

Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council

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Minister Randene Neill Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship <u>WLRS.Minister@gov.bc.ca</u>

Dear Minister Neill,

Congratulations!

We are so pleased that you have been appointed as the Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, responsible for the implementation of the Province's Together for Wildlife Strategy. We were delighted that you reached out to us personally so quickly after your appointment. This means a great deal to us.

I know that staff are working to set up a meeting with yourself and all of Council at the earliest opportunity. While this will likely be a virtual meeting (for practical reasons), we hope to have an in-person meeting with all of the Together for Wildlife partners next spring/summer.

In the meantime, we have a scheduled (virtual) Council meeting on January 8th (12:30 - 3 pm). If you were able to join for a part of that meeting, we know that Council members would be very happy to meet you!

We also hope that you will be able to attend the two Wildlife Dialogues sessions in January 2025. These Dialogues are an important part of our work as they are our primary opportunity to communicate our work to the nations and stakeholder organizations, and to learn about their ideas and concerns. This year, we are asking participants to reflect on their priorities for wildlife and our work over the coming months.

We are also looking forward to the appointment of new volunteer members of Council. Several members have retired (or are retiring soon) from the Council and we want to ensure that we maintain a diversity of voices and opinions around the table.

Sincerely,

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