 2020\).pdf](#)

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Hi Tim,

Quick follow-up from our discussion a couple of weeks ago on COFI'S old growth submission to the Panel.

Sharing a copy of our presentation, along with a summary of some of the key points made. The submission is quite detailed in terms of context and recommendations but thought the top line might be helpful.

Hope you're doing well.

Alexa

OLD GROWTH STRATEGIC REVIEW – KEY POINTS FROM COFI SUBMISSION TO THE PANEL

- COFI supports policies that promote healthy and resilient forests, help tackle climate change and provide stability and predictability for communities and the forest sector.
- To that end, we support the principles underlying the Old Growth Strategic Review including the need for balance amongst the various employment, economic, social, cultural, environmental and climate change values BC's forests represent. We believe these can co-exist and that a balanced forest portfolio is in place supporting these values in BC today. An outcome to this review that seeks to promote and maintain this balance is critical.
 - To put this in perspective, B.C. is already a leader in conservation with more than half of the Crown Land base covered by some form of conservation designation according to B.C.'s Ministry of Environment. Relative to the significant conservation of B.C. forests already underway, less than 1% of what is considered B.C.'s working forest land base is harvested annually.
 - Within this, and as an old growth example – on Vancouver Island, less than 2% of what is considered harvestable old growth is logged annually. This annual harvest supports an estimated 10,500 jobs, and if maintained, would support harvestable supply for more than six decades.
 - Sustainable harvesting in BC's working forests is supporting jobs and communities; within the context of a robustly balanced forest portfolio, no action should be taken to further erode the timber harvesting land base.

- Public opinion supports healthy, resilient forests and a stable forestry sector
 - A 2019 Abacus Data poll found most citizens (87%) believe it is vital to BC's economy to have a healthy forest sector. The same survey showed most British Columbians recognize the BC sector as a global leader from a sustainability standpoint (76%).
- We believe B.C. would be best served by the development of policies and strategies that seek to manage for forest attributes and their associated values across all of BC's forests, including old growth forests. This would ensure that various forest attributes like tree height, density and the species that live within them are well understood and managed for in terms of balancing the various environmental, climate change, employment, social and cultural values they support.
- This approach would help reflect the reality that environmental and other values we all care about, and which are often associated with old growth forests, actually manifest in other forest succession stages because of attributes other than tree age.
- It would also acknowledge the flexibility that's needed because forest ecosystems are in constant flux due to escalating demands on our land base caused by increased uses and pressures from a wide range of stakeholders and because of climate change. Sustainable forest management is a key part of the global solution in the fight against climate change.

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From: [Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#); [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#); [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: Fwd: OG summary initial points of note
Date: May 11, 2020 10:54:48 AM
Attachments: [OG1.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

FYI

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX"
Date: May 8, 2020 at 11:18:47 AM PDT
To: "Allan, John FLNR:EX"
Subject: OG summary initial points of note

As discussed.

From: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Miller, Sarah LASS:EX
Cc: Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX; Rendek, Judy LASS:EX; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel
Date: July 14, 2020 3:46:20 PM

Hello Tim and Sarah,

As discussed with both of you, Green Caucus is seeking a meeting with the authors of the Old Growth Report, Al Gorley and Garry Merkel.

Lisa/Tim, could I ask you to begin by proposing a couple of dates/times that would work for Mr. Gorley and Mr. Merkel? Could you also see if they would be comfortable meeting in-person or would prefer to connect remotely? We are hoping to arrange a conversation as follows:

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- 45 minutes

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- Garry Merkel
- MLA Olsen
- MLA Furstenau
- Evan Pivnick, Chief of Staff
- Sarah Miller, Policy and Issues Manager

Location:

- In-person or remote, TBD.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can assist.

Thank you,

JM

John Michael McColl

Manager

Confidence and Supply Agreement Secretariat

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From: Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX; Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
Cc: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Subject: IN on old growth?
Date: July 20, 2020 7:35:02 AM

Good morning David and Glen,

Can you please send me the latest IN on old growth? I'll draft a QP note for MDD in preparation for the Green Qs and send along later this morning.

Thank you,

Leila Farmer

Issues Manager

250-208-9547

From: [Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#); [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: KMs
Date: May 7, 2020 3:43:38 PM

As discussed, here are the KMs. If you are good with these, please send along to MCT's staff.
Message:

- I know how majestic BC's old growth trees are and why it's important to protect and preserve them.
- It's also a priority for our government to work hard to create and support good jobs in BC's coastal forestry sector.
- That's why it's important we take a thoughtful and measured approach.
- We brought in some new protections for BC's biggest iconic trees.
- We also appointed an independent panel to lead an old growth review. They met with stakeholders all across the province and just last week, provided Minister Donaldson with a report on their work.
- Our government will now review the report, which will help us determine our next steps.

Thanks,
Leila Farmer
Issues Manager
250-208-9547

From: [Lindsay-Baugh, Anna ENV:EX](#)
To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: Meeting request from Ancient Forest Alliance, Sierra Club BC, Wilderness Committee
Date: July 3, 2020 2:35:27 PM
Attachments: [FW Call with Ministers Donaldson and Heyman Ancient Forest Alliance Sierra Club BC Wilderness Committee June 11 2020.msg](#)

Hi Tim and Kenn,

Wondering if your office is planning on accepting the attached meeting request? If you are, our office could potentially join the meeting.

Thanks for taking a look!

Sincerely,

Anna

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Anna Lindsay-Baugh

Ministerial Assistant to

Hon. George Heyman

Minister of Environment and Climate Change Strategy

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From: Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX
To: Rendek, Judy LASS:EX; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Cc: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX; Miller, Sarah LASS:EX; Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX; Pivnick, Evan V LASS:EX; Hume, Claire LASS:EX
Subject: Meeting request: old growth panel report
Date: June 19, 2020 12:46:56 PM

Hello Judy and Lisa: This is further to today's meeting between Minister Donaldson and MLA Olsen. We are looking to schedule a meeting on the old growth panel report as follows:

Timing

- 45 minutes
- Week of June 22 (Judy: could you please start by proposing a couple of days/times that work for MLAs Olsen and Furstenau next week?)

Attendees

- MLA Furstenau, MLA Olsen, and Sarah Miller, Green Caucus Policy and Issues Manager
- MA Tim Renneberg and FLNR staff, TBD by Tim
- Donna Sanford and/or JM McColl, CASA Secretariat

Location:

- Lisa, can you please book a meeting room (with conference call option) once we have a day and time set?

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can assist.

Thank you,

Donna

Donna Sanford

Executive Director

Confidence and Supply Agreement Secretariat

250-893-4771

From: [Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Allan, John FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: OG summary initial points of note
Date: May 8, 2020 11:18:48 AM
Attachments: [OG1.docx](#)
[ATT00001.htm](#)

As discussed.

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To: "Al Gorley"; "Garry Merkel"
Subject: Phone Call with Minister Donaldson
Date: May 1, 2020 12:28:29 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Hello,

I have had a few conversations with Kenn McLaren this morning and he has advised that the phone call with yourselves and Minister Donaldson Only will now be on May 7th 1pm-2:30pm.

Conference call details

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Participant ID ^{s.15}

Please confirm the new date and time work within your schedules.

Much appreciated,



Lisa Silverio
Administrative Coordinator to the
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From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To: Al Gorley; "Garry Merkel"
Subject: Phone call with Minister Donaldson May 7th
Date: April 30, 2020 1:31:37 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Hello,

Kenn McLaren advised me that a separate briefing is required with yourselves and Minister prior to the May 8th briefing with ministry staff.

Minister Donaldson is available on May 7th at 1:45pm-2:30pm. Please advise if this works within your schedules.

Conference call details

1-877-353-9184

Participant ID: s.15



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From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To: "Garry Merkel"; "Al Gorley"
Cc: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Subject: Phone call with Minister May 13th
Date: May 7, 2020 3:12:09 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Hello,

I have allocated 3:45pm-5:15pm in Minister Donaldson's schedule on May 13th for further discussion.

Please confirm your availability. Much appreciated,

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To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#); [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#); [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [Haslam, David GCPE:EX](#); [Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: FLNR Media Request: Old Growth Forest
Date: June 15, 2020 3:47:15 PM

Hey MO,

Are you okay with this response below? I would like to get this out by EOD if there are no issues.

From: Hooper, Tyler GCPE:EX

Sent: June 15, 2020 11:37 AM

To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX ; Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX ; McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX ; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX

Cc: Haslam, David GCPE:EX ; Lowther, Brett GCPE:EX

Subject: FW: FLNR Media Request: Old Growth Forest

Hey MO,

Looking for approval on statement to go to Seattle Times, attributable to MDD.

Please let me know!

Cheers,

Reporter

Lynda Mapes, Reporter

The Seattle Times

lmapes@seattletimes.com

206-464-2515

Deadline ASAP

Request

From reporter: I'm doing a story for the Seattle Times about a report that recently came out that found there is far less actual big old growth forest standing in BC than the overall percentage of old growth would indicate.

I'd like to hear the minister's response to the report, and about what the ministry is doing with regard to management of old growth, into the future and the minister's response to the scientists' call in the report for a moratorium on further logging of old growth forests.

Thank you.

Recommendation: provide statement attributable to MDD

s.13

From: [Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [Miller, Sarah LASS:EX](#)
Cc: [McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Follow up mtg: old growth panel report
Date: June 25, 2020 1:55:26 PM

Thanks Tim. Can you propose a day and time week of July 6?

From: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent: June 25, 2020 10:57 AM
To: Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX ; Miller, Sarah LASS:EX
Cc: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Follow up mtg: old growth panel report
Next week is likely not going to work for staff, with the shortened week. Let's consider something the following week.

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From: Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX <Donna.Sanford@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 24, 2020 5:46 PM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>; Miller, Sarah LASS:EX <Sarah.Miller@leg.bc.ca>
Cc: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX <JohnMichael.McColl@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Follow up mtg: old growth panel report

Hi Tim and Sarah. Further to the call today re: the old growth panel report – this is to find a time for the next meeting, at staff level. Tim – could you please start by proposing a time slot that could work for FLNR next week?

Thanks,
Donna
Donna Sanford
Executive Director
Confidence and Supply Agreement Secretariat
250-893-4771

From: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Miller, Sarah](#); [McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Follow up on old growth
Date: June 29, 2020 3:44:00 PM

Could do 9:15 on Wednesday if that works better

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From: Miller, Sarah

Sent: June 29, 2020 3:41 PM

To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX ; McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX

Subject: Re: Follow up on old growth

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Thanks!

Sarah

From: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: 29 June 2020 15:10

To: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX; Miller, Sarah

Subject: Follow up on old growth

Hi both,

Staff are available at 10 a.m. Wednesday July 8 for 45 minutes. Does that work?

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From: [McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX](#)
To: [Miller, Sarah LASS:EX](#); [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Follow up on old growth
Date: June 29, 2020 4:32:36 PM

Hello Tim and Sarah,
I'm glad to see this come together. I'll send an Outlook invitation around now.
Cheers,
JM

From: Miller, Sarah
Sent: June 29, 2020 4:05 PM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX ; McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX
Subject: Re: Follow up on old growth

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Yep!

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Sent: June 29, 2020 3:41 PM

To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>; McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX <JohnMichael.McColl@gov.bc.ca>

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From: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Alexa Young](#)
Subject: RE: For reference - COFI's old growth submission
Date: June 19, 2020 5:06:00 PM

Thanks Alexa.

Have a fun, socially distant weekend!

Tim Renneberg

Ministerial Assistant

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From: Alexa Young
Sent: June 19, 2020 9:33 AM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: For reference - COFI's old growth submission

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Hi Tim,

Quick follow-up from our discussion a couple of weeks ago on COFI'S old growth submission to the Panel.

Sharing a copy of our presentation, along with a summary of some of the key points made. The submission is quite detailed in terms of context and recommendations but thought the top line might be helpful.

Hope you're doing well.

Alexa

OLD GROWTH STRATEGIC REVIEW – KEY POINTS FROM COFI SUBMISSION TO THE PANEL

- COFI supports policies that promote healthy and resilient forests, help tackle climate change and provide stability and predictability for communities and the forest sector.
- To that end, we support the principles underlying the Old Growth Strategic Review including the need for balance amongst the various employment, economic, social, cultural, environmental and climate change values BC's forests represent. We believe these can co-exist and that a balanced forest portfolio is in place supporting these values in BC today. An outcome to this review that seeks to promote and maintain this balance is critical.
 - To put this in perspective, B.C. is already a leader in conservation with more than half of the Crown Land base covered by some form of conservation designation according to B.C.'s Ministry of Environment. Relative to the significant conservation of B.C. forests already underway, less than 1% of what is considered B.C.'s working forest land base is harvested annually.

- Within this, and as an old growth example – on Vancouver Island, less than 2% of what is considered harvestable old growth is logged annually. This annual harvest supports an estimated 10,500 jobs, and if maintained, would support harvestable supply for more than six decades.
- Sustainable harvesting in BC's working forests is supporting jobs and communities; within the context of a robustly balanced forest portfolio, no action should be taken to further erode the timber harvesting land base.
- Public opinion supports healthy, resilient forests and a stable forestry sector
 - A 2019 Abacus Data poll found most citizens (87%) believe it is vital to BC's economy to have a healthy forest sector. The same survey showed most British Columbians recognize the BC sector as a global leader from a sustainability standpoint (76%).
- We believe B.C. would be best served by the development of policies and strategies that seek to manage for forest attributes and their associated values across all of BC's forests, including old growth forests. This would ensure that various forest attributes like tree height, density and the species that live within them are well understood and managed for in terms of balancing the various environmental, climate change, employment, social and cultural values they support.
- This approach would help reflect the reality that environmental and other values we all care about, and which are often associated with old growth forests, actually manifest in other forest succession stages because of attributes other than tree age.
- It would also acknowledge the flexibility that's needed because forest ecosystems are in constant flux due to escalating demands on our land base caused by increased uses and pressures from a wide range of stakeholders and because of climate change. Sustainable forest management is a key part of the global solution in the fight against climate change.

Alexa Young

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From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To: "Al Gorley"
Cc: "gmerkel@telus.net"
Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel
Date: July 15, 2020 2:18:16 PM

Hello,

I sent a revised MS Teams invite as Green Caucus requested we move meeting to July 21st.

From: Al Gorley
Sent: July 15, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

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MS Teams is ok for me too.

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 15, 2020 12:02 PM
To: 'Telus' <gmerkel@telus.net>
Cc: Al Gorley <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>
Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

Hello,

I have confirmed the meeting for this Friday, July 17th 3pm-3:45pm. Would you prefer to do this in person or by MS Teams/Virtually.

Lisa

From: Telus <gmerkel@telus.net>
Sent: July 15, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Al Gorley <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>
Subject: Re: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

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Thank you Al,
MLAs Olsen and Furstenau are available July 17 at 3:00-3:45. Would it be your preference to do this virtually?

Lisa

From: Al Gorley <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>
Sent: July 15, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>; 'Garry Merkel' <gmerkel@telus.net>
Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

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Hi Lisa,

The following dates/times work for me to do a phone or video briefing:

July 17 3pm-5pm

July 21 or 22 anytime

August 6 or 7 anytime

Al

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: July 15, 2020 10:23 AM

To: 'Al Gorley' <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>; 'Garry Merkel' <gmerkel@telus.net>

Subject: FW: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

Good Morning Al & Garry,

Could you provide me with some dates & times that you would be available to brief the Green Caucus along with Ministerial Tim Renneberg on Old Growth. As well, please advise if your preference is to do this briefing in person or virtually.

Much appreciated,

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From: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX <JohnMichael.McColl@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: July 14, 2020 3:46 PM

To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>; Miller, Sarah LASS:EX <Sarah.Miller@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX <Donna.Sanford@gov.bc.ca>; Rendek, Judy LASS:EX <Judy.Rendek@leg.bc.ca>; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>

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- 45 minutes

Attendees:

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- Garry Merkel
- MLA Olsen
- MLA Furstenu
- Evan Pivnick, Chief of Staff
- Sarah Miller, Policy and Issues Manager

Location:

- In-person or remote, TBD.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can assist.

Thank you,

JM

John Michael McColl

Manager

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From: [Rendek, Judy](#)
To: [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel
Date: July 15, 2020 1:16:17 PM

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Hi

Sorry for the change but it would be better for July 21 at 2:45-3:30.

Thanks

Judy

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX [<mailto:Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Rendek, Judy
Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel
Hi Judy,
It is an MS Teams Link:

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[Learn more about Teams](#) | [Meeting options](#)

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Hi

I'm not clear on the link to the meeting.

Judy

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX [<mailto:Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:34 AM
To: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX <JohnMichael.McColl@gov.bc.ca>; Miller, Sarah <Sarah.Miller@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX <Donna.Sanford@gov.bc.ca>; Rendek, Judy <Judy.Rendek@leg.bc.ca>

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Hello,

Al Gorley & Garry Merkel are available to brief Green Caucus at the following times:

July 17th 3pm-5pm

July 21st 1:30pm-3:30pm

Please advise best timing and I will coordinate details with them.

Thank you,

Lisa

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Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

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Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
t 778.974.5999 f 250.387.1040

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JM

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Confidence and Supply Agreement Secretariat

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Cc: Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX; Rendek, Judy LASS:EX
Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel
Date: July 15, 2020 11:33:50 AM

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Date: July 15, 2020 11:26:27 AM
Attachments: image001.png

Either July 17 or 21 (During CCR)

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Hi Lisa,

We are not set up for Microsoft team meetings. Is it possible to use Zoom? We have an account and can send a link. If not, I'll let our staff and MLAs know to download the app.

Please let me know.

Thanks

Judy

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX [<mailto:Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 1:35 PM
To: Rendek, Judy
Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel
Thank you, have updated MS Teams invite.
Lisa

From: Rendek, Judy <Judy.Rendek@leg.bc.ca>
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Hi

Sorry for the change but it would be better for July 21 at 2:45-3:30.

Thanks

Judy

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX [<mailto:Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>]
Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 12:48 PM
To: Rendek, Judy <Judy.Rendek@leg.bc.ca>
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Hi Judy,
It is an MS Teams Link:

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Hi

I'm not clear on the link to the meeting.

Judy

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Sent: Wednesday, July 15, 2020 11:34 AM

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From: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Green staff re: old growth
Date: June 29, 2020 4:36:00 PM

Tuesday, 9:15 - 10 a.m.

Green caucus staff, plus myself, Brian and David and CASA secretariat.

Tim Renneberg
Ministerial Assistant
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
250-387-6240
tim.renneberg@gov.bc.ca

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From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 29, 2020 3:05 PM
To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Green staff re: old growth

Here are some options for green briefing. Also, can you confirm names of everyone participating. Thanks.

Please see the available times for David and Brian. I will update Gwen regarding the attendees and topic based on our call.

Mon July 6 9:30-10 AM, 11:30-12:00 PM
Tues 9-9:30, 10-10:30 AM, 1:30-2:00 PM
Wed 9-11 AM, 3:30-4 PM
Fri 11:30-12 PM, 2:30-4 PM

Cheers,
Gwen

Gwen Leahy || Acting Executive Administrative Assistant Resource Stewardship Division Ministry of Forests,
Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
236-478-1419

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

From: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 29, 2020 12:11 PM
To: Leahy, Gwen FLNR:EX <Gwen.Leahy@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Green staff re: old growth

Hello Gwen,

Please see Lisa's request below and advise some available times for David and Brian.

Cheers,
Tyler

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

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 29, 2020 12:08 PM
To: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Tripp, Allison FLNR:EX <Allison.Tripp@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Green staff re: old growth

Hi, green staff are looking to have another briefing regarding old growth. Can you give me a few options for next week when David and Brian are available to provide the briefing. Tim Renneberg will participate in the briefing as well. Thanks,

Lisa

From: [Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [Haslam, David GCPE:EX](#); [Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX](#)
Cc: [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#); [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#); [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: IN on old growth?
Date: July 20, 2020 8:04:27 AM

CASA confirmed their questions are on additional supports for old growth while we review the report and what government's plan is for worker transition.

From: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent: July 20, 2020 7:47 AM
To: Farmer, Leila GCPE:EX ; Haslam, David GCPE:EX ; Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX
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I would be very surprised if the question wasn't on wolves

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Leila Farmer

Issues Manager

250-208-9547

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Subject: RE: IN on old growth?
Date: July 20, 2020 7:54:31 AM
Attachments: [IN predator reduction - wolves July 15 2020.docx](#)
[IN Old Growth Report Review May25 340pm.docx](#)

Hi Leila,
Here are our INs on old growth and on the predator management.
Thanks,
Glen

Glen Plummer
A/Communications Manager
Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
250 952-0559 office
250 213-5667 cell

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Thank you Glen.

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Subject: RE: Letter and meeting request - Conservation North
Date: June 29, 2020 9:19:08 AM

Hi Lisa - I'll leave this with Kenn for advice.

R

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HI, mtg request

Thank you—Di Bohja!

Sonia Donison
Team Lead
Correspondence Services
778 974-5834

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Sincerely,
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Michelle Connolly, M.Sc.
Prince George, B.C.
778 349 3667

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Subject: FW: Letter and meeting request - Conservation North

Pls advise if we should take this meeting?

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

From: Purdy, Sandra FLNR:EX <Sandra.Purdy@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: June 25, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
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Subject: RE: Letter and meeting request - Conservation North
Date: June 29, 2020 10:03:30 AM

Hi;

I think we should welcome their input to the conversation on old growth when it begins in the fall. The consultation process has yet to be drawn up, we look forward to their inclusion. Yes to a phone call in the fall.

Kenn

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Cc: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#); [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: OG report
Date: May 1, 2020 12:23:40 PM

Done, thanks Kenn!

From: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Sent: May 1, 2020 12:19 PM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Cc: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX ; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX ; Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX
Subject: OG report

Hi Lisa;

Please schedule a briefing on the Old Growth report for MDD with Al Gorley and Garry Merkel on Thursday May 7th, 1:00-2:30pm, no staff required. Also, please hold 1 ½ hour on Friday May 8th for MDD staff briefing on the Old Growth report.

Thanks,

Kenn

Kenn McLaren

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From: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX](#); [Miller, Sarah LASS:EX](#)
Cc: [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Old Growth panel report
Date: June 19, 2020 12:13:00 PM

Let's also co-ordinate a meeting between PS Ravi Kahlon and the Green caucus. Please include Ravi Parmar in that discussion.

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Sent: June 19, 2020 11:54 AM

To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX ; Miller, Sarah LASS:EX

Subject: Old Growth panel report

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Donna Sanford

Executive Director

Confidence and Supply Agreement Secretariat

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From: [Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [Miller, Sarah LASS:EX](#)
Cc: [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Old Growth panel report
Date: June 19, 2020 12:32:15 PM

Will do Tim. Two separate emails coming.

From: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent: June 19, 2020 12:14 PM
To: Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX ; Miller, Sarah LASS:EX
Cc: Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Old Growth panel report

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From: [Haslam, David GCPE:EX](#)
To: [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [Uppenborn, Jeremy GCPE:EX](#); [Plummer, Glen GCPE:EX](#)
Subject: RE: Old-Growth
Date: January 24, 2020 11:28:21 AM

Here ya go:

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- The primary objective of the Old Growth Strategic Review is to inform policy and a new old-growth strategy for British Columbia – one that provides more clarity on the land base and with consideration to employment and economic benefits, and social, cultural and environmental values, and the need to address climate change.
- The review includes an independent panel that will provide recommendations back to government. As it is an independent panel, we do not want to presuppose any of their recommendations.
- Based in part on what they gather through engagement, and their own extensive experience, panelists Garry Merkel and Al Gorley will develop a report to the government to inform the development of broad public policy regarding old-growth forests. The report will include recommendations and a summary of what they heard.
- Submissions to the panel end on Jan. 31, with a final report expected in spring 2020.
- Up until the closing date for submission, interested members of the public are welcome to share their thoughts on old growth in B.C. with the panel in one of three ways:
 1. Complete the [online questionnaire](#).
 2. Organizations, professionals, and other interested parties may submit a written submission. [Read the Guidelines for Written Submissions](#).
 3. Send an email to oldgrowthbc@gov.bc.ca
- More information on the panel and the Old Growth Strategic Review is available at: <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/oldgrowth>
- The B.C. government will engage in government-to-government consultation with First Nations, before determining next steps in response to the report.

From: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX
Sent: January 24, 2020 11:02 AM
To: Haslam, David GCPE:EX
Subject: FW: Old-Growth

Hi David,

What is our latest messaging regarding the Old-Growth panel?

From: Vasilev, Susan <Susan.Vasilev@leg.bc.ca>
Sent: January 24, 2020 10:48 AM
To: Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Old-Growth

Hey Tristan

New/big campaign - can I get some update messaging on this issue (including what is

happening with the panel?)

Thanks!

Susan

From:^{s.22}

Sent: Friday, January 24, 2020 8:34 AM

Subject: Protect BC's Endangered Old-Growth Forests

To

I am writing you to express my support for the full protection of the endangered old-growth forests in British Columbia, for the development of a sustainable, value-added second-growth forest industry, and to support Indigenous Protected Areas and land use plans that protect old-growth forests.

BC's old-growth forests are vital to support many unique and endangered species, First Nations cultures, B.C.'s multi-billion-dollar tourism industry, to store more carbon per hectare than even tropical forests do, and to provide clean water for communities and wild salmon.

But their large-scale industrial clearcutting continues, with about 55,000 hectares of old-growth forests – an area the size of about 5 cities of Vancouver – being logged every year in BC.

On Vancouver Island alone, already 80% of the productive old-growth forests have been logged, including well over 90% of the valley bottoms where the largest trees grow – and the situation is even more dire on the adjacent South Coast and in the BC Interior.

The unique features of old-growth forests take centuries to develop — in a province where the forests are re-logged every 60 years on the Coast. As a result, old-growth forests are not a renewable resource under B.C.'s system of forestry and are not replicated by tree-planting.

With so little left, to continue logging the last giants is akin to slaughtering the last herds of elephants or harpooning the last great whales.

Old-growth logging in most of BC is unnecessary and unethical, given that second-growth forests dominate more than 80 per cent of B.C.'s productive forest lands and can be sustainably logged. Indeed, the rest of the western world is focused on logging 50- to 100-year-old second- or third-growth trees. B.C. is one of the very last jurisdictions on earth that still condones and supports the large-scale logging of 500 and 1000-year-old trees.

This will not last. The transition to an exclusively second-growth forest industry in B.C. is inevitable, when the last of the unprotected old-growth stands are logged. Conservationists are just advocating that the governments implement the incentives and regulations now to complete this second-growth transition as quickly as possible, before the last endangered old-growth stands are gone.

Therefore, I ask that the BC government:

- Enact legislation to set science-based old-growth protection and restoration targets in all forest

ecosystems.

- Place moratoria on the most intact, rarest, and high conservation value old-growth forests while new policies are being devised so that it is not a “talk and log process”.
- Implement a provincial land acquisition fund to purchase and protect old-growth forests on private lands.
- Financially support and legally recognize First Nations Indigenous Protected Areas and land use plans that protect old-growth forests.
- Enact incentives and regulations to support the development of a second-growth, value-added forest industry, such as by removing the PST for the purchase of equipment to process second-growth logs or by ending raw log exports.

And I ask that the federal government:

- Create a dedicated “old-growth protection fund” as a subset of the Canada Nature Fund in order to both purchase old-growth forests on private lands for protection and to help finance BC First Nations to develop Indigenous Protected Areas and land use plans to protect old-growth forests.

I ask that you make the protection of the remaining endangered old-growth forests as the top priority in your forest policies for BC, and to ensure a win-win solution by providing the pro-active leadership needed to develop a sustainable, value-added second-growth forest industry and by supporting First Nations protected areas and conservation-based economies.

Sincerely,

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Phone Call with Minister Donaldson
Date: May 1, 2020 1:39:20 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Not yet

From: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Sent: May 1, 2020 1:39 PM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Phone Call with Minister Donaldson
Whew. Thanks. I promptly went on to something else. Did they respond ok?
thx

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 1, 2020 12:40 PM
To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: FW: Phone Call with Minister Donaldson
FYI

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
Sent: May 1, 2020 12:28 PM
To: 'Al Gorley' <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>; 'Garry Merkel' <gmerkel@telus.net>
Subject: Phone Call with Minister Donaldson

Hello,

I have had a few conversations with Kenn McLaren this morning and he has advised that the phone call with yourselves and Minister Donaldson Only will now be on May 7th 1pm-2:30pm.

Conference call details

1-877-353-9184

Participant ID **s.15** #

Please confirm the new date and time work within your schedules.

Much appreciated,



Lisa Silverio
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From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX
To: "Al Gorley"; "Garry Merkel"
Cc: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
Subject: RE: Phone call with Minister Donaldson May 7th
Date: April 30, 2020 2:17:34 PM
Attachments: image001.png

Hello,

Copying Kenn on this email so he can confirm information.

My understanding is that the briefing on the 8th will include Minister and Ministry staff.

The briefing on the 7th will just be with Minister.

Kenn-please confirm this is correct.

Lisa

From: Al Gorley
Sent: April 30, 2020 1:58 PM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX ; 'Garry Merkel'
Subject: RE: Phone call with Minister Donaldson May 7th
Hi Lisa,

I don't think we realized that the briefing on the 8th was for staff – assumed it was with the Minister.

In any case, I can accommodate a briefing for the Minister on the 7th and keep the scheduled briefing on the 8th for staff if that's what works at your end.

Al

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 30, 2020 1:32 PM
To: Al Gorley <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>; 'Garry Merkel' <gmerkel@telus.net>
Subject: Phone call with Minister Donaldson May 7th

Hello,

Kenn McLaren advised me that a separate briefing is required with yourselves and Minister prior to the May 8th briefing with ministry staff.

Minister Donaldson is available on May 7th at 1:45pm-2:30pm. Please advise if this works within your schedules.

Conference call details

1-877-353-9184

Participant ID: 915



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From: [Miller, Sarah](#)
To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Follow up on old growth
Date: June 29, 2020 3:41:15 PM

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Ah I have a 10-10:30am on Weds the 8th that I can't move -- I'm pretty flexible the rest of that week if there's another time that might work?

Thanks!

Sarah

From: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent: 29 June 2020 15:10
To: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX; Miller, Sarah
Subject: Follow up on old growth

Hi both,

Staff are available at 10 a.m. Wednesday July 8 for 45 minutes. Does that work?

Tim Renneberg

Ministerial Assistant

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From: [Miller, Sarah](#)
To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#); [McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX](#)
Subject: Re: Follow up on old growth
Date: June 29, 2020 4:05:01 PM

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Yep!

From: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Sent: 29 June 2020 15:44
To: Miller, Sarah; McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX
Subject: RE: Follow up on old growth
Could do 9:15 on Wednesday if that works better
Tim Renneberg
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Sent: June 29, 2020 3:41 PM
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From: [Alexa Young](#)
To: [Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: Re: For reference - COFI's old growth submission
Date: June 19, 2020 5:31:08 PM

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That's the plan! You as well

Sent from my iPhone

On Jun 19, 2020, at 5:06 PM, Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thanks Alexa.

Have a fun, socially distant weekend!

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From: Alexa Young <young@cofi.org>

Sent: June 19, 2020 9:33 AM

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

Subject: For reference - COFI's old growth submission

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Hi Tim,

Quick follow-up from our discussion a couple of weeks ago on COFI'S old growth submission to the Panel.

Sharing a copy of our presentation, along with a summary of some of the key points made. The submission is quite detailed in terms of context and recommendations but thought the top line might be helpful.

Hope you're doing well.

Alexa

OLD GROWTH STRATEGIC REVIEW – KEY POINTS FROM COFI SUBMISSION TO THE PANEL

- COFI supports policies that promote healthy and resilient forests, help tackle climate change and provide stability and predictability for communities and the forest sector.
- To that end, we support the principles underlying the Old Growth Strategic Review including the need for balance amongst the various employment, economic, social, cultural, environmental and climate change values BC's forests represent. We believe these can co-exist and that a balanced forest portfolio is in place supporting these values in BC today. An outcome to this review that seeks to promote and maintain this balance is critical.
 - To put this in perspective, B.C. is already a leader in conservation with more than half of the Crown Land base covered by some form of conservation designation according to B.C.'s Ministry of Environment. Relative to the significant conservation of B.C. forests already underway, less than 1% of what is considered B.C.'s working forest land base is harvested annually.
 - Within this, and as an old growth example – on Vancouver Island, less than 2% of what is considered harvestable old growth is logged annually. This annual harvest supports an estimated 10,500 jobs, and if maintained, would support harvestable supply for more than six decades.
 - Sustainable harvesting in BC's working forests is supporting jobs and communities; within the context of a robustly balanced forest portfolio, no action should be taken to further erode the timber harvesting land base.
 - Public opinion supports healthy, resilient forests and a stable forestry sector
 - A 2019 Abacus Data poll found most citizens (87%) believe it is vital to BC's economy to have a healthy forest sector. The same survey showed most British Columbians recognize the BC sector as a global leader from a sustainability standpoint (76%).
- We believe B.C. would be best served by the development of policies and strategies that seek to manage for forest attributes and their associated values across all of BC's forests, including old growth forests. This would ensure that various forest attributes like tree height, density and the

species that live within them are well understood and managed for in terms of balancing the various environmental, climate change, employment, social and cultural values they support.

- This approach would help reflect the reality that environmental and other values we all care about, and which are often associated with old growth forests, actually manifest in other forest succession stages because of attributes other than tree age.
- It would also acknowledge the flexibility that's needed because forest ecosystems are in constant flux due to escalating demands on our land base caused by increased uses and pressures from a wide range of stakeholders and because of climate change. Sustainable forest management is a key part of the global solution in the fight against climate change.

Alexa Young

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From: [Garry Merkel](#)
To: [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
Cc: [Al Gorley](#)
Subject: Re: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel
Date: July 20, 2020 1:46:54 PM

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Lisa,
For some reason I haven't seen an invite for tomorrow's meeting. My day is pretty full so hopefully the proposed time slot works.

Garry Merkel
250-427-0460

On Jul 15, 2020, at 14:18, Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hello,

I sent a revised MS Teams invite as Green Caucus requested we move meeting to July 21st.

From: Al Gorley <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>
Sent: July 15, 2020 12:18 PM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

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MS Teams is ok for me too.

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: July 15, 2020 12:02 PM
To: 'Telus' <gmerkel@telus.net>
Cc: Al Gorley <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>
Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

Hello,

I have confirmed the meeting for this Friday, July 17th 3pm-3:45pm. Would you prefer to do this in person or by MS Teams/Virtually.

Lisa

From: Telus <gmerkel@telus.net>
Sent: July 15, 2020 12:00 PM
To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Al Gorley <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>
Subject: Re: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

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I am only available virtually for the next while. Maybe this Friday?

Garry's iPhone
250-427-0460

On Jul 15, 2020, at 11:40, Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Thank you Al,

MLAs Olsen and Furstenau are available July 17 at 3:00-3:45. Would it be your preference to do this virtually?

Lisa

From: Al Gorley <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>

Sent: July 15, 2020 10:51 AM

To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>; 'Garry Merkel' <gmerkel@telus.net>

Subject: RE: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

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Hi Lisa,

The following dates/times work for me to do a phone or video briefing:

July 17 3pm-5pm

July 21 or 22 anytime

August 6 or 7 anytime

Al

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: July 15, 2020 10:23 AM

To: 'Al Gorley' <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>; 'Garry Merkel' <gmerkel@telus.net>

Subject: FW: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

Good Morning Al & Garry,

Could you provide me with some dates & times that you would be available to brief the Green Caucus along with Ministerial Tim Renneberg on Old Growth. As well, please advise if your preference is to do this briefing in person or virtually.

Much appreciated,

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From: McColl, John-Michael FIN:EX <JohnMichael.McColl@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: July 14, 2020 3:46 PM

To: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>; Miller, Sarah LASS:EX <Sarah.Miller@leg.bc.ca>

Cc: Sanford, Donna L GCPE:EX <Donna.Sanford@gov.bc.ca>; Rendek, Judy LASS:EX <Judy.Rendek@leg.bc.ca>; Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: Green Caucus Meeting Request: Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

Hello Tim and Sarah,

As discussed with both of you, Green Caucus is seeking a meeting with the authors of the Old Growth Report, Al Gorley and Garry Merkel.

Lisa/Tim, could I ask you to begin by proposing a couple of dates/times that would work for Mr. Gorley and Mr. Merkel? Could you also see if they would be comfortable meeting in-person or would prefer to connect remotely? We are hoping to arrange a conversation as follows:

Timing:

- 45 minutes

Attendees:

- Al Gorley
- Garry Merkel
- MLA Olsen
- MLA Furstenau
- Evan Pivnick, Chief of Staff
- Sarah Miller, Policy and Issues Manager

Location:

- In-person or remote, TBD.

Please let me know if you have any questions or if I can assist.

Thank you,

JM

John Michael McColl

Manager

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From: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX
To: Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX
Cc: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX
Subject: slight change to the agenda for ENGO meeting - final
Date: June 10, 2020 4:43:14 PM
Attachments: 2020-06-10 Agenda - FLNRORD, ECCS -ENGO - meeting.docx

Hi Minister;

There is a slight change to the order of the ENGO initiatives. Attached.

Kenn

Kenn McLaren

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From: [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
To: [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: OG scheduling for may 8
Date: April 28, 2020 2:00:19 PM

FYI-Is this your understanding? See below.

From: Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX <Brenda.Larkin@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 28, 2020 1:42 PM
To: FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>
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May 8th

Pre Brief 10:30am

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I am holding 10:30-12:30 on May 8th.

Should I be the one reaching out to Garry & Al?

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Subject: RE: OG scheduling for may

Hi Lisa, yes I was aware that they would need longer time, so I am not surprised by this request. Staff are available anytime that day.

Thank you

Brenda

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 25, 2020 10:52 AM

To: Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX <Brenda.Larkin@gov.bc.ca>; FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: OG scheduling for may

Pls see Kenn's email below and advise staff re: May 8th.
Thanks!

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

Sent: April 24, 2020 3:06 PM

To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>; Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: OG scheduling for may

Hi Lisa;

For MDD to receive the report of the Old Growth Panel on May 8th, please block off 2 hours. The meeting with panel members Gorley and Merkel will likely be 1 ½ hours. Staff to attend. Pre-brief will need at least 15 min.

At some point in May I believe staff will want to discuss the report with the Minister. For now we can wait for that request.

Also, I spoke with Jens Wieting of the ENGOs Old Growth group about a meeting late in May. Please set up a meeting for MDD with this group in the last week in May. Staff to attend and pre-brief needed. I think the ENGO group as assembled will be the same as their last meeting. I will check with Kelly regarding MGH, but I think they will want to attend as well.

Thanks,
Kenn

Kenn McLaren

Ministerial Assistant | Honourable Doug Donaldson

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From: [Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX](#)
To: [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#); [Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: Update from the Old Growth Strategic Review Panel
Date: May 5, 2020 10:02:37 AM

This is what has been passed on to MLA offices regarding the Old Growth panel. Also up on the Old Growth website.

From: FLNR Old Growth BC FLNR:EX <Oldgrowthbc@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: May 4, 2020 1:15 PM
To: FLNR Old Growth BC FLNR:EX <Oldgrowthbc@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Update from the Old Growth Strategic Review Panel

May 4th, 2020

The Old Growth Strategic Review Panel would again like to thank the many people who took the time to meet with us or provided input through the engagement website.

From October 2019 to February 2020, we held over 200 meetings in 36 communities with close to 800 participants. We received over 300 written submissions and had more than 18,000 online surveys completed.

It again bears noting that this review was not consultation, rather it was about us developing a thorough understanding of challenges and opportunities from as many viewpoints as possible in relation to the current and future management of old growth. This depth and breadth of understanding was invaluable as we developed our recommendations.

Our submission to the Minister of Forests, Lands, and Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development, The Honourable Doug Donaldson, contains 3 parts.

1. Our summary of what we heard (more than 200 pages). This summary includes a summary of the more than 18,000 online surveys and is cross-linked back to the more than 300 written submissions which are also posted on the website.
2. Our findings and recommendations (a little less than 100 pages).
3. A summary of our findings and recommendations (about 30 pages).

As outlined in our Terms of Reference, Minister Donaldson has committed to making our report and recommendations public within 6 months. We have relayed to the Minister the urgency we heard from you regarding the importance and prompt release of this report.

Your formal written submissions provided to us are available on the [Old Growth](#) website.

This will be our last update, but please continue to follow the [Old Growth Strategic Review website](#) for updates and progress from the Ministry.

Sincerely

Al Gorley and Garry Merkel

From: [Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX](#)
To: [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: FW: hi and re courier
Date: April 30, 2020 7:23:32 AM

Hi,

So, I had cancelled the pre brief with staff as staff advised they were not to see report prior to the call on May 8th. Has this changed?

I currently have a call confirmed with Al & Garry 10:30-12:30 on May 8th and they have the call details.

From: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 29, 2020 3:06 PM
To: gmerkel@telus.net
Cc: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: hi and re courier

Hi Mr. Merkel;

As per our call this morning I understand you will courier a hard copy of your report to Minister Donaldson's house tomorrow or Friday. As well, you plan to send an electronic version to Brian Bawtinheimer on or before Monday May 4th.

Lisa or I will get back to you to set up a call for Mr. Gorely and yourself and to discuss your report with Minister Donaldson. Currently we plan on a briefing for the both of you to address Minister Donaldson and staff at 10:30 am May 8th. Lisa will send the call-in details.

Here is Minister Doug Donaldson's home address:

s.22

Be sure to use Canada Post Courier for same-day delivery. Otherwise, the package may take up to 4 working days for delivery.

Please let me know if my understanding of the transfer is correct.

If you have any questions or wish to contact me, call me anytime on my cell, s.22

Thanks,

Kenn

Kenn McLaren

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Subject: Green Qs for MDD + QP note
Date: July 20, 2020 11:15:55 AM
Attachments: [Scan_20200720.pdf](#)
[2020.07.20 - QP FLNR - Old Growth - Greens - FINAL.docx](#)

Hi all – via CASA, Green Caucus has provided the text of their questions.
See attached for their questions and for the final QP note for MDD.
Thanks,
Leila

Question 1 - Monday - Donaldson

3 years into this government's mandate, we are awaiting the release of the Old Growth Panel report and the government's long-awaited Old Growth Strategy that they have promised will be guided by the Panel's report.

While the public waits for a new approach to old growth management, harvesting of these rare ecosystems has continued at an alarming rate.

Depletion of productive old growth isn't uniform across the landscape. In some TFLs, the management plans show that the productive old growth will be depleted in the next 10-20 years. And we know that across the province, it is the rarest and most productive forests that are going first.

In some places, the next 3 months, 6 months, 1 year makes a huge difference. We need immediate action to stop the bleed in these critical areas, while a strategy for science-based old growth management across BC is developed. We simply can't wait any longer.

My question, through you Honourable Speaker, is to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development. Will he pause harvesting in old growth

ecosystems at highest risk, and provide supports to affected workers, while he works on the promised old growth strategy?

Supplemental -

Mr. Speaker, in the conversation about old growth protection it is often framed as a choice between protecting old growth and protecting jobs.

This isn't actually the choice before us. The choice is between a managed transition, today, and a sudden and abrupt transition, when we've harvested the available, productive old growth we have left.

Let me be clear. We're not talking about sustainable jobs that will continue to exist for this generation and the next. We know, from a recent analysis done by independent scientists, that the transition from old forest harvest is imminent.

→ will be clarified this is not Groat's report.

We also know that as the high-productivity old growth on the landbase is harvested, communities will experience a "falldown effect", with jobs disappearing as the volume of harvest goes down and the industry logs smaller and smaller second growth.

We urgently need a plan to transition forestry workers and communities dependent on this non-renewable resource, and we need to protect the little we have left, now.

My question, through you Honourable Speaker, is to the Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and

Rural Development. The time for transition is now. What specific steps is his ministry taking to transition communities from a dependence on old growth logging and how much funding will he be asking for from the stimulus spending for this effort?

Old Growth - Greens

Highlights:

- Green Caucus will ask Minister Donaldson if government is planning to introduce supports to protect old growth trees while the province reviews the Old Growth Strategic Review.
- Green Caucus will also ask questions about worker transition supports.
- On April 30, the independent panel submitted the Old Growth Strategic Review to government. The report contains recommendations that will inform a new approach to old-growth management for BC.

Main Message for Q1 – Supports for Old Growth:

- Our government knows how majestic BC's old growth trees are and why it's important to protect and preserve them.
- When it comes to old growth, we are dedicated to taking a thoughtful and measured approach.
- Last summer, we brought in new protections for BC's biggest and most iconic trees.
- We also appointed Garry Merkel and Al Gorley to an independent panel and asked them to lead a strategic review of old growth.
- They spent 4 months engaging with Indigenous governments, municipal governments, industry, stakeholders and British Columbians.
- I want to thank the panel for their hard work and thank everyone who participated in the review.
- As the member knows, my ministry has received the panel's report and we are carefully reviewing its findings and recommendations.

Main Message for Q2 – Worker Supports:

- Our government wants to make sure that old growth forests can be appreciated by people today and in the years to come.
- It is also a priority for our government to support good jobs for people in BC's coastal forestry sector.
- That's why we asked the independent panel to consider all perspectives on the important topic of old growth as they conducted their review.
- I'm pleased to say that the panel spoke with 800 people through more than 200 meetings in 45 communities across our province.
- And they received emails and written submissions from thousands, and a survey reached 18,523 respondents.
- Their findings will help to inform what BC's new old growth management strategy will look like.
- Our government will continue to be guided by our approach to support workers and protect and preserve BC's iconic old growth trees.
- We look forward to releasing the report within the timeframe we committed to in our terms of reference.

Background:

- In July 2019, BC announced a two-person panel had been appointed to lead an Old Growth Strategic Review and provide a report to the Minister Donaldson.
- The independent panel was comprised of:
 - Garry Merkel: a professional forester, natural resource expert, and member of the Tahltan Nation,
 - Al Gorley: a professional forester and former chair of the Forest Practices Board
- The panel conducted a 4-month engagement process to hear from First Nations, local communities, industry, stakeholders, and the public on their views on the ecological, economic and cultural importance of old growth trees and forests in BC.
- The panel spoke with 800 people through more than 200 meetings in 45 communities, received emails and written submissions from thousands, and a survey reached 18,523 respondents.
- Recommendations from their report are expected to inform policy and a new old-growth strategy for British Columbia. Government has committed to releasing the report within six months of receiving it.
- The Province currently protects old growth trees from logging through measures including:
 - Parks, protected areas and Old Growth Management Areas and other land stewardship designations.
 - B.C.'s policy on big trees, announced in July 2019, immediately protecting 54 exceptionally large trees throughout B.C., with each surrounded by a one-hectare buffer.
- In June 2020, a consortium of Environmental Non-Governmental Organizations (ENGOS) released a report based on their submission to the independent panel.
- The submission, written by Karen Price and Dave Daust of the Bulkley Valley Research Centre, includes recommendations and critiques old growth strategies that it says have reduced forest resilience and biodiversity.
- They say the majority of productive old growth forests in BC are gone and of what is left, 75% is expected to be logged.

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To: [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: OG Report for the minister - date needed
Date: April 28, 2020 1:49:39 PM

How about 330 Kenn?

From: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 28, 2020 10:39 AM
To: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
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Not urgent. when ever you are done or after 1:30 is fine.
thx

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Sent: April 28, 2020 10:35 AM
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Sure. I have exec but could step away for a few minutes if you like.

From: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 28, 2020 10:30 AM
To: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: OG Report for the minister - date needed

Hi Tom;
Yes to an earlier conveyance of the report. We talked about Monday. Got time for a quick call after noon?
Kenn

From: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2020 3:36 PM
To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
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Hi Kenn – have you had a chance to discuss the approach with the Minister on when and how the Panel will convey its findings to MDD? Brian has provided two options below. Note the strong request from the Panel to have an unfettered first briefing with MDD on their recommendations.

From: Bawtinheimer, Brian FLNR:EX <Brian.Bawtinheimer@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 27, 2020 3:17 PM
To: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: OG Report for the minister - date needed

Was Kenn going to have a look at this? It was mentioned on the call between MDD and the panel but not sure if it was fully settled. I see two options:

1. have the panel send MDD an electronic version on the 30th as per the contract. The minister can decide if he wants to share with anyone in the ministry or government. The briefing from the panel proceeds on the 8th as scheduled.
2. Allow the panel to wait until May 6 to send MDD an electronic version. Outside the contract specs but not by much. Doesn't allow much time for the minister to read any of it.

The panel would like to be the first people to discuss the report with the minister. They have context and subtleties they want to explain ahead of anyone else reading the report and providing the minister advice before their briefing.

They will also likely include in their note a request for the minister not to share the report with anyone ahead of their briefing.

Not sure which of the options above might best suit the minister. Either works for us.

Brian Bawtinheimer

Executive Director, Provincial Stewardship Strategies and Planning

Resource Stewardship Division

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From: Garry Merkel <gmerkel@telus.net>

Sent: April 27, 2020 2:32 PM

To: Bawtinheimer, Brian FLNR:EX <Brian.Bawtinheimer@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Al Gorley <al.gorley@triangleresources.ca>; Greg Descantes <GDescantes@pacegroup.com>

Subject: Re: Copies

I think we should confirm how we are doing to submit this - I still have a couple questions.

- We agreed on the call with the Minister that we would submit the report on the 6th to give you a couple days to review it, and to avoid it hanging around your system for too long before we talk to him.
- We are planning to deliver the 8 printed copies to you Brian (Greg will do that) and Al & I are planning to email the electronic version that day (the 6th). We'll email it to you Brian so you can control distribution - correct?
- How do we get copies to the Minister? Does he want a printed version? If so then we'll have to courier it to him earlier - it will be printed on the 30th.

Garry Merkel

250-427-0460

On Apr 24, 2020, at 16:57, Garry Merkel <gmerkel@telus.net> wrote:

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Garry Merkel
250-427-0460

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Brian Bawtinheimer

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Hi Brenda,

Want to ensure are all on the same page as there are several ppl involved in planning this meeting!

I am holding 10:30-12:30 on May 8th.

Should I be the one reaching out to Garry & Al?

Lisa

From: Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX <Brenda.Larkin@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 27, 2020 8:08 AM

To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>; FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: RE: OG scheduling for may

Hi Lisa, yes I was aware that they would need longer time, so I am not surprised by this request. Staff are available anytime that day.

Thank you

Brenda

From: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: April 25, 2020 10:52 AM

To: Larkin, Brenda FLNR:EX <Brenda.Larkin@gov.bc.ca>; FLNR Deputy Minister's Office FLNR:EX <FLNR.DMO@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: OG scheduling for may

Pls see Kenn's email below and advise staff re: May 8th.

Thanks!

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

Sent: April 24, 2020 3:06 PM

To: Silverio, Lisa FLNR:EX <Lisa.Silverio@gov.bc.ca>

Cc: Renneberg, Tim FLNR:EX <Tim.Renneberg@gov.bc.ca>; Jones, Tristan FLNR:EX <Tristan.Jones@gov.bc.ca>; Parmar, Ravi FLNR:EX <Ravi.Parmar@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: OG scheduling for may

Hi Lisa;

For MDD to receive the report of the Old Growth Panel on May 8th, please block off 2 hours. The meeting with panel members Gorley and Merkel will likely be 1 ½ hours. Staff to attend. Pre-brief will need at least 15 min.

At some point in May I believe staff will want to discuss the report with the Minister. For now we can wait for that request.

Also, I spoke with Jens Wieting of the ENGOs Old Growth group about a meeting late in May. Please set up a meeting for MDD with this group in the last week in May. Staff to attend and pre-brief needed. I think the ENGO group as assembled will be the same as their last meeting. I will check with Kelly regarding MGH, but I think they will want to attend as well.

Thanks,

Kenn

Kenn McLaren

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From: [Bawtinheimer, Brian FLNR:EX](#)
To: [Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX](#); [McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX](#)
Subject: RE: report hand over
Date: April 30, 2020 12:13:53 PM

Greg Descantes is from the Pace Group, a public relations and communications firm that was hired by Engage BC to support the panel pulling the report together. Basically they are the professional writers.

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From: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 30, 2020 12:07 PM
To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Cc: Bawtinheimer, Brian FLNR:EX <Brian.Bawtinheimer@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: report hand over

Ok thanks Kenn.

From: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 30, 2020 11:48 AM
To: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: RE: report hand over

Oh, thought you knew. I did not know him either. Sounds like he is an assistant to Garry and Al or something. He will be dropping off the hard copy to Brian. I assumed he is an assistant.

From: Ethier, Tom FLNR:EX <Tom.Ethier@gov.bc.ca>
Sent: April 30, 2020 11:46 AM
To: McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca>
Subject: Re: report hand over

Thx Kenn. Who is Greg?

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 30, 2020, at 11:44 AM, McLaren, Kenn FLNR:EX <Kenn.McLaren@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

Hi Tom et al;
Yesterday Mr. Merkel laid out his plan for hand over of the report. He will courier a hard copy to MDD's house today or by Monday. He said Al and he will handle getting

the electronic version to Brian and Greg will also deliver 8 printed copies to Brian on the same day. We agreed that would be on or before Monday, May 4th. Greg will also deliver 2 hard copies to the Minister's office in the Buildings on the same day as delivery to Brian's office.

As you know we have a May 8th briefing planned for Minister Donaldson and staff. This briefing will be conducted by Al Gorely and Garry Merkel to discuss the Old Growth Report.

Kenn

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