



Talking Points for wild sheep



Premier Horgan: 250 387-1715

Minister Popham 250 387-1023

We recommend you raise the following points:

- You are a concerned citizen that cares about the well-being of wild sheep in BC
- You have learned about a disease event where wild sheep are dying in the province.
- Science shows that wild sheep contract disease from domestic sheep.
- You are concerned that policies do NOT exist to protect wild sheep from the spread of disease from domestic.
- You are calling on the provincial government to create policy and legislation to protect wild sheep from disease transmitted from domestic sheep.

Additional information to support your call:

- We kindly ask you contact the premier's office, the Minister of Agriculture's office, and your local M.L.A. When speaking to your local MLA securing a meeting to raise your concerns is a very effective approach.
- Your call may go directly to voice mail – leave the talking points listed above.
- If the call goes to voice mail, we recommend leaving your name and contact number.
- It is important to be respectful and if you do speak to a person to listen to them.
- Please show respect to domestic producers – they are not the problem. The issue is the lack of policy to protect wild sheep, not the domestic sheep industry.
- While you can tell them you are a WSSBC member, we feel the most effective call will be one from a “concerned citizen.”
- The disease event referred to above was m.ovi detected in sheep near Vaseux Lake.
- Along the Fraser River evidence indicates a large scale die off during the 1990s due to disease and those wild sheep have yet to return to pre-event numbers.
- The Yukon and Northwest Territories have recently developed an overarching disease framework. You can mention that you are seeking a similar policy in British Columbia.

Once you have contacted all three:

Please ask at least one additional person (a friend or family member) to participate as well (there is strength in numbers).

Email us at exec@wildsheepsociety.com to report that you have contacted all three. Our engagement team is tracking how many interactions we have had with the offices and it is important that you report your call to call us. Please let us know if you have a meeting with your MLA and the outcome of that meeting.

For more information, visit: www.wildsheepsociety.com/help