

NDP Wildlife Position

Improving Wildlife Management

British Columbians are proud to live in a beautiful province with clean air, land and water. We are blessed with incredible ecological diversity. It's part of who we are, and the source of economic prosperity for communities across the province—prosperity that can grow with vision and leadership.

Protecting the environment and creating jobs go hand in hand. Recreational fishing and hunting, wildlife viewing, and other eco-tourism activities add jobs to our economy every year, and that contribution is growing.

British Columbia's biodiversity, fish and wildlife populations and the habitat upon which they depend are under threat due to lack of funding, government cuts to staff and ineffective policies.

We will ensure dedicated funding for wildlife and habitat conservation, give wildlife and habitat priority, and engage concerned groups to work collaboratively towards short and long term plans for our wildlife resources.

We will put all funds from hunting licenses and tags into a dedicated fund for wildlife and habitat conservation.

We will bring people who rely on our wildlife resources together and ensure they all participate in and contribute financially to conservation. This way we will not only guarantee dedicated funding for habitat conservation but have the funds required to do the work needed.

We support hunting and while we will ban the grizzly bear trophy hunt and only the trophy hunt of grizzly's, we will base hunting decisions on science while also hiring more conservation officers, making sure we have the boots on the ground to have proper inventories. We will also work to make permits for hunting fairer for BC residents right across the province.

We will also work with First Nations on a Government to Government basis, using the philosophy that we need to plan for seven generations and not on a four year political cycle.

All of which will ensure Wildlife Habitat and Conservation is in a place of priority once again.