

# Urge the BC Government to STOP KILLING and START CONSERVING wolves under the New Wolf Management Plan



**WOLVES have no voice in this, they are counting on YOURS!** 66% of respondents were AGAINST the original draft plan, why has the government not listened to our concerns? Do not let politics trump ecology or ethics.

## **Major CONCERNS with the proposed BC wolf management plan and process:**

- Plan contains a grossly exaggerated view of wolf impacts on the livestock industry, which is not based on accurate data, and have no accountability.
- Plan condones the killing of wolves for recreation and/or amusement purposes.
- Proposed plan does not include objectives to establish protected areas for the long-term conservation of wolves (or other large carnivores).
- Plan is not using the best available wildlife science, ignoring relevant knowledge that contradicts much of the plan, ignoring the importance of social relationships shared by wolves in place of maintaining a mere existence/presence on the landscape.
- Plan does not recognize the intrinsic value of wolves.
- Plan includes hunting and trapping practices, which are out of sync with claims of ethics or fair chase (eg. use of bait, use of neck snares, use of mechanised vehicles).
- Plan does not take into account wolf deaths other than regulated hunting/trapping, disregarding cumulative impacts of government wolf control actions for caribou and/or livestock, wolf deaths on human transportation routes, loss of habitat, etc. Plan allows major hunting/trapping of wolves, which can triggers social disharmony affecting quality of life and ecological role.

## **Major APPEALS to decision makers regarding the BC wolf conservation and management plan:**

- Incorporate IUCN Wolf Specialist Group recommendations from Manifesto on Wolf Conservation.
- Include designated areas for real and permanent protection for multiple wolf packs to ensure future social stability and unique genetic identity. (i.e. specifically designated large carnivore conservation areas).<sup>i,ii</sup>
- Recognize the importance of the family unit to wolf conservation.
- Recognize the intrinsic value of wolves<sup>i,ii</sup>
- Return to former requirements of species licences, bag limits, quotas, shorter restricted seasons, and mandatory reporting.
- Ban the use of bait, neck snares and mechanized vehicles to align with fair chase and ethics.
- Stop killing and sterilizing wolves in the name of caribou conservation. Where wolf-killing and sterilization has occurred for this purpose there have been no increases in caribou populations. Wolves are being scapegoated as habitat alterations and human influences continue.
- Commit to reduce conflicts with livestock producers through prevention measures including education initiatives and incentives for responsible husbandry practices such as fencing, guard dogs, shepherds, etc. Use only accurate and accountable information regarding the impact wolves have on the livestock industry, which is less than 3% of total losses. Administer education programs for the livestock industry about methods of prevention to reduce depredation events and foster coexistence<sup>i,ii</sup>.
- Evaluate and respond to cumulative impacts/threats on wolves.

**Please contact the following decision makers, consider including these points in your correspondence as well as your own.**

**Demand better for wolves, and better for British Columbia's wild and natural legacy.**

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<sup>i</sup> IUCN Wolf Specialist Group Manifesto on Wolf Conservation

<sup>ii</sup> Preliminary Wolf Management Plan for BC (1979); author: Frank Tompa

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