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Nancy Flood, President  
BC Nature  
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Dear Nancy Flood,

Thank you for your letter from April 28, 2026, regarding wind energy development and wildlife considerations. I have noted your concerns regarding the disapplication of environmental assessment requirements for land-based wind projects and the impacts that the projects may have on avian wildlife, particularly on large land mammals and migratory birds, raptors, and bats.

Since June 2025, the Ministry of Energy and Climate Solutions (the Ministry) and the BC Energy Regulator (BCER) have engaged First Nations, wildlife organizations, renewable energy proponents, and local communities on the regulatory and operational frameworks for renewable energy projects.

The Province heard feedback about impacts of wind turbines to wildlife, particularly bird and bat populations, and created the Renewable Energy Projects (Streamlined Permitting) Regulation, which applies new environmental and protection management regulations to replace the *Environmental Assessment Act*. The regulation requires wind proponents to monitor and maintain records of bird and bat mortalities and sets objectives for the BCER to minimize any physical disturbances to birds, bats, and their habitat. The regulation also requires all high-output wind and solar projects in B.C. to hold a BCER permit under the *Energy Resource Activities Act*. The regulation is available at [https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/93\\_2025](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/93_2025).

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The BCER has also established new policy and regulations to protect bird and bat populations. The BCER's Renewable Energy Projects Regulation ([https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/28\\_2026](https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/28_2026)) came into force in March 2026 and supports the comprehensive, lifecycle-based regulatory framework. The regulation requires permit applicants to submit an Adverse Impacts Report, including an assessment of adverse effects on land, water, or wildlife over the life of the project. The assessment of adverse effects must include one year of bird and bat monitoring at the site completed prior to project application. Cumulative impacts are also assessed as part of the report.

Additionally, the regulation requires permit holders to have an environmental management program that identifies adverse effects to wildlife and the measures to be taken to address each effect, including how the effectiveness of the measures will be monitored.

The Ministry and the BCER are continuously assessing and reviewing our regulatory frameworks and would appreciate any feedback or advice.

Should you have any feedback on the regulatory framework or guidance, please contact the Ministry and BCER at [info@rep-spa.ca](mailto:info@rep-spa.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Adrian Dix', with a large, stylized flourish above the name.

Adrian Dix  
Minister