



# BRITISH COLUMBIA CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

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Dear Michael,

## **RE: Raven Hunting Regulations**

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Cattle ranchers across British Columbia have increasingly reported predatory attacks on cattle by ravens. Ravens target young calves, attacking their eyes and tongues while the calves are still alive. These attacks cause prolonged pain and suffering, and often result in necessary euthanasia due to the seriousness of such injuries. Between 2016 and 2024, the number of raven attacks reported to the Livestock Protection Program annually has risen from 7 to over 30. The majority of reported raven attacks occur between January and May, coinciding with calving season for most of the province's cattle ranchers. This is also the time when ungulate young are born and vulnerable to ravens as well.

The British Columbia Cattlemen's Association feels that a raven hunting season would give cattle ranchers a proactive and legal option to deal with ravens that frequent calving grounds prior to and during calving times. The 2024-2026 Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis reveals differences in the current hunting seasons for ravens across different regions of British Columbia. Out of the nine regions, seven prohibit raven hunting, while two permit it, with specific regulations. Given the widespread nature of raven predation on calves, this has become a provincial issue.

We propose the following amendment to the *Hunting and Trapping Regulations Synopsis*:

- Implement a province-wide general open season on ravens from January 1 to May 31 on private land only.

Our Association is committed to addressing the impacts of raven predation and invites further discussion on how best to mitigate this growing concern.

Sincerely,

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