



Ministers Wildlife Advisory Council

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Premier David Eby, British Columbia
Minister Nathan Cullen, Water, Land and Resource Stewardship

November 3, 2023

Dear Premier and Minister Cullen,

Re: Tripartite Framework Agreement on Nature Conservation

The Minister’s Wildlife Advisory Council (MWAC) applauds and celebrates the Tripartite Framework Agreement on Nature Conservation signed between Canada, British Columbia, and the First Nations Leadership Council. This agreement marks a monumental moment in our shared journey towards environmental stewardship and shared decision making that takes full account of the rights and interests of First Nations in British Columbia.

This agreement holds much potential to help fulfill the *Together for Wildlife Strategy* and its stated vision: ***Wildlife and their habitats thrive, are resilient, and support and enrich the lives of all British Columbians.***

The leadership and commitment of politicians, Indigenous leaders, civil servants, and all those who played a part in achieving this historic agreement cannot be overstated. Their dedication to strengthening conservation efforts, furthering Reconciliation, and protecting the health of ecosystems reflects a deep respect for land, water, and biodiversity.

By providing essential financial backing to our collective resolve to conserve the natural treasures of this magnificent province, this agreement paves the way for a brighter and more sustainable future for all.

Sincerely,

Simoogit Hleek (Chief Harry Nyce Sr.) and Nancy Wilkin
Co-Chairs, Minister’s Wildlife Advisory Council

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