1.
The BC Greens strongly support protecting public access to British Columbia's lands and waters for responsible hunting, fishing, camping and outdoor recreation. Our platform and economic strategy recognize the important role our natural environment plays in supporting the provincial economy and communities across BC. But beyond its economic value, we believe that being able to enjoy and connect with the outdoors is an important part of life for British Columbians, and something worth protecting for future generations.

We have a long history of advocating for stronger public access protections, including introducing Right to Roam legislation to address barriers that prevent people from accessing public lands, rivers and lakes. Our 2026 platform builds on this commitment with significant new investments in parks, trails, campsites and outdoor recreation infrastructure, including a 50% increase in funding for BC Parks and Recreation Sites and Trails BC and a new $30 million annual Outdoor Recreation Infrastructure Fund.

We support enshrining public access to Crown lands and waters in legislation, including for sustainable hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation. This legislation must be developed in partnership with First Nations, fully respect Indigenous rights and title, and ensure that public access is managed in ways that protect wildlife, sensitive ecosystems and public safety.

2.
The BC Greens agree that British Columbia needs to invest much more in restoring healthy fish and wildlife populations and the habitats they depend on. For too long, habitat protection and restoration have been underfunded, while industrial pressures on our forests and watersheds have continued to grow.

Our party has previously committed to legislated fish and wildlife population objectives, increased conservation funding, and independent, publicly available wildlife science. We continue to support these priorities, including dedicated, predictable funding and stronger accountability for conservation outcomes. We are also supportive of establishing an independent fish and wildlife management commission, developed in partnership with First Nations, to strengthen science-based decision-making.

Our 2026 platform commits to providing $75 million annually for watershed security, which we see as an important starting point toward establishing the proposed $1 billion Watershed Security Fund. We also support the BC Wildlife Federation's target of 50,000 hectares of prescribed burning annually, working with First Nations to expand cultural burning and invest in the crews, training and planning needed to safely achieve this goal.

We support substantially increasing dedicated fish, wildlife and habitat management funding, and welcome further discussion with the BC Wildlife Federation on the proposed $200 million annual commitment.

3.
The BC Greens recognize that responsible hunting and firearms ownership are important to many British Columbians, particularly those who rely on hunting for food. We believe firearms policy must be evidence-based, protect public safety and recognize the legitimate needs of hunters and rural communities.

The federal firearms compensation program is a federal responsibility, and we are not committing to opposing it or preventing the enforcement of federal law. We do believe that federal initiatives must be implemented fairly, with adequate funding and without compromising the resources police need to respond to serious crime and keep communities safe. We support an approach to firearms policy that focuses on preventing violence, addressing illegal firearms trafficking and organized crime, and ensuring that public safety decisions are supported by evidence.

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