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**From:** Pender Harbour Wildlife Society

**Regarding:** Old Growth Strategic Review

Dear Gary Merkel and Al Gorley,

The Pender Harbour Wildlife Society is situated on the Sunshine Coast, which is home to the beautiful Caren Range. At an elevation of 750m - 1200m, this mountain range is home to Canada's oldest closed-canopy forest with 2000-year old Yellow Cedars, as well as an array of endangered wildlife and flora. Spipiyus Provincial Park was created in 1999 to protect what little remains of this old growth forest, and our members were instrumental in efforts to bring this unique area to public and government attention. We are in the traditional territory of the Shishalh nation; and we celebrated 40 years as a Society last year.

We are writing to express our most urgent plea for a complete ban on logging of old growth forests, and that the small proportion of what remains of these forests in BC be conserved. The forest industry can continue where desirable, but in this awakening era of our climate crisis, isn't logging best focussed on harvesting replanted trees, and not destroying any more old growth natural forests?

As you will already know, old growth forests provide invaluable habitat for much wildlife, including rare and endangered plants and animals. Here on the Sunshine Coast, the SARA-listed Marbled Murrelet nesting sites were discovered in the 1990s and found to be dependent on the large mossy branches of coastal old growth trees on the Caren Range.

It is imperative to fully conserve all of what remains of BC's old growth to maintain biodiversity and to protect habitat for existing species that live, feed and migrate through these important landscapes. Also, it is our belief there are many as of yet un-described canopy-dwelling species that are sure to be in these unique ecosystems.

By banning all logging activity in old growth, together we are sure to mitigate climate change, preserve water retention and prevention of flooding, and protect community watersheds. It is also essential to recognize that old growth forest, when well protected and managed for conservation values, provides meaningful enjoyment, spiritual benefits and education for the public. In fact, our regional district has also expressed these concerns to the province and yet this is simply disregarded by BC Timber Sales, creating tension and disrespect.

Our Society thanks you for taking consideration of the irreplaceable fauna, flora, ecosystems and natural habitats that old growth forests provide, and please completely ban logging in what remains of our old growth forests in BC.

Sincerely,

Carole Logtenberg  
President  
Pender Harbour Wildlife Society