From:
 Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX

 To:
 Norris, Scott ENV:EX

 Cc:
 York, Ben A ENV:EX

 Subject:
 RE: Mayne Island FN hunting

Date: HE: Mayne Island FN hunting

Date: January 9, 2020 1:27:37 PM

Thanks Scott,

I will give our ADM a heads up.

Chris

From: Norris, Scott ENV:EX <Scott.Norris@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: January 9, 2020 11:41 AM

**To:** Doyle, Chris J ENV:EX <Chris.Doyle@gov.bc.ca> **Cc:** York, Ben A ENV:EX <Ben.York@gov.bc.ca>

Subject: FW: Mayne Island FN hunting

### Hi Chris

An FYI about this contentious issue and that MLA Olsen (who is a Tsartlip First Nation member) is attending the Mayne Island Open House on January 27. I will be representing the COS to discuss regulations and compliance.

## Chris for some background:

- -hunting was not permitted on Mayne Island for many years due to a lack of local support.
- -due to fallow deer destroying the island vegetation, FLNRO issued a handful of fallow deer hunting permits (I believe in the early 2000's) for residents to try and manage the population permitted to use rifles.
- -FLNRO decided to open up Mayne Island to general hunting 2 years ago shotgun only as per other gulf islands.
- -Saanich First Nations mainly Tsartlip and Tseycum started a project with the Capital Regional District last year to hunt on Mayne Island FLNRO permitted.
- -Now the First Nations/CRD are requesting permission to night hunt and use rifles as part of the agreement.
- -FLNRO will need to make a decision and have asked our opinion CO Pauwels provided his as per below.

Thanks,

Scott

Sergeant Scott Norris | Conservation Officer Service | 250 746-1208

**From:** Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX < Peter.Pauwels@gov.bc.ca>

Sent: January 9, 2020 10:51 AM

To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX <<u>Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Norris, Scott ENV:EX

<<u>Scott.Norris@gov.bc.ca</u>>

**Cc:** Kissinger, Mark ENV:EX < <u>Mark.Kissinger@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Sano, Robin ENV:EX < <u>Robin.Sano@gov.bc.ca</u>>; Dekelver, Richard ENV:EX < <u>Richard.Dekelver@gov.bc.ca</u>>

Subject: RE: Mayne Island FN hunting

No the topic of hunting at night never came up. I'm a little surprised that the CRD is asking for that. s.16
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. I would not support it for the obvious safety concerns and a whole bunch of other reasons.

With regard to use of rifle, I would not object to expanding that exemption to these hunters, given that such exemptions have already been given to the original permitted group of island residents. From my view I think the exemptions should be the same. Not sure about property specific rifle exemptions; if that is what the other group has then okay. Given that we have no quality control over the skills and abilities of the original permit group, I'm not sure how you could justify being more restrictive with the FN hunters.

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From: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX < Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>

**Sent:** January 8, 2020 3:39 PM

**To:** Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX < <a href="mailto:Peter.Pauwels@gov.bc.ca">Peter.Pauwels@gov.bc.ca</a>; Norris, Scott ENV:EX

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**Subject:** RE: Mayne Island FN hunting

Hi Peter, good to hear that you had a meeting with the CRD and First Nations hunters. We did receive a couple complaints from island residents directly to us about hunters with this program trespassing onto lands they did not have permission to hunt on. Nothing came of the complaints however and I assume that the hunters changed locations once being made aware. In general writers have expressed support for this project. The one topic that I am curious if they discussed at your meeting was the option of hunting at night. The CRD have asked for this condition on the attached permit application received today. In the past F&W have not been supportive of hunting during prohibited hours in all but extreme circumstances and I am hesitant to have a permit drafted that may set a precedent. I would be ok with considering the use of rifles on specific properties as we currently have permits issued on the island to this effect. I would like your input however.

Feel free to email or call me.

Thanks!

Sean Pendergast RPBio Section Head | Fish & Wildlife

From: Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX < Peter.Pauwels@gov.bc.ca>

**Sent:** January 8, 2020 2:56 PM

To: Norris, Scott ENV:EX < Scott.Norris@gov.bc.ca>

**Cc:** Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX < Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>; Kissinger, Mark ENV:EX

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ENV:EX < Richard. Dekelver@gov.bc.ca >

Subject: Mayne Island FN hunting

Scott, I just had a short informal meeting with the CRD reps (Jeff Weightman and Eric Kelch) and the T'sartlip Mayne Island hunters s.22 . Jeff asked for the meeting as apparently it is a requirement for their funding agreement that they check in with a C.O. once per year to discuss any issues of concern.

The hunters report that they were able to get access to numerous properties on Mayne for the 2019 season and harvested approx 100 deer in total. Jeff says he is applying on their behalf to get permission for the use of rifles for the 2020 season. Jeff reports that the Tseycum hunters that were originally part of the program have opted out. The Tsartlip hunters report that they met many of the residents in the course of the season but there were no incidents of conflict between themselves and any islanders.

I advised them that from our perspective there were no issues of concern with their activities. We did received a couple of ERS about shots fired at night, but nothing specific to their hunting.

From my perspective the program seems to be a success. I was expecting at least some negative feedback from residents but nothing came in. I get the impression that size are competent hunters and know how to avoid conflict.

Jeff mentioned that for the upcoming "open house" on Mayne they are expecting a couple of Tsartlip elders to attend, as well as Adam Olson, the Green MLA for the area. I thought that would be worth knowing for whoever attends from our side.

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 From:
 York, Ben A ENV:EX

 To:
 Norris, Scott ENV:EX

Subject: RE: Notification of ERS 18-3495 - VICTORIA - MAYNE ISLAND

Date: September 6, 2018 9:25:25 AM

Let's not panic until we get a sense of how it plays out. Just treat it like the rest of your islands for now as far as patrol and response go until we know otherwise. Good idea on the RCMP meet, both to educate them and to discuss joint response to serious complaints (i.e. they have an all-weather boat in the water all the time, right? And a vehicle on the island?). I'm sure they would be happy to taxi if it meant dumping a file on us.

If this does become a more significant workload, we can revisit travel and response options.

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----Original Message-----From: Norris, Scott ENV:EX

Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 2:28 PM

To: York, Ben A ENV:EX

Subject: FW: Notification of ERS 18-3495 - VICTORIA - MAYNE ISLAND

### FYI.

Sean and Billy neglected to let us know that Mayne Island is now open to hunting and shooting. We will likely be inundated with hunting complaints year round since fallow deer season does not close.

Peter received a call from the Outer Gulf Islands RCMP yesterday asking about hunting...that was when we realized it was open!

We will need to come up with some plans and budget \$ to get there more often. We will set up a meeting with the RCMP to discuss complaint response as many complaints will be trespass related.

We may want to invest in an Assured Loading card with BC Ferries? Overnight trips may be required as well since the ferry schedule is so sparse. The Gilley can only run in half decent weather...

The Mayne Island Fallow deer committee still wants a cull and don't believe open hunting will solve the problem.

Thanks,

Scott

Sergeant Scott Norris|Conservation Officer Service|250 746-1208

----Original Message----

From: Dekelver, Richard ENV:EX

Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 11:24 AM

To: Pauwels, Charlene M ENV:EX; Norris, Scott ENV:EX; Kissinger, Mark ENV:EX; Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX; Sano, Robin

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Subject: RE: Notification of ERS 18-3495 - VICTORIA - MAYNE ISLAND

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2018-09-05 11:11 Called COM and discussed history of Island, recent hunting changes, and officer response. Advised officers often don't respond to afterhours calls of shoots fired when location cannot be pinpointed or response time would not likely result in apprehension. Advised COS does have a small vessel enabling us to respond to gulf islands outside of ferry availability. COM questioned how many COS cover gulf islands and CO explained jurisdiction/ zone boundaries. COM does not feel that 5 officers for South Island area described is adequate and will be writing a letter to Minister DONALDSON. CO encouraged reports and advised that although it is not always practical to attend occurrences like shots fired, after the fact, reports are recorded and COS plan proactive projects in areas with ongoing reports and a pattern of activity. COM satisfied with COS response and system, but feels we are critically understaffed for area of coverage.

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----Original Message----

From: COS South Island Zone ENV:EX

Sent: Wednesday, September 5, 2018 10:18 AM

To: Norris, Scott ENV:EX; Kissinger, Mark ENV:EX; Dekelver, Richard ENV:EX; Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX; Sano, Robin

ENV:EX

Subject: FW: Notification of ERS 18-3495 - VICTORIA - MAYNE ISLAND

From: ecc.ops3@pep.gov.bc.ca

Sent: September-05-18 10:17:41 AM (UTC-08:00) Pacific Time (US & Canada)

To: COS South Island Zone ENV:EX

Subject: Notification of ERS 18-3495 - VICTORIA - MAYNE ISLAND

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You can access the document at the following URL:

https://wildlife1.embc.gov.bc.ca/ECCLog\_FY1819/COSIncident.nsf/ERSsByDate/1B3BFC2434A7AB03882582FF005E11B1? OpenDocument

Enforcement Routing Sheet #18-3495

Complaint Received By: SHANE (Operations 3 ECC)

Date / Time received: 2018-09-05 10:07

Area: MAYNE ISLAND - VICTORIA - WEST COAST REGION

COORS OR#:

### CALLER INFORMATION

Caller Name: \$.22

Mail / Street Address / City: UNKNOWN, MAYNE ISLAND, BC

Postal Code: Referred By:

# CONTACT NUMBERS

Residence<sup>\$.22</sup>

# VIOLATION DETAILS:

Violation Date: 2018-09-05

Violation Time:

Violation in Progress: No Violation Type: WILDLIFE

Offense Witnessed: Potential hunting out of season.

Offense Location: Bennett bay, south side of Mayne island

Offense Details: Potential hunting out of season. Requesting a call from a conservation officer. Caller indicated she originally requested a call in August a few weeks ago. OO believes caller is more concerned with limited

access to CO/RCMP/Bylaw resources on Mayne Island.

### DESCRIPTION

Name (If known):

Sex: Race: Height:

Weight: Eyes:

Hair:

Glasses:

Smoker: Build:

Complexion:

Distinguishing Features:

Clothing: Vehicle: Weapons: Other Details: lan Dow

From: Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX

To: Norris, Scott ENV:EX; Kissinger, Mark ENV:EX; Sano, Robin ENV:EX; Dekelver, Richard ENV:EX

Subject: Fwd: Mayne Island

**Date:** September 4, 2018 4:04:51 PM

Anyone else already aware of this? I missed the memo

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX" < Sean.Pendergast@gov.bc.ca>

**Date:** September 4, 2018 at 3:52:30 PM PDT

**To:** "Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX" < <u>Peter.Pauwels@gov.bc.ca</u>> **Cc:** "Wilton, William FLNR:EX" < <u>William.Wilton@gov.bc.ca</u>>

**Subject: RE: Mayne Island** 

Peter,

Mayne island is now open to hunting with the same regulations as other gulf islands. Bow or shotgun with slug only. Hunting on private land by permission only. Same black tailed deer seasons as the rest of MU 1-1. September 10-December 10. Fallow deer NCS, NBL.

Sean Pendergast RPBio Senior Wildlife Biologist | Fish & Wildlife Section

From: Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX

Sent: Tuesday, September 4, 2018 3:48 PM

To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX Cc: Wilton, William FLNR:EX Subject: Mayne Island

Sean, Billy

Has there been changes to the status of Mayne Island with respect to hunting / discharge of firearms? Getting some questions from RCMP. I'm looking at synopsis and former map A3 (Mayne Island) is no longer there. Please answer asap.

Peter Pauwels Conservation Officer South Island Zone 250-391-2305 The Mayne Island Fallow Deer committee was formed in 2013 after extensive public consultation by way of information booths at the Farmer's Market, public meetings and three well attended Town Hall meetings. We have tested public opinion for the eradication of Fallow Deer, documenting near unanimous support. Educating the community about this environmental damage via frequent newsletters, brochures, and an online website has been our primary focus. We work closely with and support our volunteer hunters. As well, we have attended several meetings over the years with Ministry officials, wildlife biologists and invasive species experts without tangible results.

Mayne Island volunteer special permit hunters have eradicated 1700 Fallow Deer since 2000. In the last three years alone, 657 deer have been taken. CRD Director Howe has been able to grant some financial support but by and large the hunters have paid their own expenses. Published information regarding 19 different deer culls in the USA show an average of \$643 spent per deer. Two culls in Cranbrook averaged \$525 per deer, Oak Bay \$1400 per deer. The Federal Government paid New Zealand hunters \$5.7 million to cull 500 deer in Gwaii Hannas. Fish and Wildlife reported that in 2017, more deer were taken by Mayne Island special permit hunters than by all hunters in the South Island and Southern Gulf Island region.

Without government action and access to Fallow Deer breeding grounds in Parks Canada land, First Nations land and the population dense Bennett Bay region of the island, this disaster will continue and spread to other islands and Vancouver Island. Fallow Deer have already migrated to Galiano, Saturna, Tumbo and Pender Islands. Expect no impact from the new hunting regulations as Mayne Island has no crown land, and hunters will not have access to parks and First Nations lands.

Government intervention, funding, an organized cull, as well as a deer management plan is needed now.

Respectfully, Mayne Island Fallow Deer Committee

Jeanine Dodds Ian Dow s.22 From: Masselink, Derek AGRI:EX

To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Wilton, William FLNR:EX; Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX; Norris, Scott ENV:EX

Subject: Fwd: Fallow deer

**Date:** February 1, 2018 8:56:18 PM

## FYI 2. Please read carefully.

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# Begin forwarded message:

From: IAN DOW 5.22

**Date:** February 1, 2018 at 5:19:45 PM PST

To: Michael Dunn < ed@conservancyonmayne.com >, \$.22

s.22 David Howe <<u>directorsgi@crd.bc.ca</u>>, Jeanine Dodds

s.22 "Masselink, Derek Agri:Ex"

<derek.masselink@gov.bc.ca>, s.22

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Subject: Fallow deer

### Hi all,

I feel I need to send this email to you regarding the fallow deer update report in this month's Mayneliner. That report was published without the approval of the board of the committee and is not representative of the outcome of the fallow deer Town Hall meetings in 2013. It was determined that a committee be created for the purposes of educating the community and advocating for the eradication of fallow deer. There was discussion of black tail overpopulation and the determination was that black tail be discussed at a later date with a view to population reduction, limited general hunting openings, or other available options to control the overpopulation of black-tail deer. The meeting concluded that the main focus at that time should be on fallow deer with future discussion of black tail

In no sense was there a determination by the community in these meetings that a no-hunting policy should be advocated. In fact the opposite was true. In our public surveys at the farm market we received over 200 written responses with the vast majority supporting eradication of fallow deer and some sort of hunting control of black tail.

I will be providing on a personal basis, a written report outlining the above details with quotes, in the next Mayneliner.

I sincerely apologize for the confusion and the incorrect signal that this unapproved update sends out.

If you wish copies of the minutes of all of the Town Hall meetings that were held along with the minutes of Prior meetings which was attended by Sean Pendergast please let me know and I will send them by email.

Thank you

Ian Dow

 From:
 Norris, Scott ENV:EX

 To:
 Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX

 Subject:
 Re: COS Phone Tree

 Date:
 February 3, 2018 12:47:22 PM

10-4, thanks

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 3, 2018, at 11:11 AM, Hitchcock, Gord ENV:EX < Gord.Hitchcock@gov.bc.ca > wrote:

No, I'll have Govt communications deal with this as per protocol

Sent from my iPhone

On Feb 3, 2018, at 11:07 AM, Norris, Scott ENV:EX <Scott.Norris@gov.bc.ca> wrote:

This MLA request relates to the changes proposed by Sean Pendergast. Mayne islanders are up in arms about allowing hunting on the island. Derek Masselink just forwarded information to me yesterday... Should I respond to the MLA office and direct them to Pendergast?

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: "York, Ben A ENV:EX" <<u>Ben.York@gov.bc.ca</u>>
Date: February 2, 2018 at 1:47:40 PM PST
To: "Norris, Scott ENV:EX" <<u>Scott.Norris@gov.bc.ca</u>>
Ce: "Guercio, Anna ENV:EX" <<u>Anna.Guercio@gov.bc.ca</u>>
Subject: Re: COS Phone Tree

All yours Scott...

On Feb 1, 2018, at 15:40, Guercio, Anna ENV:EX < Anna.Guercio@gov.bc.ca > wrote:

Date TIME	CALLER NAME	PHONE #	NATURE OF CALL	Area	Staff	RESPONSIVE ACTION
	s.22		MLA office for Adam Olson – Saanich.  Would like to talk to you about the hunting situation with fallow deer on Main Island.	??	York	

Have a great day Anna©

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From: Masselink, Derek AGRI:EX

To: Norris, Scott ENV:EX; Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX

Subject: Hunting on Mayne Is. Date: January 20, 2018 9:43:22 AM

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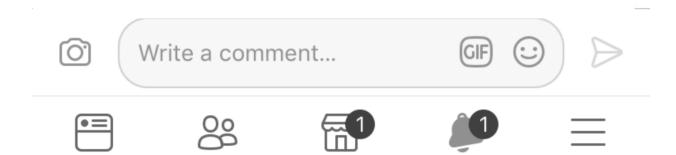
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From: Norris, Scott ENV:EX

To: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX; Kissinger, Mark ENV:EX; Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX; Dekelver, Richard ENV:EX

Subject: RE: New Regulation changes.

Date: September 13, 2017 2:18:00 PM

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Hi Sean

Some comes as a surprise, see comments below.

Thanks, Scott

Sergeant Scott Norris | Conservation Officer Service | 250 746-1208

From: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX

Sent: Thursday, September 7, 2017 12:34 PM

To: Norris, Scott ENV:EX; Kissinger, Mark ENV:EX; Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX; Dekelver, Richard ENV:EX

Subject: New Regulation changes.

Hi guys, thought I would make sure you received a copy of our proposed regulation changes for your area. There are a bunch of issue we are trying to clear up. Some may make your lives easier and some may not. IF you have any comments please forward them to me as soon as you can or give me a call to discuss.

- 1. Increase the bag limit for antlerless deer from one to two within the Gulf islands portion of Management Unit 1-1 (excludes Valdes Island); Sustainable given increased season length under point 2 (and 3)?
- 2. Provide the opportunity for licensed Hunters to harvest antlerless deer in MU 1-1 from September 10 December 10 (excludes Valdes Island); Fine, subject to comment 1 above.
- 3. Provide the opportunity for licensed Hunters to harvest antlerless deer on Saltspring and Gabriola Islands in MU 1-1; Fine, subject to comment 1 above.
- 4. Establishment of a late season shotgun and bow only season in the current "special areas only" hunt zones for mule deer Dec 11 to Dec 30; I don't agree with this and don't think it is required. It would add significant work to COS with no increase in resources.
- 5. Open Mayne Island to hunting and shooting; Has this been accepted by the Mayne islanders?
- 6. Establishment of a Turkey season from September 10 to December 10 in MU's 1-1 to 1-6; Good
- 7. Removal of edible portion of Cougar in all MU's 1-1 to 1-15; Good
- 8. Change season date for wolf trapping to September 10 from November 1
- 9. Fallow deer season in 1-2 to 1-7
- 10. Extend shotgun/bow special antlerless areas to MU 1-2 Sooke/Metchosin. Boundary? Local proposed bylaw change issues?

Hopefully no major surprises here. let me know.



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From: Pendergast, Sean FLNR:EX

To: Norris, Scott ENV:EX; Kissinger, Mark ENV:EX; Pauwels, Peter ENV:EX; Dekelver, Richard ENV:EX

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Date: September 7, 2017 12:34:12 PM

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