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Dear Honourable Barry Penner:

Re: The Provincial Allocation Policy and Procedures

The BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) has been actively involved in the provincial allocation review for almost three years now. This is a critical issue for our members, one that evokes passion and emotion because it directly involves public resources and priority for residents.

The past few months has seen significant discussion and movement on several issues the BCWF has viewed as outstanding, resulting in a number of compromises made by our organization in an attempt to salvage a lot of the hard work and time that our committee has devoted to this issue. It is now time to move on.

Of utmost priority for our members was that the new policy and procedures reflect a minimum resident percentage of 60% for sheep, goats and grizzly bear. The most recent draft of the policy and procedures now contains these numbers and our organization is confident they will be implemented as written.

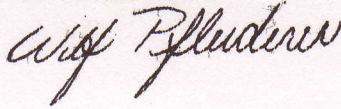
The allocation committee of the BCWF recommended to our board of directors that the new policy and procedures be accepted and supported. An emergency meeting of the BCWF board of directors was called and they in turn voted unanimously to support the new policy and procedures.

We do recognize that there are still outstanding issues that need to be resolved and additional information that must be acquired to enable informed decisions to be made. The BCWF expects to be involved as we continue to work through the implementation period.

The new policy and procedures reflect many positive changes when compared the older original policy. Resident priority is well defined, and the remaining papers are much clearer in direction and should not be as open to individual interpretation as was the case with the previous policies. This policy will provide provincial consistency when applied by regions and should also allow for much better accountability when decisions are made. This policy also recognises that regulations have a large role to play in the allocation process and our organization is encouraged that regulatory review will be a key part of reviewing utilization and harvest levels.

Honourable Minister, at this time you have the support of the BC Wildlife Federation to implement the new allocation policy and procedures.

Yours in Conservation



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