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**Subject:** FW: For agenda - FW: Resolution: Moratorium on Wolf Hunting in B.C.

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**Subject:** Resolution: Moratorium on Wolf Hunting in B.C.

**Dear Mayor and Council,**

**I am sending you the Resolution regarding the need for a moratorium on recreational hunting of wolves across the province that is currently going thru the municipalities' resolution process.**

**I have included background materials for the resolution in the link below as well as links to two recent published articles on Wolf killing, one from a wolf conservationist in BC and one from the USA on Idaho's Bill that would allow 90% of their wolves.**

**My request is for you to read this information carefully. Please consider who we are in British Columbia and what we stand for? Are we going to continue to spend millions of dollars killing wolves from helicopters, allow neck snares and leg-hold traps, bullets and arrows to kill wolves unabated!? What percentage of wolves will be enough for the government, hunters, trophy hunters and trappers? Please ask Minister Conroy, Minister Heyman and Premier Horgan to halt the slaughter of wolves in B.C. until more consultation and science by the 'non-consumptive' users and independent biologists is brought to bear on this highly controversial issue,**

**Sincerely yours,  
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**AVICC Resolution  
Review of Wolf Hunting Practices in British Columbia**

**District of Oak Bay**

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Whereas the public and wildlife conservation organizations are concerned about provincial regulations for recreational wolf hunting practices, and believe that these practices should be re-examined for scientific and ethical reasons;

And whereas very little scientific evidence exists about the size of the wolf population or the sustainability of impacts of unrestricted harvesting levels on the bio-diversity related to habitats and wildlife ecology, especially at the regional level:

Therefore be it resolved that AVICC and UBCM request the Province to implement a moratorium on recreational wolf hunting, pending the completion of a scientific, data-driven and evidence-based study that includes consultation with Indigenous communities, to re-examine the efficacy of unrestricted wolf harvesting practices and their impacts on bio-diversity, wildlife ecology and sustainability of the resident wolf population.

### Background & References:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ElvNoG3B8D4pl\\_44L4tl0es-Jzpi6TwB/view](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1ElvNoG3B8D4pl_44L4tl0es-Jzpi6TwB/view)

**April 15, 2021 ‘Killing wolves is not OK’** Letter to Editor Golden Star by Sadie Parr, Former Executive Director of Wolf Awareness (2015-2020) in regards to wolves hunted, trapped and culled by shooters out of helicopters in B.C.

No – it is not okay to kill wolves. The harm we are inflicting upon wolves is just plain wrong and must end.

For the past 15 years or so, I have focused my life on learning as much as I can about wolves. I’ve worked with captive wolves and researched wild wolves. I’ve read about wolves in books, government reports and peer-reviewed science papers.

I’ve had countless conversations with other people about their first-hand experiences with wolves. I’ve collected and analyzed wolf poop, I’ve backtracked their steps, I’ve captured their images on remote cameras, and I’ve treasured their howls.

I have been privileged to get a glimpse into the complicated and emotional lives of some wolves, as individuals and also as families trying to survive. These experiences have shaped my views, and more importantly, my values.

B.C. has become a place ripe with carnivore carnage, with wolves as refugees on their own land. The province has completed its seventh consecutive year of aerial-gunning, ostensibly under the guise of caribou conservation.

This past winter, government contractors shot down 237 wolves; chased them with helicopters and let loose bullets that expand on impact. Read more at: <https://bearmatters.com/killing-wolves-is-not-ok/>

**April 27, 2021 BOISE, Idaho (AP)** — The Idaho House on Tuesday approved legislation allowing the state to hire private contractors and expand methods to kill wolves roaming Idaho — a measure that could cut the wolf population by 90%.

Lawmakers voted 58-11 to send the agriculture industry-backed bill to Republican Gov. Brad Little. The fast-tracked bill that allows the use of night-vision equipment to kill wolves as well as hunting from snowmobiles and all-terrain vehicles, among other measures, passed the Senate last week. Read more at : <https://www.google.ca/amp/s/www.seattletimes.com/business/bill-to-kill-up-to-90-of-idaho-wolves-heads-to-governor/%3famp=1>

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