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The Honourable Randene Neill
Minister of Water, Land and Resource
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Dear Minister Neill,

This month marks five years since the release of the *Old Growth Strategic Review (OGSR)*. Yet the Province has still not delivered on one of its most important and widely supported commitments: a law that places biodiversity and ecosystem health at the centre of all decision-making.

The Pender Harbour and District Wildlife Society is one of 88 organizations raising the alarm about delays in implementing the OGSR's key recommendations. We write today to stress that finalizing the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework is essential. On the Sunshine Coast, we are fortunate to enjoy healthy ecosystems, but we know they cannot be taken for granted. Across British Columbia, forests, waters, wildlife, and natural landscapes must never be treated as expendable. They are the foundation of our economy, our quality of life, and the health of our communities.

As directors of the Pender Harbour and District Wildlife Society, we urge you to act without further delay: finalize the Biodiversity and Ecosystem Health Framework, enact the law, and ensure that resource development proceeds only within ecological limits—not at their expense.

Respectfully,

Board of Directors
Pender Harbour and District Wildlife Society