Conservative Party of British Columbia

Response to the BC Wildlife Federation — 2026 Provincial Election

1. Public Access to Crown Land

Yes. Our Conservative platform commits to protecting public access in law.

We will restore equal access to Crown land and provincial parks and guarantee public access to Crown land, beaches and the backcountry in law, subject to legitimate conservation and safety requirements.

Hunting, fishing, camping and outdoor recreation are part of our way of life in British Columbia. They support conservation, rural economies and communities across our province.

We believe public lands should remain accessible to British Columbians, with decisions guided by science, conservation and public safety.

We will work with hunters, anglers, recreation groups, First Nations and local communities to protect responsible access for future generations.

2. Dedicated Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Management Funding

Our Conservative platform makes clear commitments to stronger, science-based wildlife management and dedicated conservation funding.

We will:

- Establish an independent Fish and Wildlife Commission.
- Set sustainable, science-based fish and wildlife population objectives.
- Dedicate hunting licence and tag revenues to fish and wildlife management.
- Put more conservation officers in the field.
- Work with hunters, anglers, First Nations and conservation organizations to improve wildlife management.

Hunters and anglers deserve confidence that the revenue they contribute goes back into the resource.

We believe healthy wildlife populations and habitat require long-term investment, clear management objectives and accountability for results.

Our goal is to rebuild healthy fish and wildlife populations, protect habitat and ensure these resources are managed sustainably for future generations.

3. Wildfire Prevention and Watershed Security

We believe British Columbia needs to focus on prevention rather than continually paying for disasters.

Our Conservative platform commits to prescribed and cultural burning, active forest management, community fuel breaks and prevention-focused wildfire spending.

We will report annually on hectares treated to ensure progress is measurable and accountable.

Our plan also commits $400 million for wildfire aircraft and a $100-million Wildfire Innovation Fund.

We recognize the important role prescribed burning plays in restoring ecosystems, improving wildlife habitat and protecting communities. We support reducing unnecessary regulatory barriers so qualified organizations, First Nations and communities can get this important work done.

On watershed security, our platform supports improved water storage, drought preparedness, groundwater licensing and watershed management, with local communities and agricultural producers involved in decisions.

Healthy forests, healthy watersheds and healthy wildlife populations are connected. Our approach to managing them must reflect that.

4. Federal Firearms Confiscation and Buyback Program

Our Conservative platform is clear: target illegal guns, not lawful hunters, farmers and firearms owners.

We believe policing resources should focus on illegal firearms, organized crime, trafficking and repeat violent offenders.

Law-abiding firearms owners deserve to be treated fairly, and valuable police resources should be focused on keeping British Columbians safe.

Our public safety plan commits to strengthening frontline policing and enforcement, with resources directed toward those who pose a genuine threat to public safety.

We will review the implications of the federal firearms buyback program for British Columbia and work with law enforcement to ensure provincial policing resources remain focused on public safety priorities.

Our Commitment

The Conservative Party of British Columbia recognizes the important role hunters, anglers, conservation organizations, First Nations and local communities play in protecting our natural resources.

Our platform commits to legislated public access, independent and science-based wildlife management, dedicated licence and tag revenues, stronger conservation enforcement and improved wildfire prevention.

We look forward to working with the BC Wildlife Federation and its members to turn these commitments into meaningful results for British Columbians.