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Dear Chief Harry Nyce:

We are pleased to re-appoint you as a Co-Chair of the Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council (MWAC). Your leadership, passion for wildlife, diverse skills, experience and knowledge, and your demonstrated ability to work with and respect diverse perspectives is valued. Thank you for your willingness to continue as a Co-Chair.

Our government is committed to putting people first, lasting and meaningful reconciliation, equity and anti-racism, a better future through fighting climate change, and a strong sustainable economy that works for everyone. As part of that commitment, our mandate letters include direction to protect wildlife and species at risk, and work collaboratively with First Nations, other ministries, and the federal government to protect and enhance B.C.'s biodiversity through implementing recommendations of the Old Growth Strategic Review, and the Together for Wildlife Strategy.

Overall, the MWAC is an impressive group of outstanding individuals of various ages, perspectives, and experience, who reside in all corners of the province. Thank you again for bringing your leadership to this important initiative.

Your appointment term on the MWAC will be for a period of two years (September 1, 2022 - September 1, 2024).

We understand that the Council has an ambitious agenda, and we hope that the re-appointed and newly appointed members keep the momentum when Government urgently needs Council advice on critical issues. To fill the membership gaps, we have relied on previously shortlisted candidates (who address the key membership criteria) and emerging practitioners.

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The key membership criteria include passion for wildlife and habitat, knowledge and skills, experience in consensus seeking process, demonstrated empathy and respect, strategic provincial perspective, equity and gender balance, support and understanding for the paradigm shifts in the role of First Nations and ecological integrity. Together we can build towards a co-managed land and resource management regime to ensure B.C.'s natural resources are managed effectively now and in the future.

By working together to support the implementation of the strategy, as well as advising us on provincewide wildlife and habitat issues on an ongoing basis, we strongly believe the MWAC will play a significant role ensuring that British Columbia achieves its vision for thriving and resilient wildlife and their habitats, and excellence in wildlife stewardship.

Thank you again so very much for being prepared to undertake this role. If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact Avril Nagel, Manager Together for Wildlife Implementation, Wildlife and Habitat and Species Recovery Branch, Land Use Policy, Planning and Ecosystems Division, at Avril.Nagel@gov.bc.ca.

Sincerely,



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