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Dear Mr. Wilson:

This letter is to inform you of my decision regarding the Wildlife Allocation Review and its recommendations that were given to me at the end of September 2014. I have taken these last two months to do a thorough review of the recommendations and have had discussions with your organization and with other wildlife user groups.

I would like to thank you for your participation in the review of the allocation policy and your submission of your organization's position on the elements of the framework. The work of the review table was thorough and enabled a good foundation for my decision. The details of my decision are in the attachment.

In making my decision, I kept to the principle that resident hunters are a higher priority than non-resident hunters. I also recognize that guide outfitters need business certainty to remain economically viable. I believe my decision will be a durable one that offers a good path forward for allocations of wildlife in British Columbia.

With this decision now made, I hope we can work together and focus on more fully exploring the concept of a new model for wildlife inventory and monitoring. Our goals are the same - healthy wildlife populations and sustainable use by all groups.

Sincerely,

Steve Thomson
Minister

Attachment: Wildlife Harvest Allocation – December 2014

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