Terms of Reference
Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Coalition

MISSION: To advocate for biodiversity and ecosystem health, including the restoration and long-term sustainability of fish, wildlife and habitat in British Columbia.

WHO WE ARE: The Fish, Wildlife and Habitat Coalition represents 28 member organizations with diverse interests, including environmental organizations, hunting and angling guides, conservation organizations, wildlife viewing and ecotourism, naturalists, hunters, anglers, and trappers, with over 300,000 members and 1,000 businesses across the Province of British Columbia.

PRINCIPLES:

- The conservation (management, restoration and protection) of habitat across B.C. is fundamental to the needs of fish and wildlife
- That all native species should have abundant, self-sustaining populations
- That restoration, conservation, policy and management of species and habitat is guided by science and Traditional Ecological Knowledge
- The coalition recognizes and respects the constitutionally protected rights of Indigenous peoples and our collective commitment to advancing reconciliation in British Columbia. We will support the process of reconciliation between Indigenous and non-Indigenous peoples by seeking agreement on the protection, enhancement and utilization of fish, wildlife and habitat.

OBJECTIVES:

- Enshrine fish, wildlife and habitat protection into outcome-based legislation
- Review and modernize other existing related legislation to integrate the needs of fish, wildlife and habitat
- Increase (sufficient) funding for fish, wildlife and habitat management
- Create a new governance model

MEMBERSHIP

Members must meet the eligibility criteria and fulfil the requirements outlined in the FWHC Membership Guidelines and adhere to the FWHC Code of Conduct.

DECISION-MAKING: The coalition will make consensus-based decisions. Voting rights and approval procedures are outlined in the FWHC Membership Guidelines.