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Subject: Climate Action Consultation - The Energy Forum
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Premier,

On behalf of The Energy Forum and its members I am pleased to make this submission to you and your government on necessary climate action. Thank you for the progress BC has made to date and thank you for the foresight to empanel a new Climate Action Leadership Team and process.

For the betterment of all British Columbians today and tomorrow, you have our commitment to work hard and to be engaged for solutions.

Sincerely

Paul Kariya
Executive Director
Clean Energy BC

CC:
Minister of Energy and Mines, Hon. Bill Bennett
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Premier Christy Clark
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Via: Email

August 20th, 2015

Re: Climate Action Consultation

Dear Premier Clark,

The Energy Forum is a collaboration of British Columbian power producers, industry associations and non-government organizations that are working together to address the challenges and opportunities presented by the nexus of energy, climate and ecosystems. We were glad to see the creation of the Climate Leadership Team and applaud your initiative in developing a climate leadership plan.

This letter outlines British Columbia's success to date on meeting the dual goal of reducing carbon pollution while growing the economy, what a successful climate leadership plan would accomplish and our initial thoughts on the types of government actions that we support to achieve these outcomes.

Success to Date:

British Columbia has demonstrated to the world that it is possible to drive down carbon pollution while growing the economy. Policies like the carbon tax, clean electricity standard and renewable and low-carbon fuel requirements regulation have helped to drive this change. The clean electricity sector has contributed to this success.

Over the past five years \$6 billion dollars have flowed into the renewable electricity sector in British Columbia, adding 1.75 GW¹ of new clean electricity capacity and growing the number of people employed in the sector to over 14,000². Across British Columbia over 130 First Nations groups have positive relationships with clean energy projects.

What Success Looks Like

Unfortunately, British Columbia's carbon pollution is starting to increase in nearly every sector and is projected to continue increasing without new climate policy³, signalling that it's time to reinvigorate the climate action plan. A signal the Government of British Columbia is responding to with the creation of the Climate Leadership Team.

¹ Clean Energy Canada estimates to be released in the fall 2015, estimates available upon request.

² <http://www.pembina.org/bcjobsmap/>

³ Environment Canada (2015) National Inventory Report 1990-2013 – Table A10-20.

In our opinion, a successful climate leadership plan would see British Columbia leverage its clean electricity resources as one way to help meet its climate targets, generate local, distributed and permanent jobs and maintain British Columbia’s competitive edge in a cleaner economy. The Energy Forum fully supports other necessary actions such as energy efficiency, renewable fuels and better designed communities.

How to Achieve Success

Buildings, transportation and industry produce nearly 80 percent of British Columbia’s carbon pollution. Over the next 35 years⁴ a combination of sector policies designed to encourage a switch to clean electricity, more energy efficient design and lower carbon pollution designs will be necessary to reduce this carbon pollution. The **carbon tax** would support these policies by ensuring that carbon pollution is incorporated into many decisions made in British Columbia. Finally, a **strategic fund** could be established to both make it easier for B.C. citizens and businesses to reduce carbon pollution while ensuring that B.C. domestic expertise translate into world class companies that compete in the growing \$780 billion global clean energy technology market⁵.

Table 1 summarizes these policies, the segment of the economy they apply to and provides a more detailed description of how the policies would work. Energy Forum members created these recommendations based on previous Energy Forum submissions and draft results of ongoing research. We expect to refine them over the coming months and would welcome the opportunity to discuss them with you.

Table 1: Summary of policies to achieve climate leadership plan success

Area	Policy Description
Buildings (12% of emissions)	<p>Zero-emission Equipment Standard: Move towards a standard where new energy using equipment within new and existing buildings may not emit greenhouse gases.</p> <p>Net-zero Buildings Standard: Move towards a standard where new buildings are designed to produce as much energy as they consume over a given year.</p> <p>Government could help build the skills and capacity needed to achieve these standards be accelerating their adoption in new and existing government buildings and applying what is learned more broadly.</p>
Transportation (39% of emissions)	<p>Renewable and Low-carbon fuel requirements regulation: Strengthen the policy to reduce greenhouse gas intensity by 30% between 2020 and 2030 and broaden coverage to include all vehicle fuel use with the exception of aviation fuel.</p> <p>Clean vehicle standard: Gradually introduce a clean vehicle standard that becomes more stringent over-time so that consumers have access to new vehicle technology. This would likely be best coordinated with</p>

⁴ Based on preliminary results of Navius Research (2015) A Climate Leadership Plan for British Columbia and climate plans for other jurisdictions
⁵ Analytica Advisors (2015) Clean Technology Industry Report

	the eight states that have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to support clean vehicle adoption to mitigate barriers for small jurisdictions ⁶ .
Industry (37% of emissions)	<p>Natural Gas: Move towards zero-emissions for natural gas extraction, processing and transmission which could be achieved by a combination of technology requirements, performance standards, and increasing and broadening the carbon tax.</p> <p>Industry: Similar approaches will be required for other industrial sectors.</p>
All – Carbon Tax and Clean Electricity Standard	<p>Increase and expand the carbon tax by doing the following:</p> <p>Planned increases: Implement a 10 year schedule for carbon tax increases, increasing at \$5 - \$10 a year, indexed to inflation, with a review after 5 years.</p> <p>Broaden Coverage to 85% of emissions: Broaden coverage to include all sources that can be accurately measured.</p> <p>Increase the low-income tax credit: The low-income tax credit should be increased to keep pace with increasing costs.</p> <p>Support for emission intensive, trade exposed sectors: Support should not undermine the incentive to reduce emissions and should be justified based on the impact of carbon pricing. Two constructive ways to support emission intensive, trade exposed sectors are to reduce corporate income taxes and provide temporary financial support to help reduce emissions like the temporary cement industry incentives.</p> <p>Maintain the clean electricity standard and increase it to 100% clean electricity overtime.</p>
Strategic Fund	Establish a fund to support B.C. citizens and businesses to reduce carbon pollution while nurturing emerging B.C. businesses to compete in the global clean technology market. This fund could support infrastructure investments like transmission lines and transit and help remote communities adopt clean electricity. The funds could come from a portion of the increased carbon tax revenue.

Tackling carbon pollution will require a combination of actions including switching to clean electricity, more efficient use of energy, better designed communities and using renewable fuels. We look forward to working further with you on the climate leadership plan.

⁶ State Zero-Emission Vehicle Programs (2013) <http://www.oregon.gov/deq/docs/MOUzev.pdf>

Sincerely,



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David Suzuki Foundation

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Hello Martina

I'm following up on this earlier meeting request. Is the meeting still under review? Would it be useful for me to follow up by phone to provide additional information and context? Is there a more appropriate person or process to follow up with? Thanks for your time.

Regards,

Geoff

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From: Morrison, Geoff
Sent: Friday, September 04, 2015 2:42 PM
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Dear Ms. Kapac de Frias:

The Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers (CAPP) is in the process of finalizing and submitting its comments to the Climate Action Secretariat with respect to the Climate Leadership Plan Discussion Paper. CAPP recognizes that the Government of British Columbia is working hard to update its greenhouse gas regulatory and policy framework to better reflect the changing industrial landscape of British Columbia.

I am writing to request a meeting with Minister Polak to review and discuss CAPP's submission. Attending from CAPP would be Tim McMillian, president and CEO, Brad Herald, Vice President of Western Operations and myself, Geoff Morrison Manager of British Columbia Operations. We are exploring the dates of September 29 or 30 in Vancouver (or Victoria) and would like to know if a meeting with Minister Polak would be possible on either of those dates.

I will forward CAPP's submission once it is finalized. Broadly speaking, CAPP supports a climate policy framework in British Columbia that creates a vibrant and competitive oil and gas sector while efficiently and effectively managing greenhouse gas emissions. In the course of the meeting CAPP would also like to expand upon several specific initiatives outlined in our submission. Specifically we would like to underscore the importance of competitiveness in these challenging

economic conditions in the upstream sector, and cover topics which may include, carbon price and inter-jurisdictional alignment, emissions reductions and long-term performance (including the role of technology and offsets) and specific emissions reduction opportunities such as electrification, and clean infrastructure incentives.

Thank you for your consideration. Please contact me if you have any questions or need further information, my phone number in Victoria is (778) 410-5040.

Regards,

Geoff Morrison

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Invites you to the

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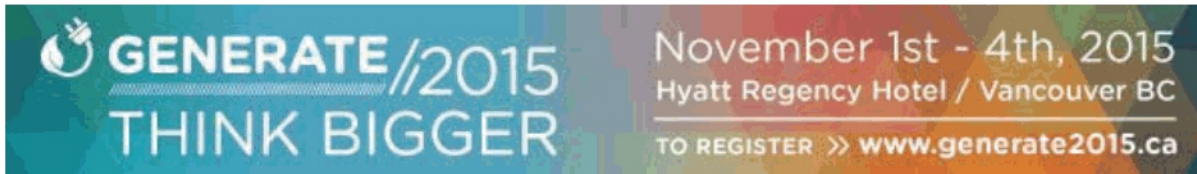
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Attachments: Letter from the David Suzuki Foundation - environmental rights 2015-10-15.pdf; UBCM resolution re ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS.pdf; The case for a B.C. Environmental Bill of Rights.pdf

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Dear Premier Clark and Minister Polak,

Please find attached a letter from David Suzuki Foundation Director-General Jay Ritchlin indicating the Foundation's support for a B.C. environmental bill of rights.

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss this matter with you or your staff.

Sincerely,

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October 15, 2015

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Hon. Mary Polak
Minister of Environment
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Dear Premier, Dear Minister,

I wish to draw your attention to the enclosed resolution endorsed by the Union of British Columbia Municipalities at its recent Annual Convention in Vancouver. The resolution requests the Province of British Columbia enact a provincial environmental bill of rights that:

- Recognizes the right of every resident to live in a healthy environment, including the right to clean air, clean water, clean food and vibrant ecosystems;
- Provides for public participation in decision-making respecting the environment and access to environmental information;
- Provides access to justice when environmental rights are infringed; and
- Has whistle-blower protection.

The David Suzuki Foundation agrees that a healthy environment is inextricably linked to the health of individuals, families, future generations and communities, as stated in the preamble to the resolution. Indeed, a healthy environment is increasingly viewed as a fundamental human right.

Legal recognition and protection of environmental rights involves substantive and procedural guarantees. The substantive component addresses the right to clean air, safe water, a non-toxic environment and healthy ecosystems — in short, the right to live in a healthy environment. Related procedural rights include access to information, participation in environmental decision-making and access to justice.

Many countries now incorporate environmental rights in their constitutions, but Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms is silent on the environment. A B.C. Environmental Bill of Rights would help to compensate for this omission and drive better environmental performance in the province. It would

help build healthier communities and position British Columbia as an environmental rights leader in Canada and beyond.

The David Suzuki Foundation supports the Union of British Columbia Municipalities resolution calling on the Province to enact an environmental bill of rights and we would be pleased to offer our assistance to the Province in furthering such a Bill in British Columbia.

We note that more than 40 B.C. municipalities have adopted declarations respecting the right to live in a healthy environment, an indication of broad public support in the province for recognition of environmental rights.

We would be pleased to discuss this matter with you further and offer our assistance in advancing work on this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact Bill Wareham, Western Region Science Projects Manager, at 604-732-4228 ext. 1251 or by e-mail to bwareham@davidsuzuki.org.

Yours sincerely,



Jay Ritchlin
Director-General, Western Canada
David Suzuki Foundation

cc. Mr. Al Richmond, President, Union of British Columbia Municipalities

*Encl. UBCM Resolution re: Environmental bill of rights
The case for a B.C. environmental bill of rights*

THE CASE FOR A B.C. ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS

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Many countries now offer constitutional guarantees of a citizen's right to live in a healthy environment, but Canada's Charter of Rights and Freedoms is silent on the environment. Recognizing this gap, some provinces and territories have adopted environmental rights legislation, and a federal Environmental Bill of Rights has also been proposed (Bill C-634).

B.C. currently lacks legal protections for environmental rights—although 26 municipal governments in the province have passed declarations recognizing the right to live in a healthy environment.

An environmental bill of rights for B.C. would lead to improved environmental performance and healthier, more prosperous communities.

WHAT IS AN ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS?

Comprehensive environmental rights legislation—commonly referred to as an “environmental bill of rights”—recognizes that all people have the right to live in a healthy environment and protects this right through substantive and procedural guarantees.

The substantive component addresses the right to clean air, safe water, a non-toxic environment and healthy ecosystems—in short, the right to live in a healthy environment. Related procedural rights include access to information, participation in environmental decision-making and access to justice.

The United Nations' special rapporteur on human rights and the environment published a compendium of good environmental rights practices in his [2015 annual report](#). The recognized good practices fall into four general categories as shown here:

CATEGORIES OF GOOD PRACTICES IDENTIFIED BY THE UN INDEPENDENT EXPERT

Procedural obligations:

- to make environmental information public;
- to facilitate public participation in environmental decision-making;
- to protect rights of expression and association; and
- to provide access to legal remedies
- general procedural practices that support the above measures.

Substantive obligations, including obligations relating to non-state actors such as corporations

Obligations relating to transboundary environmental harm

Obligations relating to members of groups in vulnerable situations

ENVIRONMENTAL RIGHTS LEGISLATION WOULD COMPLEMENT EXISTING ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION LAWS

The Environmental Management Act is the cornerstone of B.C.'s legal framework for environmental protection. In theory, this and other existing environmental laws, regulations and government policies would protect the land, air and water, and provide for a healthy environment in which to live. However, in practice, there are many examples of standards that are too lenient, inadequately enforced or undermined by exemptions. Moreover, cumulative effects of multiple pollutants from various sources are often overlooked. A robust legal framework to protect environmental rights would improve accountability and environmental outcomes.

THE ONTARIO EXAMPLE: STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES

Ontario adopted an environmental bill of rights in 1993. Its key features include:

- A requirement for the government to notify the public of all policy, legislative and regulatory proposals that could have a “significant effect” on the environment and provide an opportunity for the public to comment. Notice is given through an online [Environmental Registry](#), established by the EBR and, in some cases, through other means.
- Establishment of the Environmental Commissioner of Ontario as an independent environment watchdog with responsibilities for reporting on implementation of the EBR.
- The right to sue anyone failing to comply with provincial environmental laws or regulations if the contravention causes “significant harm” to air, water, public land (with some exceptions) or plant and animal life.
- Provisions enabling residents of Ontario to trigger an investigation if they believe that an environmental law or regulation has been contravened.
- Provisions enabling residents of Ontario to trigger a review of existing policies, acts or regulations—or to propose a new policy, act or regulation—if they believe a change is necessary to protect the environment.
- A requirement for specified government ministries to develop a “statement of environmental values” explaining how the purposes¹ of the EBR are to be applied when a ministry makes decisions that might significantly affect the environment, and to ensure the statement of environmental values is considered whenever such decisions are made.

Notable by its absence is any provision protecting the right to live in a healthy environment. Although Section 2(1)(c) of the EBR states that the purpose of the legislation includes, “to protect the right to a healthful environment” and this right is also recognized in the EBR’s unenforceable preamble, there are in fact no enforceable provisions in the EBR to confer this right in any meaningful way. The David Suzuki Foundation, Ecojustice and others recommend that Ontario strengthen its EBR to explicitly protect the right to live in a healthy environment.

¹ As stated in Section 2, the purposes of the Act are: (a) to protect, conserve and, where reasonable, restore the integrity of the environment by the means provided in this Act; (b) to provide sustainability of the environment by the means provided in this Act; and (c) **to protect the right to a healthful environment by the means provided in this Act** (emphasis added).

WHAT A COMPREHENSIVE EBR WOULD MEAN FOR B.C.

A robust environmental bill of rights would lead to stronger environmental laws, better enforcement of existing laws and improved environmental performance. The people of British Columbia would have the right to access environmental information, participate in decision-making regarding the environment, and access effective remedies when environmental rights are infringed.

It would also provide clear guidelines for government, industry and citizens to manage resources, economic development, and the health and well-being of communities in ways that are transparent, predictable and sustainable.

CONCLUSION

More than 110 countries around the world offer constitutional guarantees of a citizen's right to live in a healthy environment. But not Canada. An environmental bill of rights for B.C. would help compensate for this omission and drive better environmental performance, build healthier communities and position the province as an environmental rights leader.

OTHER RESOURCES

- [Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights, 1993](#) (legal text)
- [Making sense of an environmental bill of rights](#), Ecojustice article (February 2017)

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ENVIRONMENTAL BILL OF RIGHTS (Resolution A5)

WHEREAS municipalities and regional districts are the government nearest to people and the natural environment, and therefore share a deep concern for the welfare of the natural environment and understand that a healthy environment is inextricably linked to the health of individuals, families, future generations and communities;

AND WHEREAS fostering the environmental well being of the community is a municipal purpose under section 7(d) of the *Community Charter* and regional district purpose under section 2(d) of the *Local Government Act*:

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that UBCM request that the Province of British Columbia enact a provincial environmental bill of rights that:

- recognizes the right of every resident to live in a healthy environment, including the right to
- clean air, clean water, clean food and vibrant ecosystems;
- provides for public participation in decision-making respecting the environment and access to
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Cc: Scott Ellis <ellis@goabc.org>
Subject: GOABC Letter to Minister Bond Re: Ancient Forest Park

Dear Minister Polak,

Please find attached the letter being sent to Minister Bond regarding the proposed Ancient Forest Park.

Thanks,

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October 20, 2015

Minister Shirley Bond - Minister of Jobs, Tourism and Skills Training
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Re: Proposed “Ancient Forest” Class A Provincial Park

Dear Minister Bond,

The Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia (GOABC) was established in 1966 to represent the guide outfitting industry to government, and advocate for science-based wildlife management. The GOABC represents 60-70% of guide outfitters in the province, employs over 2,000 individuals, and is responsible for approximately \$116 million of annual economic activity.

The GOABC would like to acknowledge the importance of Robson Valley’s “Ancient Forest” and support recent efforts to preserve this sensitive ecosystem. Guide outfitters are the founders of the tourism industry in our province and understand the necessity of preserving our natural heritage for the inspiration and enjoyment of future generations.

It has recently come to our attention that the proposed Ancient Forest Park could have significant financial impacts to one of our members. They are long-time residents who are active in the Robson Valley as a rancher and guide outfitter with the corresponding park use permits and grazing leases. These activities are within the area that could be impacted by the implementation of a new provincial park. This family business generates substantial economic activity for the local community. With significant investments committed, the Bryanton family would appreciate some clarity on the future viability of their family business.

The GOABC is seeking confirmation that if this provincial park were to be established, subsequent conditions would not prohibit the Bryanton family from operating their outfitting business. If such conditions were to occur, we request compensation be paid.

Please contact 604-541-6332 or e-mail ellis@goabc.org if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Brian Glaicar
President

Scott Ellis
Executive Director

cc Kim Bryanton – Bar WK Ranch Outfitters
Hon. Mary Polak – Ministry of Environment



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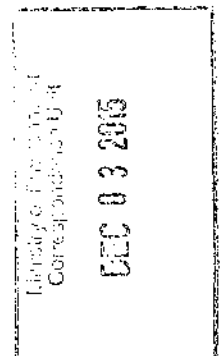
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To: Polak.MLA, Mary
Cc: Scott Ellis
Subject: Proposed National Park in the South Okanagan-Lower Similkameen

Dear Minister Polak,

Please find enclosed a letter being sent to Daniel Watson, CEO of Parks Canada regarding the proposed South Okanagan-Lower Similkameen National Park, as well as two letters detailing previous correspondences.

Thanks,
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October 31, 2015

Mr. Daniel Watson, CEO
Parks Canada National Office
30 Victoria Street
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RE: Proposed South Okanagan-Lower Similkameen National Park

Dear Mr. Daniel Watson,

The Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia (GOABC) was established in 1966 to represent the guide outfitting industry to government, and advocate for science-based wildlife management. The GOABC represents 60-70% of guide outfitters in the province, employs over 2,000 individuals, and is responsible for approximately \$116 million of annual economic activity and 2,000 direct jobs in British Columbia (BC).

The GOABC would like to acknowledge the importance of protecting the sensitive ecosystems in the South Okanagan-Lower Similkameen. Our long held position is that provincial parks are more effective in managing wildlife than national parks, and that the *Park Act* should be amended to allow hunting for proper wildlife management and conservation efforts.ⁱ

The GOABC has informed government of the negative impacts a national park in the South Okanagan-Lower Similkameen would have on the guide outfitting community.ⁱⁱ By eliminating the hunting opportunity for BC residents and ending the viability of the guide outfitting businesses within those boundaries, many family-run businesses would be forced to close.

If a national park is established, we request that the guide outfitting businesses within its territory be purchased at fair market value or properly compensated. Parks Canada set a precedent in that regard with the expansion of the South Nahanni National Park.

Please call the office at 604-541-6332 if you would like to discuss this further.

Sincerely,

Brian Glaicar
President

Scott Ellis
Executive Director

cc Hon. Mary Polak – Minister of Environment
cc Linda Larson – MLA Boundary-Similkameen

ⁱ Ellis Scott, Letter Stephen Harper, Office of Prime Minister. 15 Sept. 2008.

ⁱⁱ Ellis Scott, Letter Helen Davies, Parks Canada. 29 Sept. 2008.



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September 29, 2008

Helen Davies
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Dear Ms. Davies,

Re: National Parks

Thank you for your presentation last week to the Canadian Federation of Outfitters Associations (CFOA). As discussed in the meeting, we request a change in the *Park Act* and want to express our concerns regarding the proposed National Parks in the Canadian northwest.

The *Park Act* legislation needs to be updated to allow proper wildlife management. In many of the National Parks there are overpopulations of several species. These hyper populations are leading to increased wildlife-human conflicts and the animals are susceptible to disease and starvation. In many cases these species are at population levels beyond the carrying capacity of the parks to sustain.

The Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia (GOABC) is strongly opposed to the establishment of National Parks under the legislation currently in place because it eliminates hunting, guide outfitters and science-based wildlife management practices. In the early 1960s guide outfitter territories were established in B.C., Yukon, and Northwest Territories. These tenures were designed by provincial or territorial governments to secure individual commercial hunting rights for each guide outfitter. The revenues generated from harvesting animals are used by government agencies to monitor and manage healthy wildlife populations.

The primary business of a guide outfitter in the Canadian northwest is guiding non-resident hunters for big game animals. Since hunting is not yet allowed in National Parks, each new National Park permanently displaces guide outfitters together with the revenues generated by harvesting big game and the wildlife management that accompanies properly regulated hunting.

The GOABC opposes the establishment of National Parks in the Okanagan-Shuswap (see attached letter); South Nahanni, Flathead, and Wolf Lake/Jennings Lake.

GOABC will only support the establishment of new National Parks if there is a "willing seller – willing buyer" approach to buying out existing guide outfitter tenures, or if existing *Park Act* legislation is changed to allow regulated hunting in National Parks.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Scott Ellis
General Manager

cc: Dominic Dugre – Chair, CFOA
Dixie Hammett – President, GOABC
Kelly Hougén – President, Association of Mackenzie Mountains Outfitters
Tim Mervyn – President, Yukon Outfitters Association
Colin Mayes – MP of Okanagan Shuswap
Barry Penner – BC Minister of Environment
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September 15, 2008

Office of the Prime Minister
80 Wellington Street
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Dear Prime Minister Harper,

Re: Proposed Okanagan – Shuswap National Park

The members of the Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia are opposed to a National Park in Okanagan – Shuswap. We strongly feel that the proposed National Park feasibility study is not adequately taking into account the five years of extensive scientific study and resident input into the identified needs for the area.

The Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia (GOABC, est. 1966) is a non-profit association that promotes quality wilderness experiences and outdoor adventures throughout British Columbia. Today, GOABC represents approximately 200 guide outfitters and angling guides with more than 2,000 direct jobs in rural BC. These professionals provide wilderness experiences and outdoor adventures to more than 4,500 clients annually. This translates into \$120 million annually in revenue for the province of BC.

We strongly believe that local and provincial area resident's values which include conservation, historical food / sustenance hunting and fishing as well as food gathering of berries, mushrooms and plants must be taken into consideration. The LRMP clearly recognizes areas of protection and conservation as well as taking into account the historical and future needs of BC residents in the area.

The Guide Outfitters Association of British Columbia membership we would like to provide additional support to the British Columbia Wildlife Federation letter sent on May 20, 2008 regarding the proposed Grassland National Park feasibility study.

We believe that this area could be **adequately protected without designating this as a National Park** by following the LRMP recommendations. This would be a more acceptable solution, meeting the conservation needs as well as the historical and future BC resident needs.

Thank you for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

Scott Ellis, General Manager
Guide Outfitter Association of British Columbia

cc: Stockwell Day, Minister of Public Safety
Russ Hiebert, MP Cloverdale – Surrey
All BC Members of Parliament
Gordon Campbell, Premier of BC; Barry Penner, Minister of Environment; Bill Bennett, Minister of Tourism

