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Wild Sheep Society of BC disappointed in the loss of democratic process
New prohibition targets lawful firearms owners

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'Democracy is a system of processing conflicts in which outcomes depend on what participants do, but no single force controls what occurs and its outcomes.' - N. Rivers. No single force controls what occurs. This is exactly what happened when the Order in Council was passed on May 1, 2020. Although this is not typically something the WSSBC gets involved in, we are disappointed in the process and the lack of evidence based decision making.

"This is an attack on our democratic process and law-abiding firearms owners." said David Heitsman, WSSBC President. "By utilizing an Order in Council, this did not allow for any debate in the House. This will affect everyone from Mom and Pop shops, retailers, shippers, to hunters and sports shooters across the Country. The WSSBC is incredibly disappointed in this approach and requests that this flawed Order in Council be redacted immediately."

This ban affects not only hunters, but millions of responsible firearms owners and sports shooters from coast to coast. The loss of over 2 billion dollars from target shooting alone will further devastate a Country that will be struggling to recover not only financially, but emotionally from a recession due to COVID19.

The Wild Sheep Society supports science and evidence-based management on all aspects. The science and evidence from across the Country have shown that this type of restriction will not improve safety of our citizens, which should be paramount. The WSSBC recommends that all of those affected or upset with this banning join their local rod and gun club or a National firearms advocacy group and get involved to voice their opinion.

National Firearms Association- <https://nfa.ca/>

Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights- <https://firearmrights.ca/>

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About the Wild Sheep Society of BC

The Wild Sheep Society of BC is a non-profit registered Society dedicated to the protection and enhancement of wild sheep and wild sheep habitat throughout "Beautiful British Columbia". Putting tens of thousands of volunteer hours and dollars into conservation projects in BC since 1998, the WSSBC is committed to its vision statement of 'Putting more sheep on the mountains".

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