March 9th, 2022

Dear Minister,

I am writing to express my grave concern about the province’s decision to significantly reduce hunting opportunities for licensed hunters of moose and caribou in the Peace Region (7b). It is deeply worrying that the BC government is prioritizing resource extraction over resident hunters and outdoor recreation.

There is no conservation rationale for the government’s approach. The Peace region has the highest density moose populations in the province. The province’s own data indicates hunting is sustainable and that licensed hunter harvest is extremely low. The province seems willing to negotiate licensed BC hunters away in favour of Site C, logging, and oil and gas.

The decision sets a worrying precedent for resident hunters and their families in Region 7b and other regions of BC. If the province is willing to cut BC resident hunter access so significantly where there is no scientifically demonstrated need and where wildlife populations are in fact extremely robust, should resident hunters expect similar closures in other regions?

As a British Columbian, I am deeply concerned that the province is negotiating away opportunities for sustainable hunting instead of confronting the cumulative effects of unsustainable resource extraction.

Yours in Conservation,

(Your name here)