

January 24, 2020

The Honourable Doug Donaldson
Minister of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development
PO Box 9049 Stn Prov Govt
Victoria BC V8W 9E2

Dear Minister:

Re: Request for Whitetail Doe Hunt 2-Year Moratorium in Region 4

On behalf of the RDEK Board of Directors, I am requesting that a 2-year moratorium on the whitetail doe hunt be implemented in Region 4.

On January 10, 2020, the Board heard from Tom Shypitka, MLA Kootenay East, in regards to his call for a 2-year moratorium on the whitetail doe hunt in response to declining population numbers across the region. Feedback from local hunters and stakeholders indicates that over-harvesting and an abundance of predators have had impacts on the whitetail doe population. It is our hope that the implementation of a 2-year moratorium would provide the whitetail with a reprieve and, hopefully, help the population recover.

Healthy and balanced wildlife populations are vital to our residents and communities in the East Kootenay. When wildlife populations suffer, we all suffer. A 2-year moratorium is one small, important step in ensuring that a healthy population is able to be maintained.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,



Rob C. Gay
Chair

ec: Tom Shypitka, MLA Kootenay East
Doug Clovechok, MLA Columbia River-Revelstoke

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