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Resolution #23-01 (V) BCCA Board of Directors

WHEREAS a wildlife mitigation officer can only work within 500 meters of a confirmed kill or damage;

WHEREAS Predators often work a very large area.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby government on the working area for mitigation of problem predators be within the range unit boundaries.

Submitted by Kettle River Stockmen's Association

CARRIED () DEFEATED ()

WITHDRAWN () AMENDED ()

Resolution #23-02 (V) BCCA Board of Directors

WHEREAS in the years following covid-19 regional associations have become less financially stable; and

WHEREAS regional associations strive to continue to provide regional representation, educational opportunities, and other services to their membership.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA investigate including 'basic capacity to operate' financial support to all regional associations in their BCIDF funding application, relieving the financial burden and freeing up regional associations to reinvest back into their local membership.

Submitted by Cariboo Cattlemen's Association

CARRIED () DEFEATED ()

WITHDRAWN () AMENDED ()

Resolution #23-03 (V) Beef Production & Innovation Committee

WHEREAS the definition of the word “beef” in relation to food is, and is understood by the general public to be, the flesh of slaughtered bovine animals;

WHEREAS certain non-beef food products contain the word “beef” in the labelling for such food products (the “False Beef Advertising”) which False Beef Advertising is misleading to the general public;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the British Columbia Cattlemen’s Association lobby the Government of British Columbia and Government of Canada to prohibit False Beef Advertising and to limit the use of the word “beef” in food labelling and advertising to those food items that contain the flesh of slaughtered bovine animals.

SUBMITTED BY Quesnel Cattlemen's Association

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WITHDRAWN () AMENDED ()

Resolution #23-04 (V) Beef Production & Innovation Committee

WHEREAS The BC RCMP annual budget for the 'Livestock Constable' gets joined to a 'Detachment' budget;

WHEREAS Sometimes the Livestock constable budget is used up on the unrelated expenses, leaving the Livestock Constable with no travel budget to cover the province.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that BC Cattlemen’s lobby BC Royal Canadian Mounted Police to have the BC RCMP Livestock Constable be a standalone unit with its own operating budget.

Submitted by Kettle River Stockmen's Association

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Resolution #23-05 (V) Environmental Stewardship Committee

WHEREAS the elk population, which continues to grow and spread throughout the Cariboo Region, causes significant damage to hay, crops, pastures and infrastructure in areas where the elk reside (the “Elk Damaged Regions”);

WHEREAS some regions in British Columbia have open bull-elk seasons and significant private land only cow-elk seasons (the “Model Regions”) but the Elk Damaged Regions have extremely limited elk hunting allowances;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the British Columbia Cattlemen’s Association lobby the Government of British Columbia to establish elk hunting regulations across the Elk Damaged Regions similar to those in the Model Regions and commensurate with elk population densities and damage caused by elk.

Submitted by Quesnel Cattlemen’s Association

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Resolution #23-06 (V) Environmental Stewardship /Land Stewardship Committee

WHEREAS the control and containment of invasive plant species continues to pose an issue that is beyond the capacity and jurisdiction of individual ranchers to contain on crown land and highways.

WHEREAS regional districts are currently not addressing the spread of invasive species on highways.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA continue to lobby the province to include funding for invasive species control on crown land and enforce the duty of regional districts to address invasive species on highways.

Submitted by Cariboo Cattlemen’s Association

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Resolution #23-07 (V) Environmental Stewardship Committee

WHEREAS non-reusable plastic products are commonly utilized on operations throughout the province to store feed, and there are currently no readily available recycling options for these products; and

WHEREAS a more environmentally conscientious and sustainable option for feed storage includes long-term use structures such as hay sheds.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby for hayshed construction to be included under the environmental farm plan, to reduce non-reusable plastic waste in feed storage.

Submitted by Cariboo Cattlemen’s Association

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Resolution #23-08 (V) Environmental Stewardship Committee

WHEREAS provincial programs are currently being planned and implemented regarding the management of Elk through-out the province, with the goal of supporting elk populations; and

WHEREAS the increase and movement of Elk populations aggravate existing challenges in feed production and storage.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby for provisions for stockyard fencing and hayshed containment funding be included in funding opportunities via government supported programs; EFP or any special elk mitigation programs.

Submitted by Cariboo Cattlemen’s Association

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Resolution #23-09 (V) Environmental Stewardship Committee

WHEREAS it has been 8 years since the Rocky Mountain Forest District has had and Ecosystem Restoration (ER) Coordinator.

WHEREAS there has been little progress in restoring open forest and open grassland ecosystems.

WHEREAS The Trench Society, which is comprised of local stakeholders, has had little success in getting ER projects authorized by the District in a timely fashion; and

WHEREAS this lack of ER leaves our communities at greater risk of catastrophic wildfire.

WHEREAS the Kootenay Livestock Association believes that, an ecosystem restoration program would include the following:

- (a) A dedicated full time ER coordinator (the “Coordinator”) be retained to assist in each forest district, where this is not currently an ecosystem restoration program;
- (b) That the Coordinator work with the First Nations, the Trench Society, and such other organizations that are able to assist with project approval;
- (c) That the ecosystem program follow the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples and include a First Nations Representative in the committee;
- (d) That the program include a science committee as a subgroup to solve concerns relating to invasive plants;
- (e) This be the template for Acc. Districts encountering similar circumstances.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BC Cattlemen’s lobby the Ministry of Forests to implement an Ecosystem Restoration Program in the Rocky Mountain Forest District and such other districts that do not currently have a functional ecosystem restoration program.

Submitted by Kootenay Livestock Association

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Resolution #23-10 (V) Land Stewardship Committee

WHEREAS there is an extensive network of forestry roads throughout most grazing tenures which are seeded to grass to prevent erosion and minimize the spread of invasive plants; and

WHEREAS these roads also supply valuable feed, access to cattle, transport corridors during wildfire mitigation as well as providing water reservoirs.

WHEREAS in drier regions of the province leaving unused roadways in place could impact the water table levels and thus impacting feed recourses.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA lobby the government to mandate Ministry of Forests and Range district managers to consult with the local tenure holder before making any decisions on deactivation and or removal of roadway that affect their tenures.

Submitted by Skeena Regional Cattlemens Association

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Resolution #23-11 (V) Land Stewardship Committee

WHEREAS grasslands and ranches across BC are being increasingly impacted by recreational pressures, mainly and from camping, mountain bike, and motorized recreationists.

WHEREAS The Kooconusa Land Use Strategy has failed due to lack of compliance with the stated “Guiding Principles” of the Kooconoosa Land Use Strategy (May 2021). Compliance enforcement has lapsed, signage has been removed or vandalized and a lack of respect for the expectations of land use in vulnerable areas means mechanized recreation has reverted back to an unmanaged state, negatively impacting the grasslands’ ecology, ecosystem function and tenured grazing licences.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED the British Columbia Cattlemen’s’ Association lobby Government to ensure that: Agriculture take priority over recreation within Agriculture Land Reserve zoning

Submitted by Windermere & District Farmers Institute, Kootenay Livestock Association and Waldo Stockbreeders

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Resolution #23-12 (V) Land Stewardship Committee

WHEREAS damage is being caused to grasslands and grazing tenures by squatting, long term camping, or use of modernized and motorized vehicles

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that BCCA lobby Government to commit to regulation development and enforcement of any long term camping or use of modernized and motorized vehicles on grasslands and grazing tenures; and

FUTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all such activities be suspended until such actions are in place.

Submitted by Windermere & District Farmers Institute, Kootenay Livestock Association and Waldo Stockbreeders

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Resolution #23-13 (V) Land Stewardship Committee

WHEREAS The Columbia Valley Recreation Planning Initiative has failed to include adequate protections for ecosystem function, wildlife, soils and grazing licences in the Steamboat Mountain Landscape Unit and is recommending a permanent trail system throughout the grasslands and grazing licences of one of the most productive ranches in the Columbia Valley; and

WHEREAS Legitimizing these existing trails endangers the viability of the ranches whose tenures are impacted, has detrimental effects on wildlife, destroys fragile soils and disrupts ecosystem function.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED The British Columbia Cattlemens' Association lobby Government to ensure that: Ecosystem level goals, wildlife requirements, agricultural capacity, Agriculture Land Reserve regulations and existing land use tenure holders' rights be incorporated into any plan or document which may come from any such planning initiative; and

FUTHERMORE, BE IT RESOLVED that all trails currently found on vulnerable grassland be decommissioned and no new trails be allowed to be established.

Submitted by Windermere & District Farmers Institute, Kootenay Livestock Association and Waldo Stockbreeders

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Resolution #23-14 (V)

WHEREAS there is an organized and active group of beef cattle producers on Vancouver Island who have formed the Vancouver Island Cattlemen’s Association as an established regional association for two years and have maintained the required 50 members; and

WHEREAS the Island members have been serving in an exofficio capacity on the standing committees and the Board; and

WHEREAS the Association’s current zone mapping includes the Island region within the interior Thompson zone; and

WHEREAS there is sufficient cattle, production and producer interest on Vancouver Island to merit establishing the area as a separate zone;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the BCCA establish Vancouver Island as a new zone (Zone 8) of the Association conditional upon the passing of the special resolution to amend the bylaws.

SUBMITTED BY BC Cattlemen’s Board of Directors

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