

Legislative Assembly of British Columbia West Annex Parliament Buildings Victoria, BC V8V 1X4

To Hon. John Horgan and all Members of the Legislative Assembly of British Columbia,

I am writing to express my grave concern about the province's decision to significantly reduce hunting opportunities for licensed hunters of moose and caribou in the Peace Region (7b). It is deeply worrying that the BC government is prioritizing resource extraction over resident hunters and outdoor recreation.

There is no science-based conservation rationale for the government's approach. The Peace region has the highest density moose populations in the province. The province's own data indicates hunting is sustainable and that licensed hunter harvest is extremely low. The province seems willing to negotiate licensed BC hunters away in favour of things like Site C, logging, and oil and gas.

The decision sets a worrying precedent for resident hunters and their families in Region 7b and other regions of BC. If the province is willing to cut BC resident hunter access so significantly where there is no scientifically demonstrated need and where wildlife populations are in fact extremely robust, should resident hunters expect similar closures in other regions?

As a British Columbian, I am deeply concerned that the province is negotiating away opportunities for sustainable hunting and ignoring science instead of confronting the cumulative effects of unsustainable resource extraction that were acknowledged in the BC Yahey v British Columbia 2021 court ruling.

Please act now to protect resident hunter access in Region 7b from this serious infringement.

Yours sincerely,

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