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Dear Mr. Peterson,

**RE: Request for Change to Limited Entry Hunting Synopsis**

The BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) requests a change to the format of the Limited Entry Hunting (LEH) Synopsis that would ensure the Annual Allowable Harvest (AAH) replace the number of Authorizations for the Hunt Codes in the LEH Synopsis with the previous year's success rate.

The public perception is that the tentative authorizations are equivalent to the harvest for resident hunters under the LEH system. This causes a false perception and creates a demand to reduce the number of authorizations and commensurate harvest opportunities for resident hunters. The system should be transparent and hunters should know the AAH for the area they are applying for. The actual harvest would also provide a performance measure to evaluate whether hunting opportunities increased or decreased relative to the AAH objective.

The BCWF believes it is important to deal with all stakeholders in the same manner through consistent application and evaluation of AAH. This will help reduce and avoid confusion for all members of the public. Consistency of application has the following benefits:

- All stakeholders use the same metric of AAH
- Management of actual harvest opportunities can be evaluated
- Reduces existing ambiguity between number of authorizations verses harvest

The BCWF would like to offer our assistance in bringing forth and implementing this requested change. Further, we look forward to working with you and your team on the implementation of the e-licensing initiative, which will provide further enhancements to LEH, among other things.

Please do not hesitate to contact myself at 250-249-5166 for any further clarification.

Yours in Conservation,



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BC Wildlife Federation Wildlife Committee

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