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**To:** ["dcole@newwestcity.ca"](mailto:dcole@newwestcity.ca)  
**Cc:** [Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Beaver Problems  
**Date:** Thursday, June 8, 2017 4:23:00 PM  
**Attachments:** [image001.png](#)

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Thank you for the email.

Managing beaver conflicts can be very confusing. I hope the information below helps.

We do not encourage translocation of beaver as they are abundant throughout the province and the habitat is fully occupied. Translocated beaver are very likely to suffer from starvation or predation if relocated. There are also concerns regarding movement of diseases and parasites (e.g. Tularemia and Giardia or Beaver Fever).

I have copied a few websites that will provide some information regarding beavers and your options for managing beaver conflicts. There is a lot of good information on the internet regarding beaver conflict management so you may want to search for more. We promote prevention of conflicts as the first step. If there is some way to discourage beaver activity (e.g. remove or fence food source) or mitigate the risk (e.g. use of flow devices), those techniques should be tried first.

<http://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/environment/plants-animals-ecosystems/wildlife/human-wildlife-conflict/staying-safe-around-wildlife/other-common-conflict-species>

<http://wdfw.wa.gov/living/beavers.html>

<http://www.elp.gov.bc.ca/wld/instreamworks/beaverdamremoval.htm>

<http://www.pskf.ca/publications/beavers.htm>

To do any in-stream work (such as remove a beaver dam) provincial permits are required from the Wildlife Branch (see Wildlife Sundry permits at <http://www.frontcounterbc.ca/fish-wildlife-parks/>) and/or the Water Branch and a federal permit from the Department of Fisheries and Oceans ([http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/water\\_rights/licence\\_application/section9/index.html](http://www.env.gov.bc.ca/wsd/water_rights/licence_application/section9/index.html)).

Beaver are protected under the Wildlife Act and cannot be captured or killed other than during an open trapping season (Oct 15 to Apr 30 for the Lower Mainland region) by a licensed trapper, or outside of an open season by someone that has a permit approved by the Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources Operations (<http://www.frontcounterbc.ca/fish-wildlife-parks/>).

Government staff will not respond to conflicts with beaver on private property but there are people available that have the necessary license or permits in place. However, removal is most often a short-term fix as beaver will re-colonize the area if the habitat is suitable.

Please feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

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**From:** Dave Cole [<mailto:dcole@newwestcity.ca>]

**Sent:** Thursday, June 8, 2017 12:43 PM

**To:** Conservation Officer Service ENV:EX

**Subject:** Beaver Problems

Hello,


I am wondering if you would be able to provide some information about dealing with beavers. We have a troublesome beaver building a home in our drainage canal and we are spending a lot of time and money trying to encourage him not to move in there. Can beavers be trapped and relocated? Is there any concerns with dismantling the dam?

Any information you can provide would be appreciated.

Regards,

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**From:** [Heyman, George ENV:EX](#)  
**To:** [Drew, Ashley ENV:EX](#)  
**Subject:** FOI MOE 2018-81725  
**Date:** Thursday, April 5, 2018 7:30:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [New BC govt hunting proposals including chasing cougars so hounds can be exercised! \(I'm not kidding!\).msg](#)  
[Wolf Cull on Vancouver Island.msg](#)

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**From:** Heyman, George ENV:EX []  
**To:** Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX [Caelie.Frampton@gov.bc.ca]; Zacharias, Mark ENV:EX [Mark.Zacharias@gov.bc.ca]  
**Subject:** FW: New BC govt hunting proposals including chasing cougars so hounds can be exercised! (I'm not kidding!)  
**Date:** Sunday, January 21, 2018 16:22:01

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

From: s.22  
Sent: January 20, 2018 9:08 PM  
Subject: New BC govt hunting proposals including chasing cougars so hounds can be exercised! (I'm not kidding!)  
Importance: High

When the government of British Columbia ended the hunting of Grizzly Bears, we were all very hopeful that finally, government was understanding how the majority of British Columbians want our wildlife to be looked after.

What a difference a month can make!

The Ministry of Forests, Lands and Natural Resources have just released their new proposals for changes to some hunting in BC: <https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/ahte/hunting>

Recently it came to our attention that the FLNRO wants to increase the trapping times for wolves on Vancouver Island who are again the scapegoats for industry and hunters.

Today while looking at the complete list of proposals, I find the following:  
<https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/ahte/content/okanagan-cougar-pursuit-only-season>  
where it says in part:

""A pursuit only season for cougar is an opportunity for hunters, specifically hunters that use hounds, to continue pursuing cougar after they've reached their bag limit. The main rationale for the season is to provide houndsmen the opportunity to exercise and train their dogs.""

This new proposal is particularly horrific and very telling about what kind of people in FLNRO and "managing" wildlife.

Looks like the wildlife need a "ME TOO" campaign!

If you'd like to call FLNRO and let them know your thoughts, here is the number: 250 387-6240  
Email: [flnr.minister@gov.bc.ca](mailto:flnr.minister@gov.bc.ca)

This particular proposal is just the tip of the iceberg. Here again, is a link to the other proposals:  
<https://apps.nrs.gov.bc.ca/ahte/hunting>

Please let your voices be heard!

s.22

**From:** Heyman, George ENV:EX []  
**To:** Frampton, Caelie ENV:EX [Caelie.Frampton@gov.bc.ca]  
**Subject:** Fwd: Wolf Cull on Vancouver Island  
**Date:** Thursday, January 11, 2018 18:38:44

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Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** "Routley.MLA, Douglas G LASS:EX" <[Douglas.Routley.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Douglas.Routley.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>  
**Date:** January 11, 2018 at 2:25:49 PM CST  
**To:** "South Island District Office, Forests FLNR:EX"  
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<[George.Heyman@gov.bc.ca](mailto:George.Heyman@gov.bc.ca)>, "Donaldson, Doug FLNR:EX" <[Doug.Donaldson@gov.bc.ca](mailto:Doug.Donaldson@gov.bc.ca)>  
**Subject:** FW: Wolf Cull on Vancouver Island

Good Afternoon,

Please see the email below from one of our constituents regarding concerns about the purposed wolf cull here on Vancouver Island. I am unable to find the specific information he is requesting (info that would show how the FLNR forms their strategy in regards to wildlife management and culls) and I am hoping one of your offices may be able to help him in regards to that information. He is also inquiring about whether they could get a meeting with George Heyman and Doug Donaldson regarding Wolves.

Please note this constituent has adamantly opposed culls previously, including meeting with our MLA, Doug Routley, and having previous discussions on this matter (while under the previous government). Our office will respond to the request for a meeting with our MLA.

Thank you,

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**Doug Routley, MLA** for Nanaimo-North Cowichan  
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**From:** s.22

**Sent:** January 9, 2018 2:38 PM

**To:** Routley.MLA, Douglas <[Douglas.Routley.MLA@leg.bc.ca](mailto:Douglas.Routley.MLA@leg.bc.ca)>

**Subject:** Wolf Cull on Vancouver Island

Doug: FLNR are at it again. They are proposing to increase the trapping season for wolves on Vancouver Island for 2 more months in the Fall. No scientific info about wolf population, increased wolf predation, just anecdotal info from hunters & trappers.

My hope was the NDP would insist on scientific information to make wildlife decisions but no your party is allowing the same crap to come out of FLNR.

Would you be able to get me the info from FLNR that forms their strategy? Thanks & need it quickly due to timeframe to respond.

I have some other constituents who would like to meet with you along with me. I will get back to you as to when we can meet.

Can we still get a meeting with Heyman & Donaldson on wolf issues as they share responsibility for this animal. Legislature does not have to be in session.

Look forward to your quick response.

Thanks,

s.22