TOGETHER FOR WILDLIFE Our New Path Ahead

OUR VISION

Wildlife and their habitats thrive, are resilient, and support and enrich the lives of all British Columbians

To Achieve our Vision, We Commit To 5 GOALS AND 24 ACTIONS

WHERE WE CAME FROM | Our Challenges

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- Stakeholders and the general public want to be involved
- Better information and science are required for decision-making
- Clear, measurable objectives are required for effective wildlife stewardship
- Tools, funding and legislation need to support stewardship objectives
- Investments in wildlife need to be adequately tracked and reported
- Rationales for decisions need to be shared with those affected
- Indigenous governments need to be true partners with adequate capacity and support

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- Indigenous Knowledge needs to be included in decisions and policies
- The rights of Indigenous people and their role in wildlife stewardship need to be promoted and fostered

WHERE WE ARE GOING | Our Five Goals

GOAL 1:

All British Columbians have a voice in wildlife stewardship We will strengthen and broaden relationships to make the engagement process more open, transparent and effective.

GOAL 2:

Data, information, and knowledge drive better decisions We will make new investments in biological, social, cultural and economic data collection.

GOAL 3:

Stewardship actions achieve tangible benefits for wildlife We will develop new policies and tools to ensure wildlife stewardship responds to the needs of British Columbians, shifting priorities, and a changing climate.

GOAL 4:

Accountability and transparency build trust and confidence We will create a robust and transparent system for reporting our actions, measures of success, and plans for future investments.

GOAL 5:

Collaboration advances reconciliation with Indigenous governments We will endeavor to improve government-togovernment relationships; support training and capacity; inform ourselves about Indigenous worldviews, perspectives, and approaches; and ensure that all British Columbians understand the rights of Indigenous peoples and their integral role in wildlife stewardship.

HOW WE GET THERE | Our 24 Actions

- 1. Establish a Minister's Wildlife Advisory Council
- Create or expand Regional Wildlife Advisory Committees
- 3. Increase opportunities for engagement and involvement
- 4. Enhance biological, social, and economic data
- 5. Support wildlife research
- 6. Foster citizen science
- 7. Ensure data are accessible, reliable and integrated
- 8. Establish accountable stewardship objectives
- Deliver on-the-ground stewardship
- 10. Improve legislated land designations
- 11. Support and expand Conservation Lands
- 12. Recommend improvements to the Wildlife Act
- 13. Explore new funding models for wildlife
- 14. Report out on performance
- 15. Share financial reports
- 16. Communicate decision rationales
- 17. Periodically review and update our strategy
- 18. Advance co-management and shared decision-making
- 19. Promote the importance of Indigenous peoples and wildlife
- 20. Incorporate Indigenous Knowledge into decisions
- 21. Support Indigenous guardian and compliance programs
- 22. Share wildlife and habitat data and information
- 23. Invest in capacity for Indigenous governments
- 24. Support the First Nations-B.C. Wildlife & Habitat Conservation Forum

