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Dear Minister Neill and Minister Parmar,

Re: BC Nature's position on wolf cull and caribou recovery in British Columbia

On behalf of BC Nature, we are writing to express our opposition to the continued wolf cull in British Columbia and to urge the Province to take a different approach to caribou recovery. BC Nature strongly supports caribou recovery. We also believe wolves deserve to live. This issue should not be framed as wolves versus caribou. Both are native species, both belong on the landscape, and both deserve the chance to survive and thrive in British Columbia.

BC Nature met with Minister Neill and staff from the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship in November 2025 to discuss southern caribou recovery. At that meeting, BC Nature requested follow-up information and was told a response would be provided. Despite multiple follow-ups, we have not received that response. This lack of follow-through adds to our concern that caribou recovery, habitat protection, and the ongoing wolf cull are not being addressed with the urgency and transparency they require.

The problem is not that wolves exist. The problem is that caribou habitat has been damaged, fragmented, and made easier for predators to access through decades of human activity, including logging, roads, cutlines, resource development, vehicle access, and climate change. Killing wolves does not fix that.

The Province has acknowledged that predator control is a short-term measure and not a long-term solution for caribou recovery. If that is the case, public money should not continue to fund wolf killing year after year while the habitat issues that caused this crisis remain unresolved.

BC Nature is concerned that the wolf cull allows government to appear to be taking action while avoiding the harder work of addressing habitat loss, road access, forestry impacts, and the long-term effects of land-use decisions. Wolves should not be made the scapegoat for a problem created by human activity and government-approved development.

We are attaching our backgrounder for further information and evidence. The purpose of this letter is to clearly state BC Nature's position and to ask both ministries to take stronger, more meaningful action.

BC Nature opposes the continued wolf cull, supports caribou recovery, and calls on the Province of British Columbia to stop treating wolf killing as a substitute for fixing the habitat damage that put caribou at risk in the first place.

Recommendations for the Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

1. Stop funding a wolf cull program that the Province itself recognizes is not a long-term solution and redirect that money toward caribou habitat protection and restoration.
2. Improve public reporting so British Columbians can clearly see, herd by herd, whether wolf reduction is improving caribou survival, how much the program costs, and what habitat protection and restoration work is happening at the same time.

Recommendations for the Ministry of Forests

1. Treat caribou habitat protection as a forestry responsibility, not only a wildlife issue.
2. Stop approving forestry activities that further damage or fragment caribou habitat.
3. Ensure forestry decisions support, rather than undermine, caribou recovery. Habitat protection and restoration must be clear, trackable, publicly reported, and followed through on.

Recommendation for both ministries

Build real, ongoing working relationships with conservation organizations like BC Nature. We have offered our collaboration and expertise, and we urge the Province to take us up on that offer. Better decisions are possible when government works with people who care deeply about wildlife, habitat, and long-term recovery.

We will be watching for action. Progress will be measured not by words, but by whether the Province moves away from repeated wolf killing and toward real habitat protection, restoration, and better land-use decisions.

Wolves deserve to live. Caribou deserve to live. The Province has a responsibility to create the conditions where both can survive.

Sincerely,



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