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Honourable David Dreeshen, Minister of Alberta Agriculture and Forestry
Honourable Kaycee Madu, Minister of Alberta Justice and Solicitor General
Honourable Ric McIver, Minister of Alberta Transportation, and Municipal Affairs
Honourable Prasad Panda, Minister of Alberta Infrastructure
Honourable Sonya Savage, Minister of Alberta Energy

Dear Ministers Dreeshen, McIver, Madu, Panda and Savage,

Please see the attached letter sent by the Alberta Fish and Game Association (AFGA) to the Honourable Jason Nixon related to the *Draft Bull Trout Recovery Plan* that was released for public consultation. From the beginning, our representative on the advisory committee identified that the development of such a 'strategy' required the direct involvement of all the necessary stakeholder regulators on the landscape, including Agriculture and Forestry, Energy, Infrastructure, Justice, Municipal Affairs, and Transportation. This did not occur.

The foundational elements of our collective stewardship responsibilities in Alberta include protection, restoration, and enhancement of the habitat upon which our province's fish and wildlife populations depend. Ensuring the integrity, resiliency, and productivity of vital cold-water habitats will only be possible by reducing the human induced impact on the landscape from all causes.

To prevent the implementation of yet another ineffective species at risk recovery plan, and because not all the necessary stakeholders were involved in the development of it, the AFGA is requesting that you review the attached letter and indicate to the AFGA and Alberta Environment and Parks, if your ministry is willing to commit to the necessary actions required.

Transparent and realistic action must be the cornerstone of species at risk recovery plans. If your ministry cannot make the necessary commitment and trade-offs that are necessary for other societal needs, it is critical that this be identified and communicated to us. The AFGA awaits your response.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Victor Benz', written in a cursive style.

Victor Benz
President, The Alberta Fish and Game Association

cc:

Honourable Jason Nixon, Minister of Alberta Environment and Parks
Delinda Ryerson, Executive Director, Alberta Fish and Game Association