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VIA EMAIL: nancylwilkin@gmail.com

Nancy Wilkin, Co-Chair
Simoogit Hleek (Chief Harry Nyce Sr.), Co-Chair
Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council

Dear Nancy Wilkin and Simoogit Hleek (Chief Harry Nyce Sr.):

Thank you for your letter of January 21, 2021, regarding the Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council priorities, as well as recommendations for three immediate actions for my consideration. I apologize for the delay in my response. I am excited to hear about the excellent work underway by the council, and your plans to support delivery of the Together for Wildlife strategy.

I have shared the Together for Wildlife strategy with members of the Environmental Land Use Committee. Our government is committed to work together across ministries and support colleagues to deliver shared priorities. Together for Wildlife is an important part of our government's commitment to achieve economic activity, environment sustainability, and reconciliation.

I have already directed staff to work closely with the council as work proceeds on a comprehensive review of the *Wildlife Act*. Your input on priorities and approaches will strengthen this process.

I support your interest in collaborating with ministry leads for the *Forest and Range Practices Act* and the Old Growth Strategic Review on shared priorities. I understand that you have received an introduction to these initiatives and staff leads are now working together on setting explicit goals for their work on shared priorities, as well as improved communication and structures to ensure strong alignment and integration.

In closing, it is hard to believe almost six months have passed since we last met. I will ask my staff to schedule our next meeting soon and ensure that we have the opportunity for regular updates. As council co-chairs, I also welcome your communications directly to my office in the future.

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I look forward to closely following your progress and considering future recommendations from the council.

Again, thank you for writing and for your commitment to wildlife stewardship in British Columbia.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katrine Conroy". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial 'K'.

Katrine Conroy
Minister