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BC Wildlife Federation Clarifies Position on Special Permits.

As a result of recent events the BC Wildlife Federation (BCWF) would like to clarify its position and the status of the BC special Sheep and Roosevelt Elk Permits.

“There seems to be some confusion over why the permits were cancelled,” stated BCWF president Mel Arnold. “Each year the permit contract is signed off by five parties; the Ministry of Environment, FNAWS, BCWF, GOABC and the Wild Sheep Society of BC. This year the Guide Outfitters Association of BC would not sign off on the Roosevelt Elk auction permit. The BCWF membership has made it very clear that these permits are a package deal: We either have them all or we have none of them, there is no picking and choosing,” concluded Arnold.

The BCWF has supported two resident permits and two auction permits in the past and will do so in the future if the opportunity presents itself again. The BCWF is a grass roots organization and direction is set by the membership through the resolution process at the annual general meeting. The membership of the BCWF recognized these permits are an important source of funding for conservation and habitat particularly given the economic downturn and limited funds for inventory.

“It is unfortunate they have been cancelled,” Arnold concluded.

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The BCWF is the voice of organized resident hunters, anglers and conservationists in British Columbia, representing over 37,000 members.