

MEETING NOTE

B.C. Key Messages

Meetings for Ministers Responsible for Conservation, Wildlife and Biodiversity in Ottawa, June 25 and 26, 2024

PREPARED FOR: Honourable Nathan Cullen, Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

TOPIC: Setting the context through the National Nature Strategy

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BACKGROUND

- Federal work for an updated national biodiversity strategy began after Canada adopted the Kunming-Montreal Global Biodiversity Framework at the Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) Council of the Parties (COP) meeting (COP15) in late 2023.
- Canada committed to submit a strategy and action plan before COP16 in October 2024.
- BC commented on the federal discussion paper and milestone document and provided a summary of provincial actions that support implementation of the national strategy, to be included in an annex to the 2030 National Nature Strategy.
- BC feedback to date focuses on alignment with current provincial priorities, recognition of provincial jurisdiction, Indigenous rights and the need for regional flexibility.
- The overview presentation reflects similar feedback from across provinces and territories.
- Better alignment of provincial, territory and federal leadership, roles and jurisdiction could improve likelihood of progress towards the vision.

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