



**Welcome to the B.C. Wildlife Federation's
69th Annual General Meeting & Convention**
"Wildlife in the Future. How to Make a Difference."



Wednesday, April 23rd, 2025—Evening Event—Meet & Greet

3:00 PM—7:00 PM	Registration	Ovintiv Events Centre—Entrance Hall, Upper Lobby
6:30 PM—9:00 PM	Meet & Greet Reception	<p>Ovintiv Events Centre—Co-op Mercer Hall</p> <p>We look forward to welcoming BCWF Delegates to the 69th Annual General Meeting & Convention at the Meet & Greet Reception.</p> <p>Hors d'oeuvres will be served between 6:30 PM—9:00 PM and the cash bar will be available until 8:30 PM.</p> <p>The BCWF Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, Past Presidents and Staff are looking forward to welcoming you!</p>

Thursday, April 24th, 2025—Evening Event—Club Night

8:00 AM—4:00 PM	AGM & Convention	Ovintiv Events Centre—See schedule for details
4:45 PM 5:30 PM	Club Night Event Transportation	<p>Transportation will be available for Club Night, being held at the Dawson Creek Sportsman's Club.</p> <p>Should you require transportation, please gather outside the Lobby at the Stonebridge Hotel. Buses will be available to transport Delegates to the Club between the above hours.</p>
5:00 PM—10:00 PM	Club Night	<p>Dawson Creek Sportsman's Club and Region 7B welcomes BCWF Delegates to Club Night! An evening of fun, fellowship, fundraising and prizes and delicious food!</p> <p>Club Night will include a Pluck-a-Duck, 50/50, Wheel of Fortune, and live and silent auctions.</p>

Friday, April 25th, 2025—Evening Event—Fundraising Banquet

8:00 AM—4:00 PM	AGM & Convention	See schedule on following pages for details
5:00 PM—6:00 PM	Reception	<p>Ovintiv Events Centre—Main Arena</p> <p>Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and the cash bar will be open. The BCWF Auction and other fundraising activities will be open so be ready to bid and play to win some amazing prizes!</p>
6:00 PM—10:00 PM	BCWF Fundraising Banquet featuring a Complimentary Wild Game Buffet	<p>Ovintiv Events Centre—Main Arena</p> <p>Opportunities to raise funds and win big will be plentiful with an Online Silent Auction, Live Auction, Horn Pulls, Raffles and a 50/50, come prepared to win!</p> <p>With a variety of wild game & fish expertly prepared by the Chef at the Ovintiv Events Centre to delight your senses!</p>

Saturday, April 26th, 2025—Evening Event—BCWF Awards Gala

8:00 AM—4:00 PM	AGM & Convention	See schedule on following pages for details
5:00 PM—6:00 PM	Reception	<p>Ovintiv Events Centre—Lower Lobby</p> <p>Light hors d'oeuvres will be served and the cash bar will be open.</p>
6:00 PM—10:00 PM	BCWF Awards Gala	<p>Ovintiv Events Centre—Main Arena</p> <p>We are pleased to celebrate BCWF members and volunteers of the BCWF and their dedication to the Vision, Mission and Values of the BCWF and the Community of Conservation we advocate for.</p>

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8:00 AM—8:10 AM	Opening Ceremony	Honour Guard —Conservation Officer Services Moment of Silence & Opening Prayer First Nations Land Acknowledgement Chief Trevor Makadahay —Doig River First Nation Mayor Darcy Dober —Dawson Creek, BC Minister Randene Neill —Minister of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Virtual Address
8:10 AM—8:15 AM	B.C. Wildlife Federation, Call to Order	Adoption of Rules of Order Adoption of 2025 AGM & Convention Agenda Adoption of 2024 AGM Minutes Host VP— Harvey Andrusak, Chair, Morning Session
8:15 AM—8:30 AM	B.C. Wildlife Federation, Interim President’s Address	Pat Whittingham , Interim President
8:30 AM—8:45 AM	B.C. Wildlife Federation, Executive Director	Jesse Zeman , Executive Director
8:45 AM—9:45 AM	Keynote	Rachel Ahtila , “Ensuring the Future Through Community”
9:45 AM—10:00 AM	Break	Ovintiv Events Centre, Lower Lobby
10:00 AM—10:15 AM	Nominations Committee Report (1st Call—Online Nominations)	Wilf Pfleiderer , Past President, BCWF
10:15 AM—11:15 AM	Plenary	Chief Trevor Makadahay , “Managing Wildlife through Doig River First Nation Conservation, Restoration and Land Use Planning”
11:15 AM—11:30 AM	Committee Reports	Committee Chair Reports
11:30 AM—12:30 PM	Lunch	Ovintiv Events Centre, Main Arena
		Host VP—Darlene Clark, Chair, Afternoon Session
12:30 PM—2:00 PM	Closed Session	Registered Delegates Only (No guests or staff permitted)
2:00 PM—2:10 PM	Plenary	MLA Donegal Wilson , Boundary-Similkameen, Conservative Party of BC
2:10 PM—2:20PM	Plenary, Virtual Address	MLA Jeremy Valeriotte , West Vancouver-Sea to Sky BC Green Party
2:20 PM—2:45 PM	Fisheries	Marvin Rosenau , Inland Fisheries Committee Chair
2:45 PM—3:00 PM	Break	Ovintiv Events Centre, Lower Lobby
3:00 PM—4:00 PM	Breakout Sessions	1. Wildlife —Gerry Paille, Wildlife Committee Chair—Main Arena 2. BCWF Information System & Membership Management Update —Jesse Zeman, Executive Director—Co-op Mercer Hall 3. Advocacy —Monte Clarke, Advocacy Coordinator—Upper Lobby
4:05 PM	Adjourn	
4:45 PM 5:30 PM	Transportation to Club Night	Delegates needing transportation, meet at Stonebridge Hotel Lobby
5:30 PM—10:00 PM	Club Night	Dawson Creek Sportsman’s Club — Activities, Fundraiser & Dinner Address —237 Riley Crossing Road, Peace River, BC

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8:00 AM—8:15 AM	Call to Order 2nd Call for Nominations	Host VP—Darlene Clark, Chair, Morning Session Wilf Pfeleiderer , Past President, Nominations Committee Dave White , Past President, Nominations Committee
8:15 AM—9:45 AM	Resolutions	Mark McDonald , Resolutions Committee Chair
9:45 AM—10:00 AM	Break	Ovintiv Events Centre—Lower Lobby
10:00 AM—10:30 AM	Closed Session—Financial Report	Registered Delegates Only Chair—Alli Deelstra, Treasurer
10:30 AM—10:50 AM	Plenary	Sean Southey , Executive Director, Canadian Wildlife Federation
10:50 AM—11:00 AM	Plenary	MLA John Rustad , Conservative Party of BC
11:00 AM—12:00 PM	Plenary	Michael Bridger , Wildlife Specialist BC Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship, Caribou Recovery Program— "Controversial, but Effective - Interim Actions to Recover BC's Woodland Caribou Populations"
12:00 PM—1:00 PM	Lunch	Ovintiv Events Centre, Main Arena
		Host VP—Harvey Andrusak, Chair, Afternoon Session
1:00 PM—1:30 PM	Plenary	Cait Nelson , Wildlife Health Biologist Wildlife Branch, BC Ministry of Water, Land and Resource Stewardship
1:30 PM—2:30 PM	Breakout Sessions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advocacy—Monte Clarke, BCWF Advocacy Coordinator—Upper Lobby 2. BCWF Information System & Membership Management Update —Jesse Zeman, Executive Director—Co-op Mercer Hall 3. Fisheries—Marvin Rosenau, Inland Fisheries Committee Chair—Main Arena
2:30 PM—2:45 PM	Break	Ovintiv Events Centre, Lower Lobby
2:45 PM—3:15 PM	Plenary	Jennifer Psyllakis , Assistant Deputy Minister, Resource Stewardship Division, WLRS
3:15 PM—3:30 PM	Plenary	Rob Chipman , Director Gerry Paille , Wildlife Committee Chair Provincial Hunting & Trapping Advisory Table, LEH Survey
3:30 PM—4:00 PM	Resolutions	Mark McDonald , Resolutions Committee Chair
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6:45 AM—8:00 AM	Youth Delegate & Life Member Breakfast	Ovintiv Events Centre—Co-Op Mercer Hall Master of Ceremonies—Wilf Pfeiderer , Past President featuring Jeremy Evans , The Grizzly Dude
8:00 AM—8:15 AM	Call to Order 3rd Call for Nominations	Host VP—Harvey Andrusak, Chair, Morning Session Wilf Pfeiderer , Past President, Nominations Committee Dave White , Past President, Nominations Committee
8:15 AM—9:15 AM	Plenary	Jeremy Evans , The Grizzly Dude
9:15 AM—9:30 AM	Committee Report	Committee Chair Report
9:30 AM—9:45 AM	Break	Ovintiv Events Centre—Lower Lobby
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10:45 AM—11:15 AM	Plenary, Virtual	Lisa Wood , "Research on Herbicide Use in Forests and the G.R.O.W. Project"
11:15 AM—11:45 AM	Plenary, Virtual	Ben Parfitt , "British Columbia's Biggest Clearcut and What it Portended"
11:45 AM—12:45 PM	Lunch	Club Cavalcade Presentation , Main Arena
		Host VP—Darlene Clark, Chair, Afternoon Session
12:45 PM—1:05 PM	Plenary	Dan Buffett , Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation
1:05 PM—1:30 PM	Plenary	Jeffery Werner , on behalf of Habitat Conservation Trust Foundation
1:30 PM—2:00 PM	Plenary Virtual Address	Heather Onstage , Director, Resource Management, WLRS "Moose Regulations in 7B"
2:00 PM—2:15 PM	Break	Ovintiv Events Centre, Lower Lobby
2:15 PM—3:45 PM	BCWF Elections	Introduction of Candidates Election Moderator—Wilf Pfeiderer , Past President, Nominations Committee
3:45 PM—4:00 PM	Closing	Presentation of Board of Directors Ratification & Destruction of Ballots
4:00 PM	Adjourn	
4:00 PM—5:00 PM	Board of Directors Only	Document Signing (5), Photographs, Main Arena Stage
5:00 PM—6:00 PM	Reception	Ovintiv Events Centre—Main Arena
6:00 PM—10:00 PM	B.C. Wildlife Federation Awards Gala	Ovintiv Events Centre—Main Arena Master of Ceremonies— 6:00 PM—Dinner (Buffet) 7:00 PM—Award Presentations

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