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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Boreal caribou range across nine provinces and territories in Canada, including northeast British Columbia (B.C.). These forest-dwelling caribou are listed as “Threatened” under Schedule 1 of Canada’s *Species at Risk Act* and have a red-listed conservation status in B.C. owing to their historic population decline. A draft Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan (BCPRP) has been developed outlining the proposed management measures deemed necessary to support future population recovery. The BCPRP was co-developed by the B.C. government and Fort Nelson First Nation in collaboration with the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality and is envisioned to build off earlier management actions within the current Implementation Plan for the Ongoing Management of Boreal Caribou in British Columbia released in 2011.

As part of the caribou recovery planning process, the Government of British Columbia sought feedback on the proposed BCPRP management measures. Public engagement included an online posting and comment period (consisting of a feedback form and invitation to send written submissions) as well as a series of community and stakeholder meetings and drop-in sessions. From April 4 to May 20, 2022, we received: 273 completed surveys from the general public; 14 formal written submissions from industry and trade associations, First Nations, and a government agency; and seven emails from members of the public.

Overall, 54% of completed surveys and written submissions supported the BCPRP’s management goal to recover boreal caribou populations across their range to a self-sustaining status and to a level capable of supporting an Indigenous sustenance harvest and supporting management objectives. The main reasons cited included the importance of maintaining and restoring caribou habitat. Some supporters (along with most of those opposed and those taking a neutral stance), felt that caribou population levels should be recovered to the point where they can support harvesting by both Indigenous and non-Indigenous hunters.

The majority (66%) of survey respondents also indicated support for the BCPRP’s proposed habitat protection and management measures which would restrict or offset natural resource development activities that would further degrade caribou habitat. Top reasons for that support included the view that habitat protection and restoration was essential to caribou recovery, and that industrial interests should not be prioritized over the conservation of caribou and other wildlife. However, the majority of formal written submissions from industry associations and producers expressed concerns over potential negative impacts that the BCPRP might have on future industrial access to natural resources within caribou range. Industry associations and producers explicitly called for greater clarity and further consultation on any new regulatory requirements that could result from the BCPRP being implemented.

Just over half of survey respondents (56%) strongly supported the BCPRP proposal to develop a predator management program to increase boreal caribou populations. The primary reason cited was that predator management is effective and required to recovery wildlife populations. Those taking a neutral stance (along with those who opposed predator management) more frequently indicated that human access to caribou habitat has led to increased predation and should be the focus of management. Few written submissions commented specifically on the proposed plan to develop a predator management program within the BCPRP planning area. However, several submissions called for the consideration of additional population management tools for caribou in addition to predator management.

The majority of survey respondents (82%) were supportive of the BCPRP’s proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures, which will improve caribou and habitat monitoring efforts to better understand how management actions affect boreal caribou populations. Survey respondents and formal written submissions stressed the importance of making caribou planning decisions using both science and Indigenous knowledge, and with stakeholder input.

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SECTION 1: BACKGROUND

Boreal caribou range across nine provinces and territories in Canada, including northeast British Columbia (B.C.). These caribou are listed as “Threatened” in Schedule 1 of Canada’s *Species at Risk Act* and possess a red-listed conservation status in B.C. Recent trends from population monitoring activities and Indigenous and local knowledge have confirmed a long-term decline in B.C.’s boreal caribou populations.

A draft Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan (BCPRP) has been developed to replace the existing 2011 Implementation Plan for the Ongoing Management of Boreal Caribou in British Columbia. The BCPRP was co-developed by the B.C. government and Fort Nelson First Nation in collaboration with the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality.

The draft BCPRP outlines a recovery path for four of the five boreal caribou ranges in B.C.: Calendar; Maxhamish; Snake-Sahtahneh; and Westside Fort Nelson.¹ It defines a recovery goal and management objectives, outlines habitat and population management actions necessary to reverse caribou population declines and improve the likelihood of self-sustaining populations that can sustain an Indigenous sustenance harvest over time, and establishes an adaptive management framework upon which future decisions will be based.

1.1 Purpose of Public Engagement

As part of the caribou recovery planning process, the Government of British Columbia sought feedback on the draft BCPRP, including the plan’s objectives, habitat and population management measures, and the adaptive management framework. The engagement process consisted of posting the draft BCPRP online, requesting feedback from the public (via an online survey and/or by providing written submissions) and a series of community and stakeholder meetings. Feedback provided through the engagement process will be taken into consideration as the draft plan is revised and when decisions on boreal caribou recovery management measures are made.

¹ Management guidance for Chinchaga will be initiated through collaboration with interested Treaty 8 Nations and engagement with stakeholders as part of future land use planning initiatives.

SECTION 2: METHODOLOGY

2.1 Approach

To obtain specific feedback on the objectives and proposed actions to preserve boreal caribou in British Columbia, a public engagement survey was developed by the B.C. Caribou Recovery. It was hosted on the B.C. government's public engagement platform at <https://engage.gov.bc.ca/govtogetherbc/consultation/boreal-caribou/>. Stakeholders and B.C. residents were invited to complete the survey and provide written responses between April 4 and May 20, 2022.

2.1.1 Online Survey

The survey asked five questions about the draft Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan's goals and objectives and proposed management measures, and two questions specific to respondents' use of the land encompassed by boreal caribou ranges.

The survey also asked four demographic questions of respondents:

- age category;
- area of residence;
- self identity with equity groups; and
- self identity with interest groups.

A copy of the survey is included in **Appendix A**.

2.1.2 Written Submissions

Formal written submissions were accepted as part of this engagement process. These documents were submitted by email, reviewed and qualitatively analyzed to identify recurring themes which were incorporated into this report.

2.2 Analysis

Results of the online survey were compiled by Citizen Services and provided to R.A. Malatest & Associates Ltd. for analysis. After the survey window closed, analysts from Malatest coded the responses to the open-ended questions to identify levels of support across four areas:

- draft management goal and objectives;
- proposed habitat management measures;
- predator management program; and
- proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures.

Malatest then analyzed and prepared data tables identifying the total level of support and support by sub-groups of interest, based on answers to the survey's demographic questions.

The body of this report focuses on highlights and trends, as well as significant differences among sub-groups. For the full survey results, please refer to **Appendix B**.

2.3 Limitations

There are some limitations to the research that should be kept in mind while reading this report.

The engagement format (an online survey) requires respondents to be Internet users. While B.C. has high rates of Internet access among its population, as of 2019 approximately 6% of British Columbians were not Internet users, most likely in the remote and northern regions of the province.² To increase accessibility, the online survey was also made available at the Front Counter BC office in Fort Nelson for community members to provide feedback. Those submissions were then submitted online by government staff and are included in this report.

The voluntary nature of the survey required participants to be aware of the engagement process and navigate to the website, rather than more passive approaches such as being contacted by phone or email and asked to participate. This may result in a self-selection bias where people who hold particularly strong views about this topic (for or against) are more likely to respond to the survey than those having a neutral view or no opinion. Due to the anonymous nature of the feedback and the inability to follow up with those who chose not to participate, it is not possible to assess how this may have impacted the survey results.

² Based on findings of the 2018 Canadian Internet Use Survey, sponsored by Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada, conducted from November 2018 to March 2019. <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/daily-quotidien/191029/dq191029a-eng.htm>

SECTION 3: FINDINGS – SUMMARY OF PARTICIPANTS

3.1 Overall Response

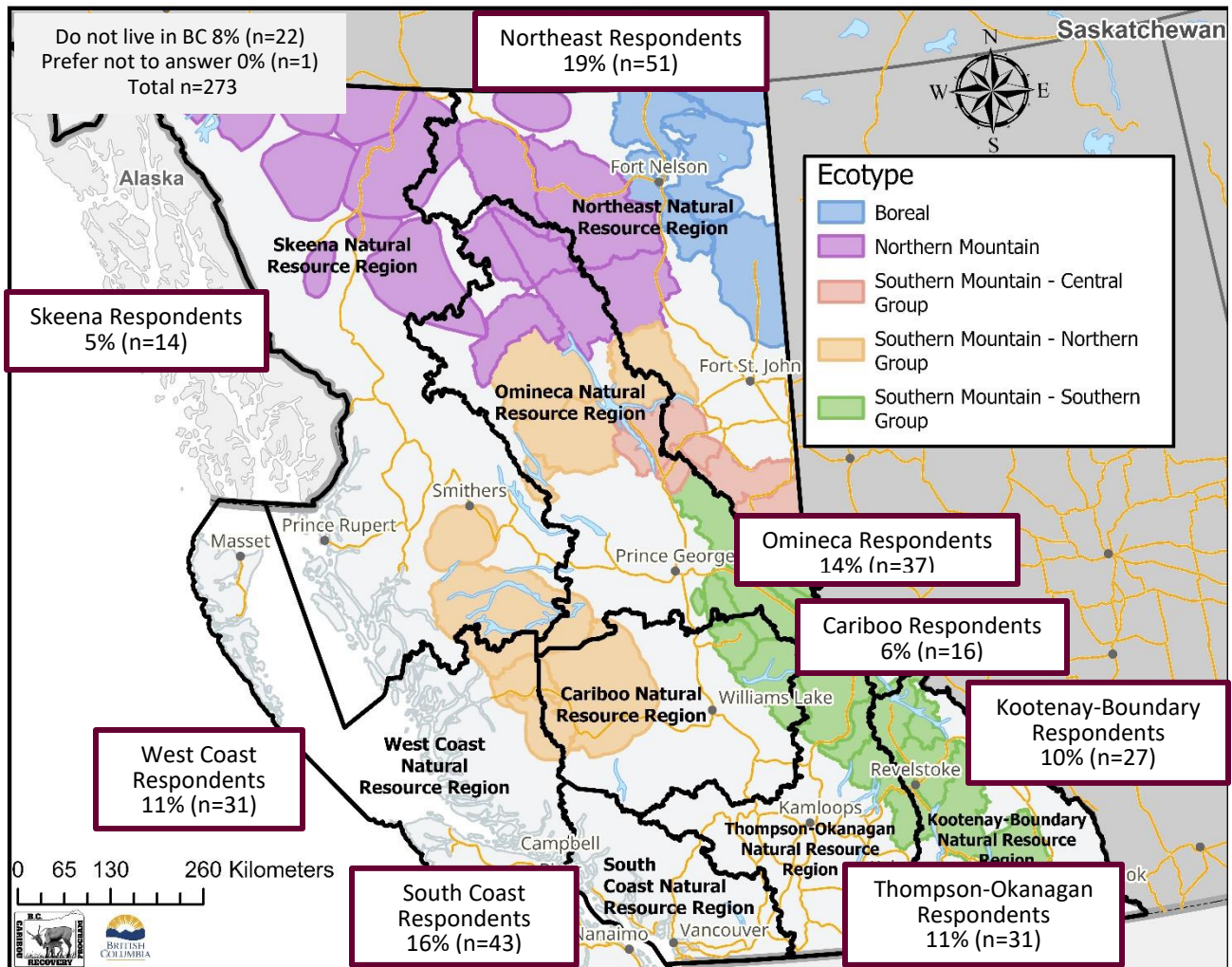
A total of 273 completed surveys were received from April 4 to May 20, 2022.

3.2 Respondent Profile

3.2.1 Completions by Region

Respondents were asked to identify the natural resource region in which they lived. The map below shows the location of natural resource regions along with the boundaries of caribou herd ranges. The largest proportions of survey respondents live in the Northeast (19%), South Coast (16%), and Omineca (14%) natural resource regions (Figure 3.1).

Figure 3.1 Map Outlining B.C. Natural Resource Regions and Caribou Herd Ranges



Survey question: 10. "In which natural resource region do you live?" n=number of respondents.

3.2.2 Completions by Interest Group

Respondents were asked to select which category best reflects their interest in caribou recovery initiatives. Close to 53% of survey respondents indicated they were hunters/trappers, followed by concerned citizens (22%), and those associated with environmental and ecosystem protection (13%). Thirteen percent of respondents indicated they were associated with other interest groups or preferred not to say (Table 3.1).

Table 3.1 Survey Completions by Interest Group

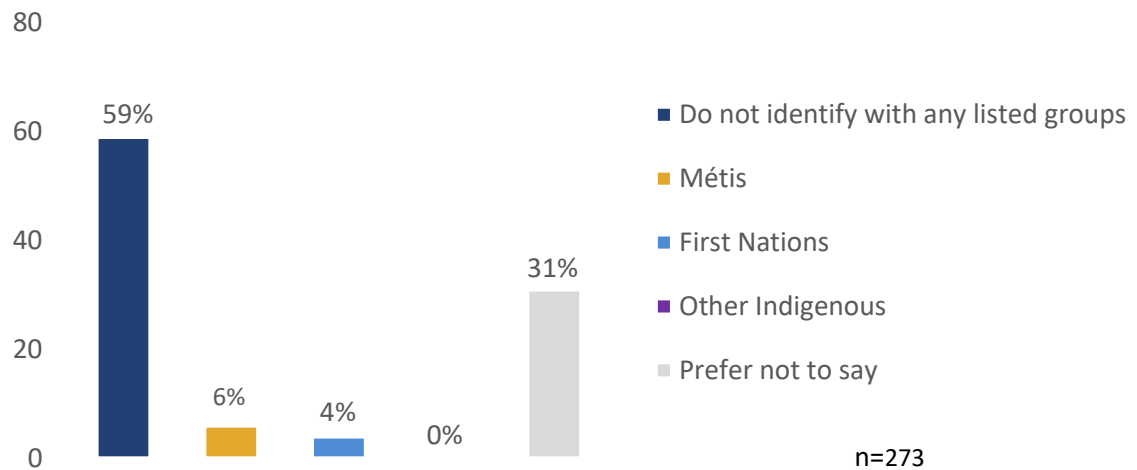
Stakeholder Group	Number	Proportion
Hunter/Trapper	144	53%
Concerned citizen or business individual	61	22%
Associated with environmental/ecosystem protection	34	13%
Associated with resource extraction (forestry, mining, oil & gas)	16	6%
Associated with First Nations or Indigenous group(s)	9	3%
Associated with eco-tourism industry	3	1%
Guide outfitting	2	1%
Prefer not to say	4	2%
Total	273	100%

Survey question: 11. "How would you best describe the reason for your interest in caribou recovery initiatives in B.C.? (Select the one category that you feel best reflects your interest)." Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding.

3.2.3 Self-identification

While the majority (59%) of survey respondents did not identify as Indigenous, 31% choose not to select their identity, 6% identified as Metis, 4% as First Nations, and fewer than 1% as other Indigenous (Figure 3.2).

Figure 3.2 Survey Completions by Indigenous and Non-Indigenous Respondents

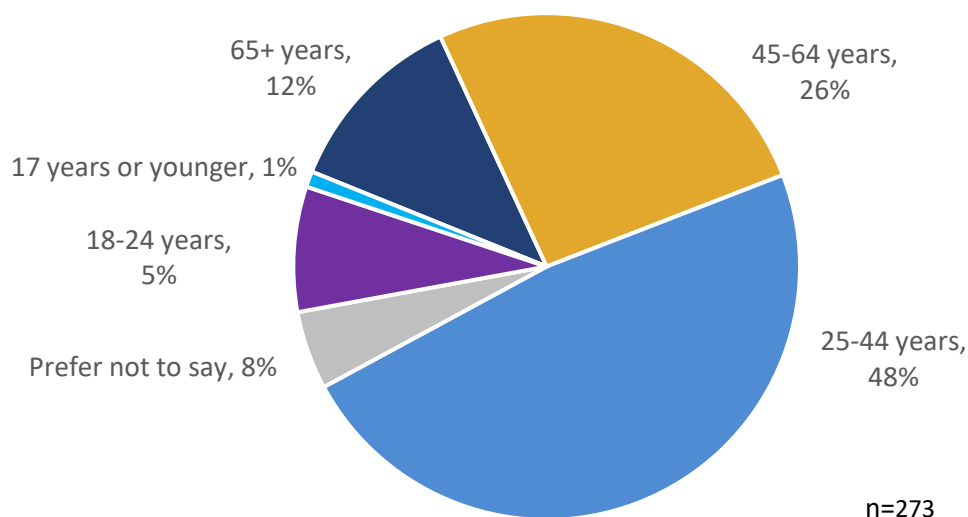


Survey question: 9. "Do you identify as belonging to one of the following Indigenous groups?" Values of 0% indicate that less than 1% of respondents selected this option. Numbers might not total to 100% due to rounding. n=number of respondents.

3.2.4 Age

Approximately 48% of survey respondents indicated they were 25 to 44 years old, 26% were 45 to 64 years old, 12% were over the age of 65, 5% were 18 to 24 years of age, and 1% were under the age of 18 years (Figure 3.3).

Figure 3.3 Survey Completions by Age Category

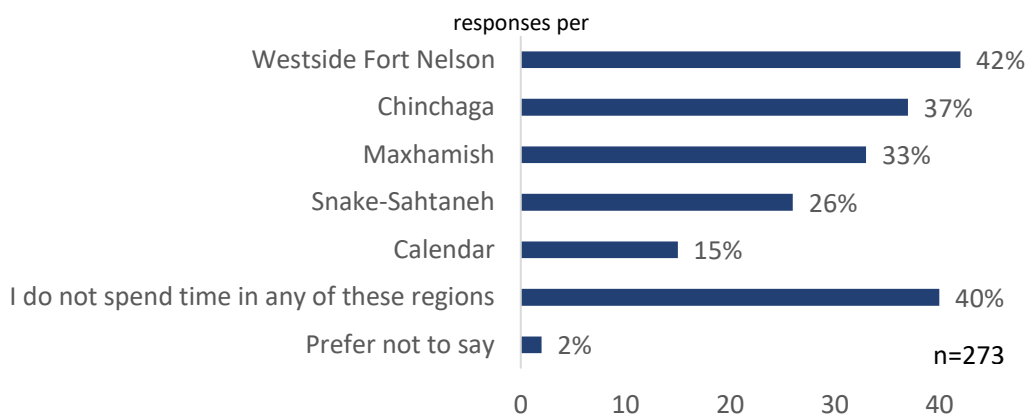


Survey question: 8. “Which age category do you belong to Numbers might not total to 100% due to rounding. n=number of respondents.

3.2.5 Spending Time in Boreal Caribou Range Areas

Approximately 58% of survey respondents indicated that they had spent time in caribou range areas, while 40% indicated they had not spent time in these areas. Among those who spent time in boreal caribou ranges, 42% spent time in Westside Fort Nelson, 37% in Chinchaga, 33% in Maxhamish, 26% in Snake-Sahtaneh, and 15% in Calendar (Figure 3.4).

Figure 3.4 Caribou Range Areas in Which Respondents have Spent Time

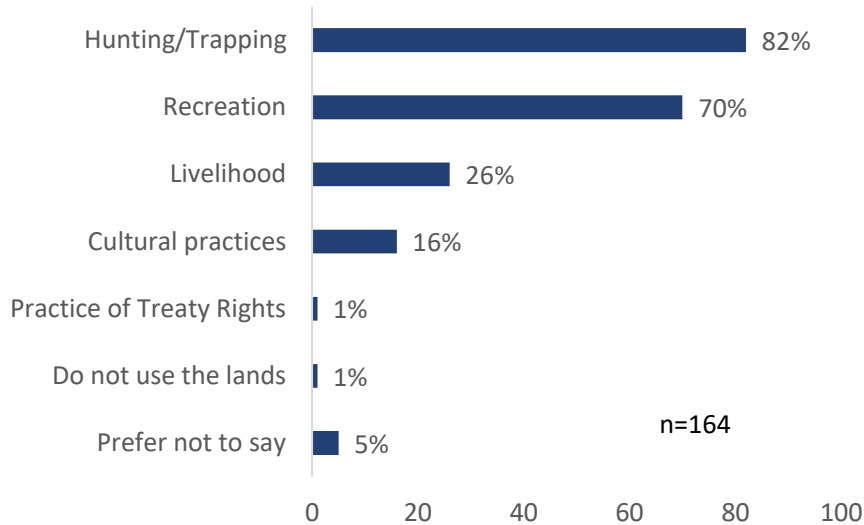


Survey question 1. “Which of the following boreal caribou ranges do you spend time in?” Multiple response permitted for caribou range areas. n=number of respondents.

3.2.6 Activities and Practices in the Boreal Caribou Range Areas

Among survey respondents who spend time in the boreal caribou ranges, 82% of survey respondents indicated they engaged in hunting and/or trapping, 70% of survey respondents reported using these areas for recreational purposes, 26% indicated their livelihood was performed in caribou range areas, 16% used these areas for cultural practices, 1% noted that these areas encompassed their treaty rights, and 1% did not use the land in these areas (Figure 3.5).

Figure 3.5 Activities and Practices in the Boreal Caribou Range Areas



Survey question: 2. “What activities and practices do you engage in while in the areas indicated in the previous question?”
Multiple response permitted so percentages exceed 100%. n=number of respondents.

3.3 Written Submissions

A total of 21 written submissions were received via email. Of these, seven came from members of the general public, seven from various natural resource industry sector producers (e.g., forestry, mining, energy, oil, and natural gas), five from industry and trade associations, two from First Nations, and one from a government agency. Table 3.2 below summarizes the number of written submissions received by interest group.

Table 3.2 Written Submissions Received by Interest Group

Interest Group	# Submissions Received
Producers and Supporting Industries	7
Industry and Trade Associations	5
First Nations	2
Government Agency	1
General Public	7
Total	21

A proportion of submissions were form letters circulated among individuals and interest groups for submission by individuals, as part of a letter-writing campaign. Our analysis identified one unique form letter, submitted by a total of four individuals over the course of the engagement. Feedback from written submission provided by industry associations and companies, a government agency, and First Nation organizations were reported separately from online feedback form responses and comments from the general public.

SECTION 4: FINDINGS

4.1 Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives

Survey respondents were asked to indicate their level of support for the draft management goal and objectives.

The Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan’s management goal is to:

- Recover boreal caribou populations across their range to self-sustaining status and to a level capable of supporting an Indigenous sustenance harvest.

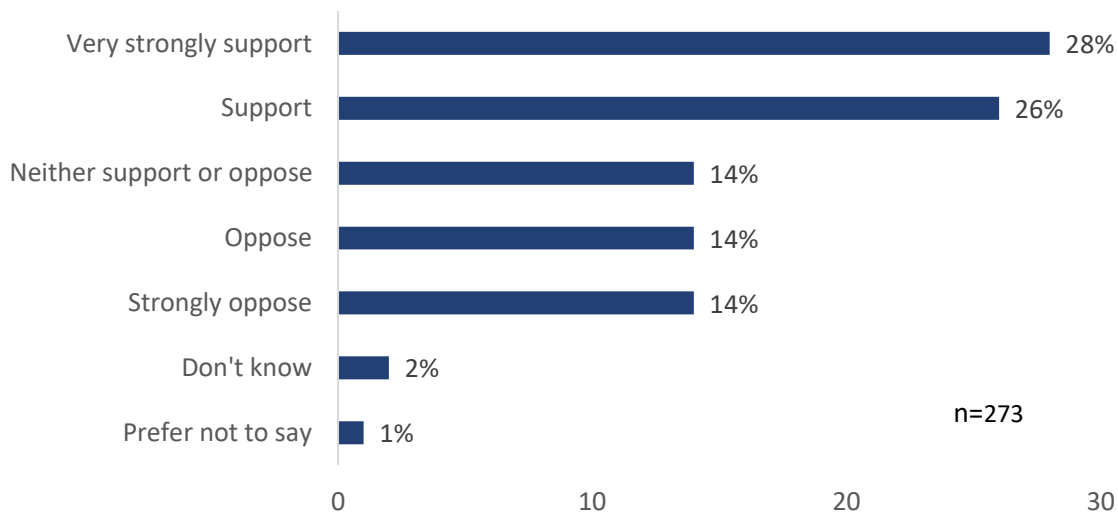
The Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan’s management objectives are to:

- Establish a positive habitat trend within core habitat zones by maintaining condition of the best remaining habitat and improving the condition of currently degraded habitat.
- Stabilize and achieve a positive population trend across all ranges.

4.1.1 Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives

Slightly more than half (54%) of survey respondents support or very strong support the draft management goal and objectives, while approximately 28% of respondents indicated opposition to the goal and objectives. 14% of respondents neither supported or opposed the management goals and 3% either didn’t know or preferred not to answer the question (Figure 4.1).

Figure 4.1 Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives



Survey question: 3. “What is your level of support for the draft management goal and objectives?” Percentages might not total to 100% due to rounding. n=number of respondents.

Most respondents residing in the West Coast, South Coast, Skeena, Kootenay Boundary, Thompson-Okanagan natural resource regions and those living outside the province were supportive of the draft management goal and objectives (combined value of “support” and “very strongly support”, ranging from 50% to 86%).

Respondents residing in the Cariboo (67%) and Omineca (49%) regions were more likely to “oppose”/“strongly oppose” the draft management goal and objectives than respondents residing in the Northeast (42% “oppose”/“strongly oppose”) (Appendix B, Table B5).

Among interest groups, most respondents supported the draft management goal and objectives (ranging from 50% to 100% indicating some level of support). Support was lower among hunters/trappers and guide outfitters (38% indicating some level of support) and those associated with resource extraction (44% indicating some level of support). (Appendix B, Table B6)

4.1.2 Reasons for Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives

Respondents were asked to provide reasons for their level of support of the draft management goal and objectives.

Reasons for Supporting the Draft Management Goal and Objectives

The most frequently mentioned reason among respondents who supported the draft management goal and objectives was the importance of creating and maintaining caribou habitat (63% of supporters). Other reasons noted that non-Indigenous harvest of caribou should be reflected in the management goal, that the plan should be based on the best available science and data (each mentioned by 14% of supporters) (Figure 4.2)

Across all sub-groups, support for creating and maintaining caribou habitat was the reason most frequently mentioned by respondents who supported the draft management goal and objectives. However, a few distinctions can be made within sub-groups about other reasons for their support.

Mentions that caribou are an iconic and important species were more frequently cited by the supporters in the following sub-groups:

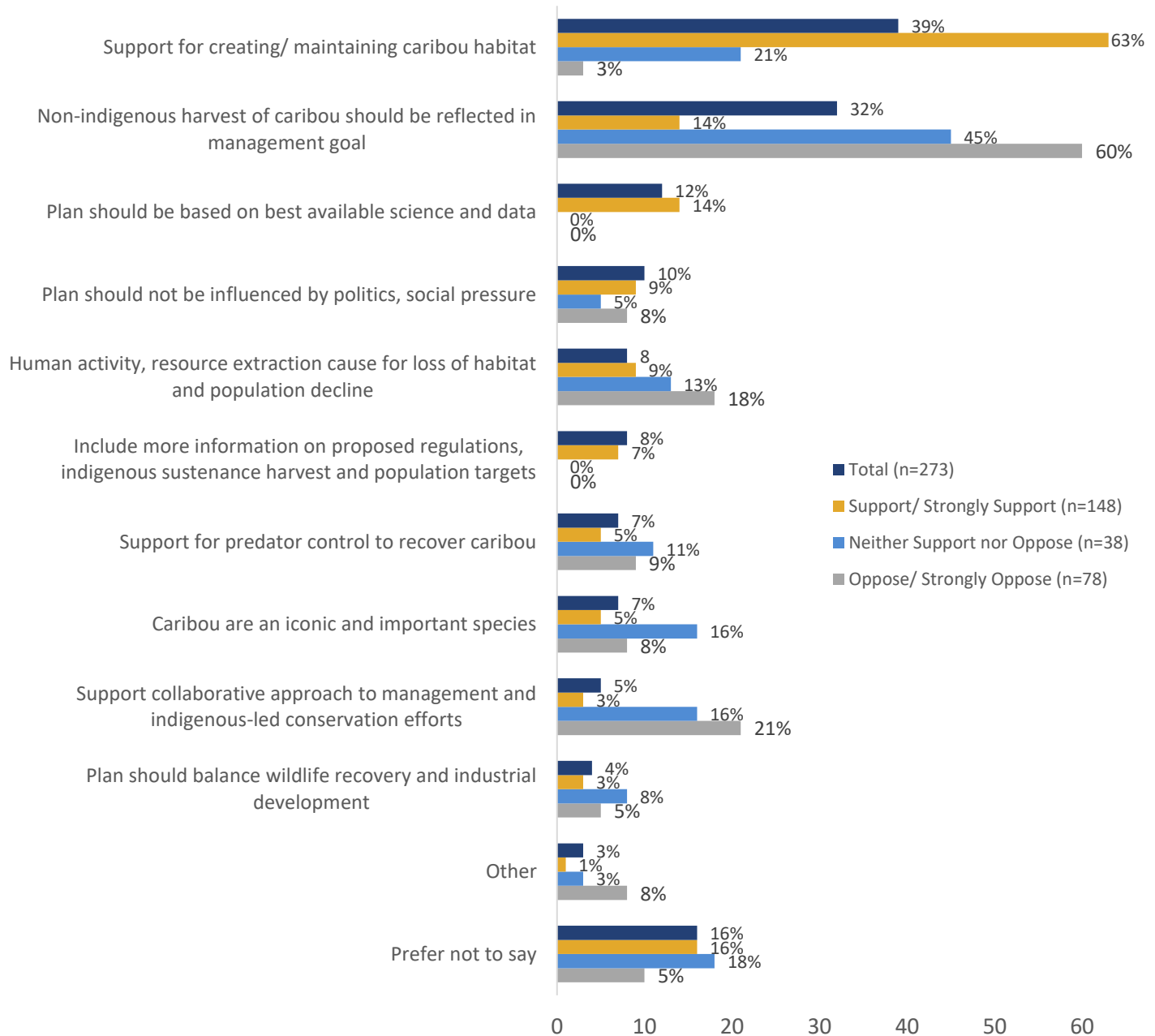
- Respondents from the Kootenay Boundary and West Coast (Appendix B Table B7); and
- Concerned citizens (Appendix B Table B8).

Supporters associated with First Nations or Indigenous group(s) were also as likely to cite as reasons for supporting the draft management goal and objectives: human activity and resource extraction as causes of habitat loss and population declines; and support for predator control to help caribou recover. (Appendix B Table B8).

Mentions that non-Indigenous harvest of caribou should be reflected in management goals were cited more often by supporters in the following sub-groups:

- Respondents from the Northeast, Skeena, Omineca and South Coast (Appendix B Table B7); and
- Concerned citizens (Appendix B Table B8).

Figure 4.2 Reasons for Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives



Survey question: 3b. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Multiple responses permitted. n=number of respondents.

Reasons for Opposition to the Draft Management Goal and Objectives

Among respondents who were opposed to the draft management goal and objectives, the most frequently mentioned reasons included: feeling that non-Indigenous harvest of caribou should be reflected in management goal (60% of opposers); the plan should not be influenced by politics or social pressure (21% of opposers); and the plan should be based on the best available science and data (18% of opposers). (Figure 4.2)

Among sub-groups, feelings that non-Indigenous harvest of caribou should be reflected in management goal was the most frequently mentioned reason given for opposition to the draft management goal and objectives by:

- Respondents from all areas except those who reside outside of B.C. (option not selected by these respondents) (Appendix B Table B7); and
- Hunters/trappers and guide outfitters and concerned citizens (Appendix B Table B8).

Sub-groups with a greater number of opposers who indicated that the plan should not be influenced by politics or social pressure included:

- Respondents from the Northeast, Omineca, and the South Coast (Appendix B Table B7); and
- Hunters/trappers and guide outfitters, and those associated with resource extraction (Appendix B Table B8).

Sub-groups with a greater number of opposers who indicated that the plan should be based on best available science and data included:

- Respondents from the Northeast, and Omineca (Appendix B Table B7); and,
- Hunters/trappers and guide outfitters (Appendix B Table B8).

Other frequently mentioned reasons for opposition to the draft management goal and objectives among sub-groups included:

- human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline; cited more frequently by those associated with First Nations or Indigenous group(s) and those associated with environmental/ecosystem protection and eco-tourism industry (Appendix B Table B8); and
- support for predator control to recover caribou; cited more frequently by those associated with resource extraction (Appendix B Table B8).

4.1.3 Comments from Written Submissions on the Draft Management Goal and Objectives

Email submissions from private citizens (n=7) were supportive of the BCPRP's goal and objectives. They emphasized the importance of maintaining and restoring caribou habitat and advocated for restricting human and industry encroachment on caribou habitat.

First Nations respondents who submitted written submissions (n=2) expressed keen interest and support for the core objectives of the plan to recover boreal caribou in northeastern B.C. They also requested additional engagement and consultation on planning and implementation of BCPRP's management measures citing caribou recovery implications for the ability to exercise Treaty and Aboriginal Rights.

Formal written submissions from industrial stakeholders were also generally supportive of the BCPRP's overall management goal and objectives. Those submissions universally recognized the importance of sustainable caribou populations and the recovery and maintenance of caribou habitat. Several (n=5) also acknowledged Indigenous rights and the need to develop the plan in collaboration and consultation with First Nations.

Industry associations and producers expressed concerns around the lack of detail within the BCPRP on specific management measures required to achieve the BCPRP's goal and objectives. Written submissions from industry associations (n=5) and producers (n=7) noted this created uncertainty for their industries (i.e., oil and gas, forestry, mining). While some submissions called for more detail about specific actions and milestones, others were looking for additional context to demonstrate how the management measures will achieve the management objectives and support the recovery goal.

4.2 Support for Implementation of Proposed Habitat Management Measures for Caribou Recovery

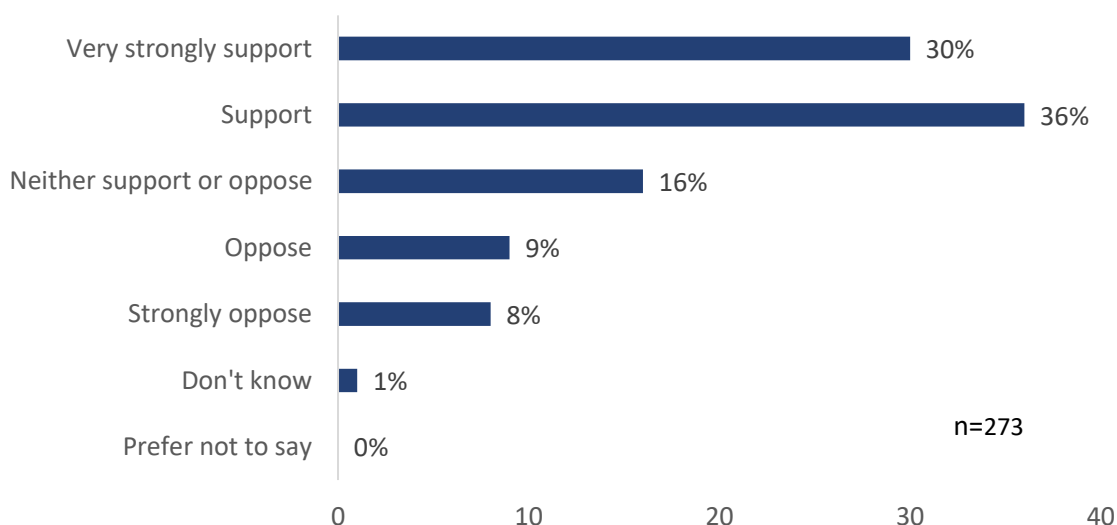
The draft Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan (BCPRP) proposes to increase habitat protections within core management zones and habitat management measures across caribou range. These measures would apply to activities that would further degrade caribou habitat, including petroleum and natural gas development and forestry. The plan also identifies specific areas within core caribou management zones where natural resource development activities are not restricted because of their importance for regional economic development. These areas would be managed for "conditional development" and proposes updated industrial guidance that will focus on mitigating and/or offsetting the impacts of natural resource development on caribou and caribou habitat. Updated guidance is expected to focus on: reducing industrial disturbance through access management, aggregating disturbances where possible to maximize contiguous intact caribou habitat, spatial and temporal caribou avoidance measures, and developing ecologically and culturally appropriate offsetting measures to ensure new development within core management zones is offset.

Survey respondents were asked their level of support for the proposed habitat management measures.

4.2.1 Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures

Approximately 66% of respondents indicated some level of support for the proposed habitat management measures while approximately 17% indicated opposition to these measures. 16% of respondents neither supported or opposed the measures and 1% selected the 'Don't know' option (Figure 4.3).

Figure 4.3 Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures



Survey question: 4. "How much do you support the implementation of proposed habitat management measures for caribou recovery?" Values of 0% indicate less than 1% of respondents selected this option. Numbers might not total to 100% due to rounding. n=number of respondents.

The majority of respondents in all areas supported the proposed habitat management measures (range of 50% to 80% selected "support"/"very strongly support"), with the exception of those residing in the Northeast (46% selected "support"/"very strongly support"). A greater proportion of respondents residing in Omineca (32%), Cariboo (31%), and the Northeast (28%) were opposed to the proposed habitat management measures than those residing in other natural resource regions or outside the province (range of 5% to 17% selected "oppose"/"strongly oppose") (Appendix B Table B9).

Most respondents, regardless of the interest group they identify with, supported the proposed habitat management measures (ranging from 50% to 100%). Among those opposed to the proposed measures, a greater proportion were those associated with resource extraction (37%), and hunters/trappers and guide outfitters (23%) compared to respondents associated with other interest groups (range of 0% to 11% selected "oppose"/"strongly oppose") (Appendix B Table B10).

4.2.2 Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures

Respondents were asked to provide reasons for their level of support of the proposed habitat management measures.

Reasons for Supporting Proposed Habitat Management Measures

Reasons given by respondents who support the proposed habitat management measures were that habitat protection and restoration is essential to caribou recovery (39%), industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou/wildlife conservation (21%), habitat protection for caribou and industrial access should be balanced (15%), and stronger policy, regulations and oversight are needed for industry operating in caribou range (15%). (Figure 4.4)

Similarly, across all sub-groups, the most frequently mentioned reasons for supporting the proposed habitat management measures were that habitat protection and restoration is essential to caribou recovery and that industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou/wildlife conservation (Appendix B Table B11 and B12).

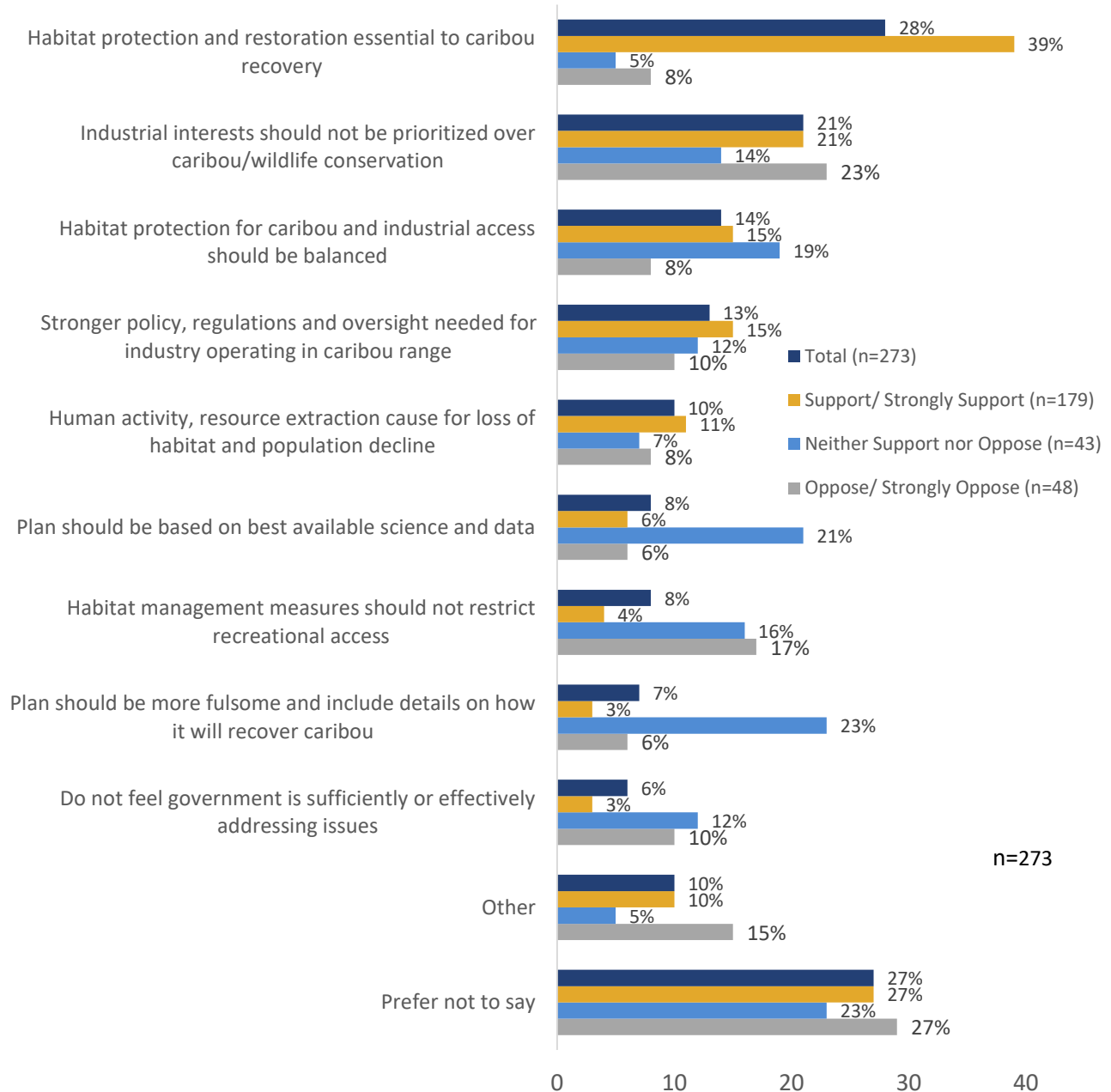
Sub-groups with a greater number of supporters who indicated that habitat protection for caribou and industrial access should be balanced included:

- Respondents from the Northeast, Omineca, Kootenay Boundary, Thompson-Okanagan, and the South Coast (Appendix B Table B11); and
- Hunters/trappers and guide outfitters, and those associated with environmental/ecosystem protection and the eco-tourism industry (Appendix B Table B12).

Sub-groups with a greater number of supporters who indicated that stronger policy, regulations, and oversight are needed for industry operating in caribou range included:

- Respondents from the Omineca and the South Coast (Appendix B Table B11); and
- Those associated with resource extraction and concerned citizens (Appendix B Table B12).

Figure 4.4 Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures



Survey question: 4b. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Multiple responses permitted.
n=number of respondents.

Reasons for Opposing Proposed Habitat Management Measures

The most frequently mentioned reasons for opposing the proposed habitat management measures were that industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou/wildlife conservation (23%) and that habitat management measures should not restrict recreational access (17%) (Figure 4.4).

Sub-groups with a greater number of opposers who indicated that industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou/wildlife conservation included:

- Respondents from the Kootenay Boundary, Thompson-Okanagan, and the West Coast (Appendix B Table B11); and,
- Hunters/trappers and guide outfitters and concerned citizens (Appendix B Table B12).

Sub-groups with a greater number of opposers who indicated that habitat management measures should not restrict recreational access included:

- Respondents from the Northeast (Appendix B Table B11); and
- Hunters/trappers and guide outfitters (Appendix B Table B12).

Other frequently mentioned reasons for opposing the draft management goals and objectives among sub-groups included:

- Stronger policy, regulations and oversight are needed for industry operating in caribou range; mentioned by those residing in Kootenay Boundary and concerned citizens (Appendix B Table B11 and B12).

4.2.3 Written Submissions Comments on Proposed Habitat Management Measures

Comments from written submissions about the proposed habitat management measures focused on measures related to habitat management types and tools for habitat protection, restoration, offsetting³, and wildfire management.

Written submissions from industry associations and producers explicitly called for greater clarity on the delineation of habitat management areas. Specifically, submissions from mining and oil and gas associations and producers called for a clearer definition of what activities would be permitted in management Zone Type 3 and Zone Type 4⁴, and overlap areas. They also wanted to know whether current and future infrastructure constraints were considered when creating the zones; how resources associated with existing tenures in Zone Types 2, 3 and 4 can continue to be developed and transported to market in cases where those lands are surrounded by lands in management Zone Type 1; and how these habitat zones align with the federal habitat classification system.

³ Conservation offsetting compensates for the negative impacts of development on biodiversity through positive actions (e.g., habitat restoration, creation or enhancement) that produce a benefit of an equal or greater magnitude. Offsets may be undertaken voluntarily or may be mandated by a regulator, law or policy. Referenced from: <https://ontarionature.org/programs/greenway/conservation-offsetting/>

⁴ As noted on page 13 of the Draft BCPRP, four habitat management zone types are being proposed. The zones are intended to define the extent of surface and subsurface disturbance to be permitted in each zone ranging from most restrict (i.e., Zone Type 1) to less restrictive (i.e., Zone Type 4).

Submissions from energy and forestry associations and producers called for a clearer definition of what activities would be permitted in core and matrix caribou habitat⁵, and whether exceptions would be made for activities such as forest clearing for the development of transmission lines. Additional concerns or requests from these associations and producers included: a clearer and functional definition of “Conditional Forest Harvest”; consideration for the inclusion of a conditional habitat zone; and consideration of potential impacts to industry when determining additional or expanded core habitat areas.

Regarding measures and tools for caribou habitat protection and restoration, written submissions from mining and oil and gas associations and producers specifically called for: a list of prioritized areas for habitat restoration to be co-developed by Canada and B.C.; updates to the Province’s best practice guide for caribou management to include industry-specific guidance; providing clarity on new regulatory requirements for industry; and elimination of inefficient and redundant regulatory requirements when new requirements are being introduced.

Forestry associations questioned the assumption that a certain proportion of undisturbed habitat within a caribou range is both necessary and sufficient for sustaining caribou subpopulations. They recommended the plan revisit and/or more clearly define appropriate thresholds for habitat disturbance. They also called for distinct objectives for core versus matrix habitat and distinct management actions for linear (e.g., roads, railroads, hydro lines, etc.) versus polygonal (e.g., forestry cutblocks, mines, reservoirs, built-up areas, well sites, etc.) disturbance. Forestry producers also called for clearer wording and more specific targets related to planning of tree/forest cutting activities and suggested that sustainable forest management be considered as a tool to support habitat restoration.

Several written submissions from industry associations and producers supported the use of multi-criteria scenario modelling to assess the costs and benefits of the proposed management strategies. However, they also noted some perceived shortcomings, calling for more accurate and detailed scenario modelling, that should address the following:

- accounting for fire as a disturbance factor when estimating future habitat recovery;
- assumptions about the current state of seismic lines;
- consideration of factors impacting habitat other than disturbances (e.g., nutrition, climate);
- incremental effects of planning restoration to be included in forecasts;
- factoring non-habitat management actions and stressors into estimates of the likelihood of recovery of caribou subpopulations;
- a more comprehensive socio-economic analysis to include forecasts of current conditions and future economic opportunities for First Nations, communities, and industrial operators.

⁵As noted on page 11 of the Draft BCPRP, core and matrix habitat zones are defined as the following. “Core habitat zones incorporate both scientific information (habitat suitability, telemetry data from radio collared boreal caribou) and Indigenous knowledge of caribou distribution and habitat use. Core zones represent the most important habitat within the ranges containing the biophysical attributes required by caribou to carry out life processes necessary for survival and recovery. Areas outside of core zones and within caribou range are classified as matrix habitat. Matrix habitat possesses low periodic caribou use and is important for connectivity between suitable core habitats. Predator-prey dynamics in these areas have the potential to significantly impact caribou populations both directly and indirectly.”

One First Nation called for a process to select priority restoration and protection areas, along with legislative tools to achieve habitat protection and restoration outcomes. One government agency suggested that management measures should include: habitat trend objectives for matrix habitat; further details on how areas surrounding “areas of interest” (where no management actions are proposed) could be managed; defined goals and objectives for areas of interest; and details about requirements for forestry companies operating within conditional habitat zones (and how those requirements would be enforced).

Several written submissions called for more information about habitat offsetting measures that would be culturally appropriate, and details on how offsetting will be used to reduce habitat disturbance.

Finally, a government agency provided comments on wildfire management and suggested that the plan describe measures to manage wildfire risks. The plan could provide a forecast for best, median, and worst-case fire, pest, and drought disturbance scenarios and describe the implications of these scenarios for the management of undisturbed habitat (including habitat protection, offsetting, and restoration plans). Similarly, forestry associations and producers recommended strengthening wildfire and natural disturbance management and consider proactive wildfire management practices and harvesting activities such as the creation of fuel breaks, commercial thinning, and salvage logging.

4.3 Support for Proposed Plans to Develop a Predator Management Program

As part of the caribou population management measures, the draft Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan proposes to develop a predator management program to manage wolf populations within boreal caribou ranges where appropriate (e.g., where there are high caribou mortality rates due to predators, declining caribou populations, or high wolf populations).

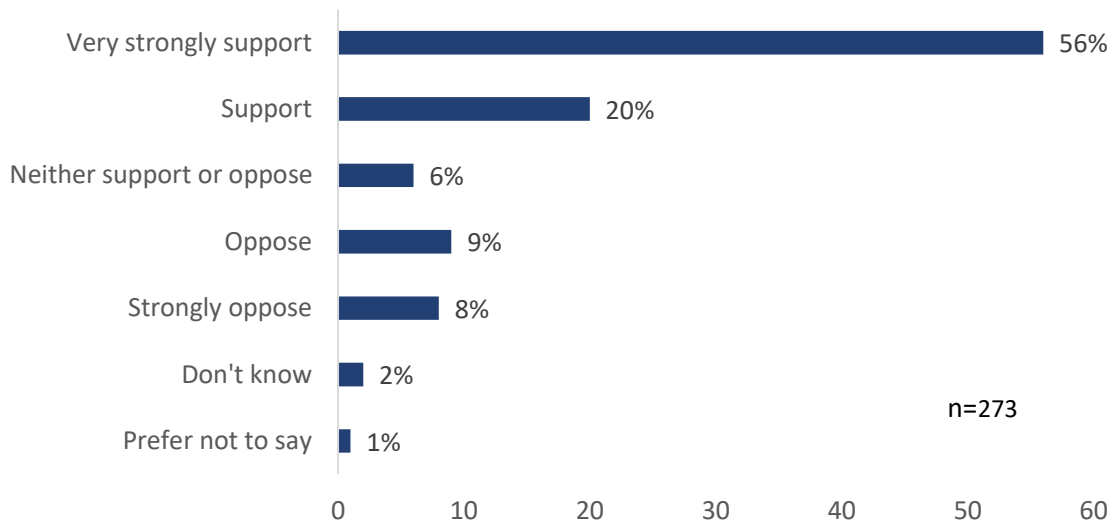
Such a program would be developed and implemented in collaboration with First Nations and align with their guidance on culturally appropriate predator management. It would follow established provincial procedures for planning, implementing, monitoring, and reporting.

Survey respondents were asked about their level of support for the proposed predator management program.

4.3.1 Level of Support for Proposed Plans to Develop a Predator Management Program

Approximately 76% of respondents indicated some level of support for the proposal to develop a predator management program, while approximately 17% of respondents indicated opposition to such a program (Figure 4.5).

Figure 4.5 Support for Proposed Plans to Develop a Predator Management Program



Survey question: 5. “How much do you support the proposed plans to develop a predator management program to strengthen boreal caribou populations?” Numbers might not total to 100% due to rounding. n=number of respondents.

The majority of respondents (regardless of where they resided) supported the development of a predator management program (ranging from 59% to 94%, selecting “support”/“very strongly support”). Respondents opposed to the idea of a predator management program were more likely to reside in the southern portions of the province or outside of B.C. (range of 16% to 28% selecting “oppose”/“strongly oppose” compared to other areas of the province (range of 0% to 14%, selecting “oppose”/“strongly oppose”)) (Appendix B Table B13).

Most respondents, regardless of the interest group they identify with, supported the proposed predator management measures (range of 55% to 89% selecting “support”/“very strongly support”). Concerned citizens (31%) and those associated with environmental/ecosystem protection and the eco-tourism industry (22%) were opposed to the development of a predator management program compared to respondents associated with other interest groups (range of 11% to 13% selecting “oppose”/“strongly oppose”) (Appendix B Table B14).

4.3.2 Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Plans to Develop a Predator Management Program

Respondents were asked to provide reasons for their level of support for plans to develop a predator management program.

Reasons for Supporting Proposed Plans to Develop a Predator Management Program

As shown in Figure 4.6, the most frequently mentioned reason among those who support proposed plans to develop a predator management program include the opinion that predator management is effective and required (49%).

Believing that predator management is effective and required was the most frequently mentioned reason given by respondents across all sub-groups who support the development of a predator

management program, with the exception of those associated with First Nations or Indigenous group(s). Although supporters in this group thought that predator management is effective and required, they were more likely to say they supported managing all predators, not just wolves (Appendix B Table B15 and B16). A few distinctions can be made within sub-groups about other reasons for their support.

Sub-groups with a greater number of supporters who indicated they supported managing all predators (not just wolves) included:

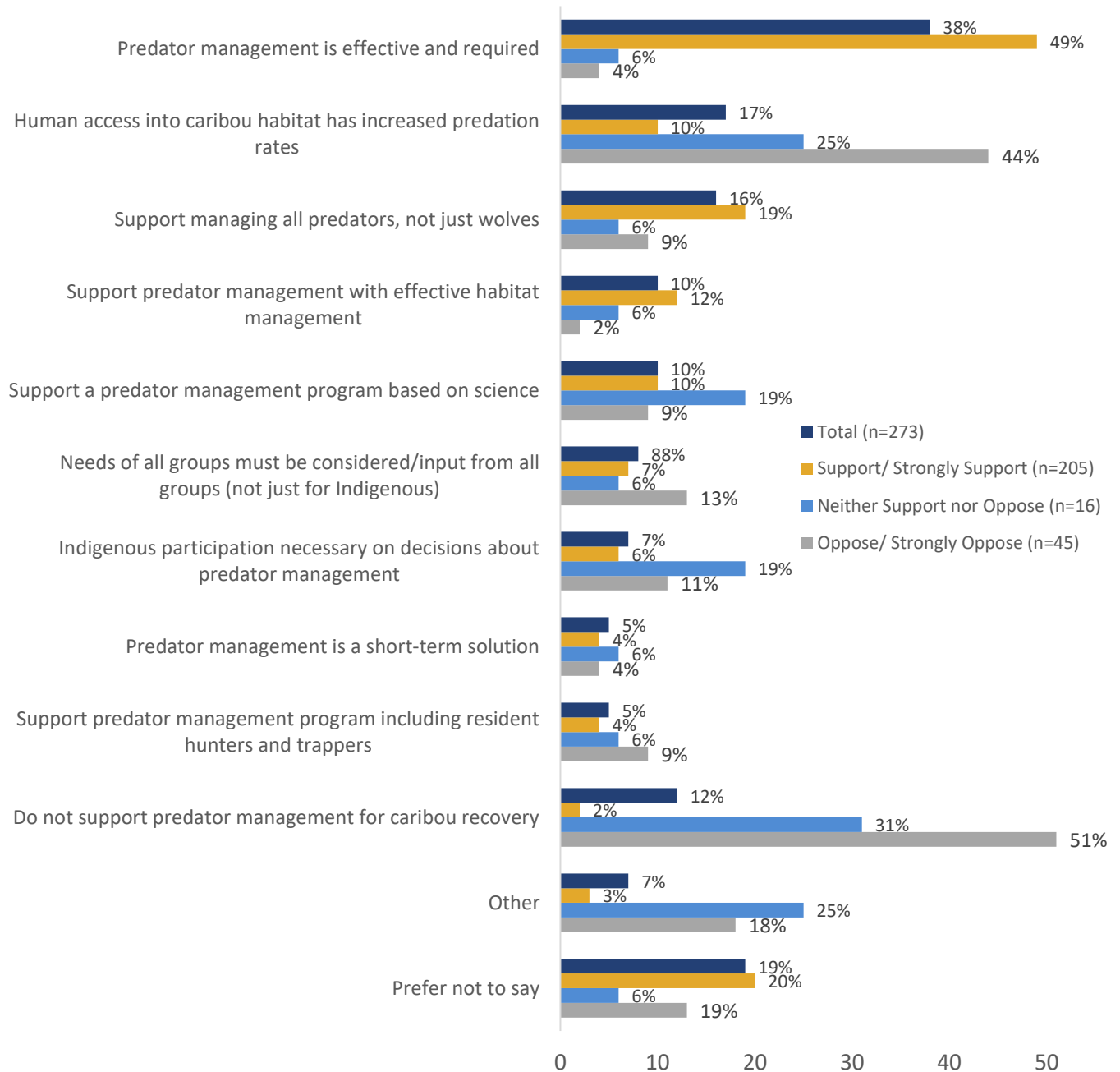
- Respondents from the Northeast, Skeena, and Omineca (Appendix B Table B15); and
- Hunters/trappers and guide outfitters and concerned citizens (Appendix B Table B16).

Sub-groups with a greater number of those who supported predator management with effective habitat management included:

- Respondents from the Kootenay Boundary and the South Coast (Appendix B Table B15); and
- Those associated with resource extraction and concerned citizens (Appendix B Table B16).

Supporters residing in Kootenay Boundary also frequently mentioned that Indigenous participation was necessary on decisions about predator management, while supporters residing in Thompson-Okanagan frequently noted that human access into caribou habitat has increased predation rates (Appendix B Table B15).

Figure 4.6 Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Plans to Develop a Predator Management Program



Survey question: 5b. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Multiple responses permitted. n=number of respondents.

Reasons for Opposing Proposed Plans to Develop a Predator Management Program

The top reason among those who oppose the proposed plans to develop a predator management program was that they did not support predator management to aid caribou recovery (51%). This was followed by the opinion that human access into caribou habitat has increased predation rates (44%) (Figure 4.6).

Opposition to predator management for caribou recovery was also most frequently mentioned among the following sub-groups:

- Respondents from the Kootenay Boundary, Thompson-Okanagan, South Coast, and those living outside of B.C. (Appendix B Table B15); and
- Those associated with environmental/ecosystem protection and the eco-tourism industry and concerned citizens (Appendix B Table B16).

A few distinctions can be made within sub-groups about other reasons for opposing the plan:

- Respondents from the Kootenay Boundary and concerned citizens frequently mentioned that human access into caribou habitat has increased predation rates (Appendix B Table B15 & B16); and
- Hunters/trappers and guide outfitters frequently mentioned that the needs of all groups must be considered and management objectives should not solely consider indigenous harvest needs. (Appendix B Table B16).

4.3.3 Written Submission Comments on Plans for a Predator Management Program

Few written submissions commented specifically on the proposed plans to develop a predator management program. One industry producer noted its support for providing incentives to Indigenous and non-Indigenous hunters to reduce predator populations. Several submissions from First Nations, government agencies and industry producers called for the use of multiple components or tools to manage caribou populations, in addition to predator management (e.g., maternal penning) and/or additional rationale for why other population management measures are not being considered as part of the BCPRP.

Respondents also noted that if other management tools are included, the plan should establish habitat disturbance thresholds and clear procedures for when these additional tools would be implemented, like those already developed for predator management.

4.4 Support for Proposed Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures

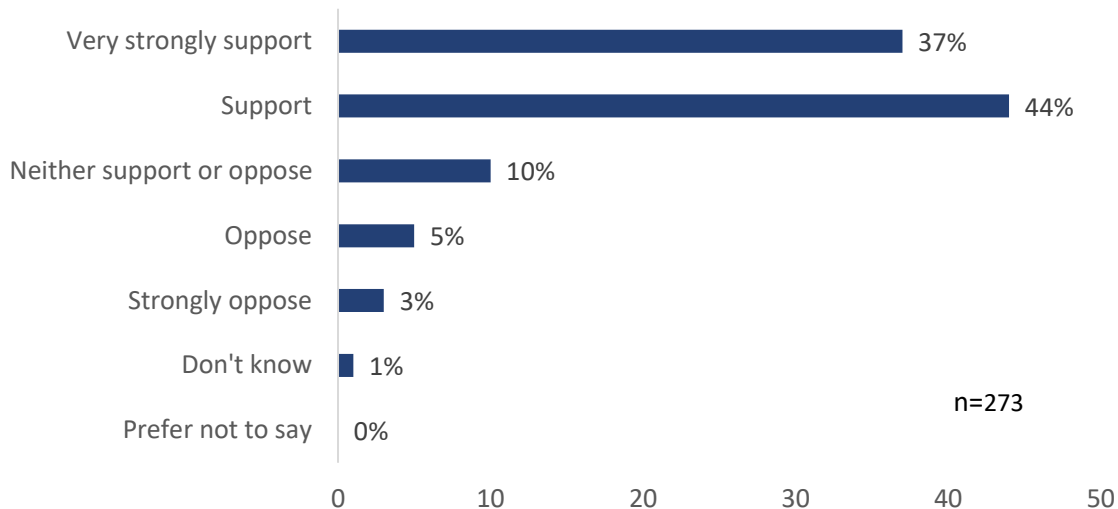
The draft Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan proposes to improve caribou monitoring efforts to better understand how management actions affect boreal caribou populations. Caribou population demographics and growth rates will be monitored annually, and periodic five-year evaluations of caribou populations and habitat will inform future management measures.

Survey respondents were asked about their level of support for the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures.

4.4.1 Level of Support for Proposed Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures

Approximately 82% of respondents indicated some level of support for proposed adaptive management, evaluation and monitoring measures, while approximately 8% of respondents indicated their opposition to these measures (Figure 4.7).

Figure 4.7 Support for Proposed Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures



Survey question: 6. “How much do you support the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures?” Values of 0% indicate less than 1% of respondents selected this option. Numbers might not total to 100% due to rounding. n=number of respondents.

Across all sub-groups, most respondents supported the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures (Appendix B Table B17 and B18).

4.4.2 Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures

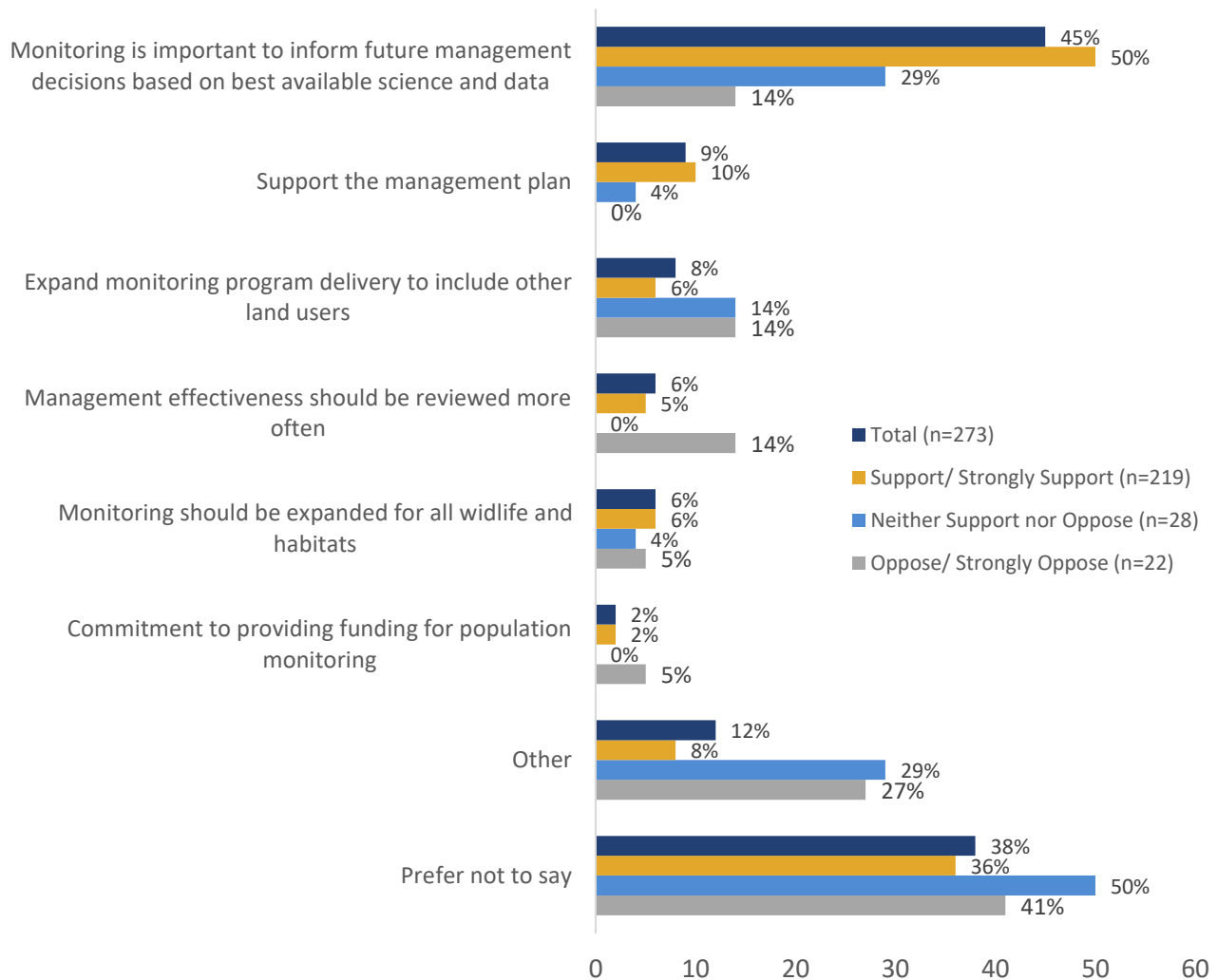
Respondents were asked to provide reasons for their level of support for the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures.

Reasons for Supporting Proposed Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures

Half of all respondents (50%) supported the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures, indicating that monitoring helps inform future management decisions based on the best available science and data (Figure 4.8).

Similarly, the most frequently mentioned reason among supporters across all sub-groups was that monitoring helps inform future management decisions based on the best available science and data with the exception of supporters residing in the Cariboo and those associated with First Nations or Indigenous group(s). The majority of supporters in these sub-groups did not provide a reason (Appendix B Table B19 and B20).

Figure 4.8 Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures



Survey question: 6b. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Multiple responses permitted. n=number of respondents.

Reasons for Opposing Proposed Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures

About 8% of respondents were opposed to the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures. The reasons for their opposition included: monitoring is important to inform future management decisions based on the best available science and data; the need to expand monitoring program delivery to include other land users; and management effectiveness should be reviewed more often (14% of these respondents cited these reasons) (Figure 4.8). The base size for opposers were too small to report differences among any sub-groups (Appendix B Table B19 and B20).

4.4.3 Written Submission Comments on Proposed Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures

Submissions from government agencies, industry associations, and First Nations noted the importance of making caribou planning decisions that are based on science and Indigenous knowledge, and with stakeholder input.

Most of the written submission comments about proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures called for the setting of targets and specific timelines for implementing and monitoring the proposed measures. Suggestions included:

- having more quantitative targets, including specifying how long it's expected to reach a goal of over 65% undisturbed caribou habitat;
- providing details about how the amount and type of habitat disturbance will be tracked over time;
- providing more details on habitat restoration plans (e.g., the targeted number of hectares for restoration by year, preferred locations for industrial activity, etc.);
- describing how restoration efforts will contribute to habitat management objectives;
- including details about the selection of management thresholds and targets, either habitat-based or population-based;
- developing caribou population targets for supporting Indigenous hunting;
- specifying a schedule of activities and timelines for implementing an effective population monitoring program (including costs/values of different monitoring approaches, development of maps and models to help determine population growth, and appropriate timelines for scheduling observations of herds);
- establishing mechanisms to trigger reassessments to ensure that the amount of forecasted undisturbed habitat can still be achieved;
- specifying interim, quantitative targets for monitoring and reporting (including how habitat restoration activities will be monitored for completion and effectiveness); and
- setting feasible, near-term (0-10 years) and medium-term (15-40 years) actions with estimated timelines to achieve long-term (50-100 years) objectives, in response to calls that the current 40-year timeframe is unrealistic and/or does not align with federal targets for habitat recovery.

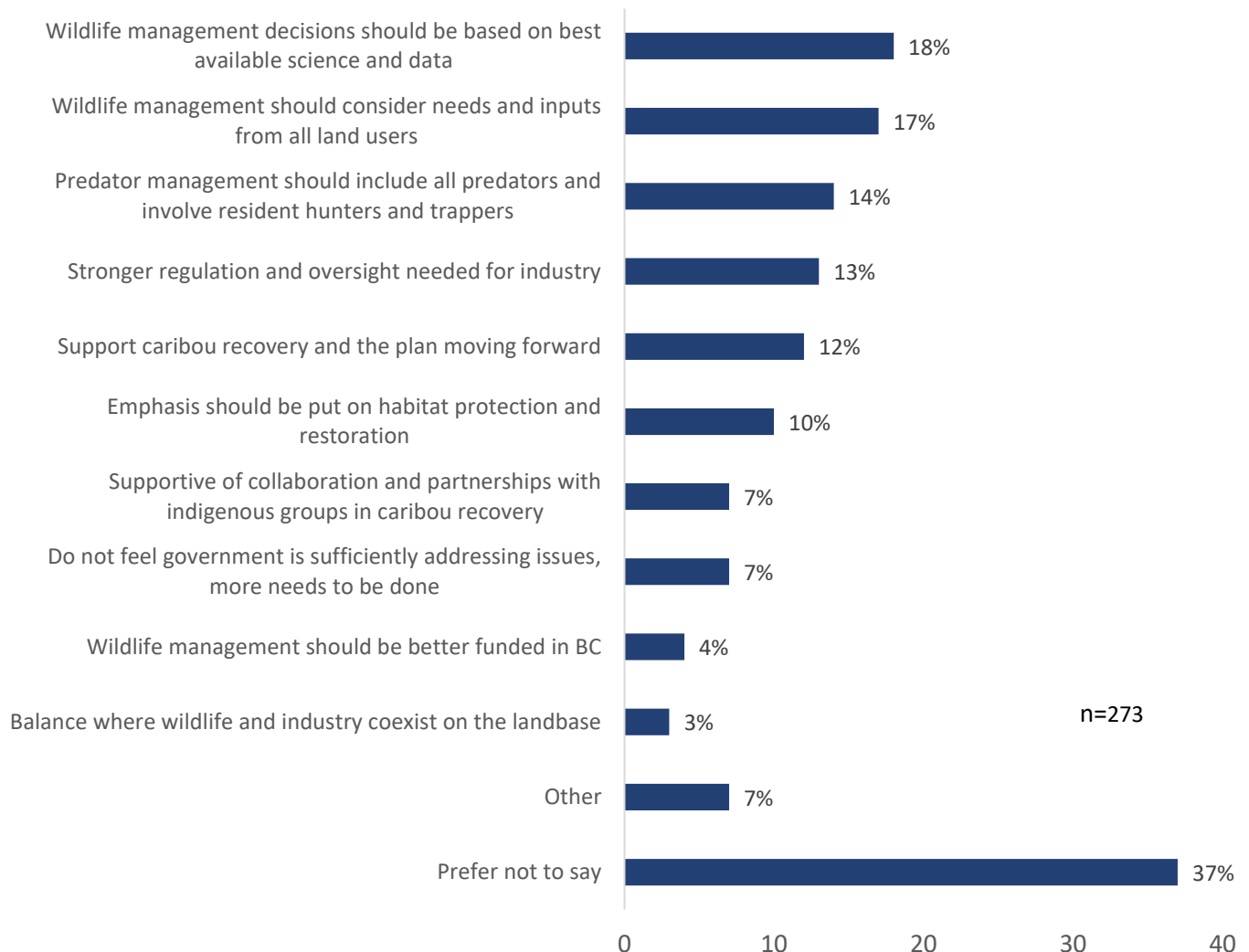
4.5 Additional Comments

4.5.1 Additional Comments from Survey Respondents

Survey respondents were asked whether they would like to provide any other feedback for the Province to consider when finalizing and implementing the Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan. As

shown in Figure 4.9, respondents provided a number of comments, many of which aligned with reasons for supporting or opposing various sections of the plan.

Figure 4.9 Additional Comments Provided by Respondents



Survey question: 7. "Would you like to provide any other feedback for the Province to consider when finalizing and implementing the Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan?" Multiple responses permitted. n=number of respondents.

Among sub-groups of respondents, the principle that wildlife management decisions should be based on the best available science and data was most frequently mentioned by:

- Respondents from the Skeena, Thompson-Okanagan, West Coast, and South Coast regions (Appendix B Table B21); and
- Hunters/trappers and guide outfitters (Appendix B Table B22).

That wildlife management should consider needs and inputs from all land users was most frequently mentioned by:

- Respondents from the Northeast, Skeena, Omineca, and Cariboo (Appendix B Table B21); and
- Those associated with resource extraction (Appendix B Table B22).

The idea that predator management should include all predators and that resident hunters and trappers should be involved was frequently mentioned by:

- Respondents from the West Coast (Appendix B Table B21); and
- Hunters/trappers and guide outfitters, and those associated with First Nations or Indigenous group(s) (Appendix B Table B22).

4.5.2 Additional Comments from Written Submissions

As mentioned in Section 4.1.3, most First Nations, industry associations and industry producers supported the overall plan but advocated for further engagement or formal consultation during the plan's implementation or prior to the BCPRP being finalized.

Several (n=3) industry associations and producers felt that assumptions about existing or future industrial activities in areas impacted by the BCPRP were incorrect or based on outdated information. Others felt that the plan's potential impact on their industry had not been fully considered or that the plan should balance all stakeholder interests. Still others (n=3) noted that the BCPRP is focused on specific herds, and they would like to understand future management goals and objectives for the Chinchaga caribou range before they can fully understand how boreal caribou management in B.C. will impact their access to natural resources. Other respondents (n=3) advocated for a broader landscape planning approach that would establish ecological and economic objectives.

Written submissions from some (n=3) industry associations called for greater alignment of the BCPRP with other government initiatives, commitments, and standards such as: Landscape Planning Frameworks; the Province's net-zero commitments for 2050; carbon capture, utilization, and storage; and harmonizing federal and provincial habitat classification standards. One industry association noted its concern about a disconnect between policy conversations on caribou planning, government-to-government Treaty 8 negotiations, and potential implications they may have on its industry.

SECTION 5: CONCLUSIONS

How do British Columbians feel about the draft management goal and objectives?

The majority of respondents from the public, First Nation partners and those associated with environmental/ecosystem protection and the eco-tourism industry were in favour of the BCPRP's goal and objectives, while most hunters/trappers, guide outfitters and those associated with resource extraction were opposed.

Reasons given for supporting the plan included the importance of maintaining and restoring caribou habitat. However, some supporters (along with most opposers and those taking a neutral stance) thought that caribou population levels should be restored to the point where they can support both Indigenous and non-Indigenous hunting (mentioned by 60% of opposers, 45% of those neither supporting nor opposing, and 14% of supporters).

People responding by email were overwhelmingly in favour of the BCPRP's goal and objectives. The majority of formal written submissions from natural resource industry associations and producers, expressed concerns over potential negative impacts that the plan would have on their industries ability to access natural resources within caribou habitat. Many of the associations and producers explicitly called for the opportunity to engage further on the BCPRP and to be involved in the plan implementation. First Nations that submitted formal written submissions also wanted to be involved in the implementation of the plan.

How do British Columbians feel about the proposed habitat management measures for caribou recovery?

Most survey respondents (regardless of the interest group they identified with) indicated some level of support for the proposed caribou habitat management measures. The top reasons behind their support included that habitat protection and restoration was essential to caribou recovery, and that industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou and wildlife conservation.

Among those who neither supported nor opposed the proposed habitat management measures, the most frequently mentioned reasons were that the plan should be more comprehensive and include additional details on how it will help caribou populations recover, and that the plan should be based on the best available science and data.

Among those who opposed the proposed habitat management measures, the most frequently mentioned reason was that industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou and wildlife conservation. This was followed by the reason that habitat management measures should not restrict recreational access.

One general theme of the formal written submissions (regardless of the interest group) was a need for greater clarification of the proposed habitat management measures. Comments from industry associations and producers explicitly called for greater clarity on the delineation of management zones and industry-specific guidance on any new regulatory requirements that would result from the BCPRP being finalized. All industry expressed a desire to understand potential implications for caribou management measures within the Chinchaga range, which was not included within the BCPRP. Without

such clarity, many of those respondents felt that the BCPRP created uncertainty for their industry operations. First Nations and one government agency called for more details about how management measures would be enforced.

While supporting the use of a scenario-based planning approach to assess tradeoffs associated with proposed management strategies, some industry associations and producers questioned the accuracy of some assumptions regarding future industrial development interests in the region and they requested additional government engagement with their industry.

How do British Columbians feel about the proposed plans to develop a predator management program to strengthen boreal caribou populations?

The majority of survey respondents (76%) support a predator management program to strengthen boreal caribou populations, with their top reason being that predator management was effective and required.

Those who neither supported nor opposed predator management indicated that human access to caribou habitat has increased predation rates, and that such a program should be considered based on science and input from Indigenous partners.

Among those opposed to a predator management program, many noted that human access to caribou habitat has increased predation rates and habitat protection and restoration should be the primary focus of recovery management measures.

Few written submissions commented specifically on the proposed plan to develop a predator management program. However, several submissions called for the use of more caribou population management in addition to predator management (e.g., maternal penning) and/or a rationale for why those tools are not being considered as part of the BCPRP. They also noted that if those other tools are included, the plan should establish clear population and habitat management thresholds and procedures for when these tools would be implemented.

How do British Columbians feel about the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures?

Across all sub-groups, most survey respondents indicated some level of support for the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures (82% supported, 10% were neutral, and 8% opposed). The top reason for supporting those measures was that monitoring helps ensure future management decisions are based on the best available science and data. Among those opposed to the measures, reasons for opposition included expanded monitoring of the program to include other land users, and the need for more frequent review of the effectiveness of habitat management measures.

Formal written submissions stressed the importance of making caribou planning decisions based on both science and Indigenous knowledge, and with stakeholder input. The key theme arising from the written submissions was a call for the setting of targets and specific timelines for implementing and monitoring the proposed measures.

APPENDIX A: SURVEY

Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan (BCPRP)

The B.C. government is seeking feedback on a draft Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan (https://engage.gov.bc.ca/app/uploads/sites/373/2022/04/BCPRP_DRAFT_MAR2022.pdf) that was co-developed by the Province and Fort Nelson First Nation, in collaboration with the Northern Rockies Regional Municipality.

The intent of the BCPRP is to provide direction to aid the recovery of caribou populations in four of the five boreal caribou ranges in B.C.: Calendar, Maxhamish, Snake-Sahtaneh, and Westside Fort Nelson. Your responses to this survey will be used to inform future decision-making as part of the final recovery plan.

This survey will take about 15 minutes to complete. Any information you provide is collected in accordance with the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA) and will be synthesized with other responses to ensure that individual responses remain anonymous. As part of this engagement process, there will be opportunities to participate in future consultations regarding boreal caribou protection and recovery. If you are interested in offering additional feedback, you can provide your contact information later in this survey.

Thank you in advance for your interest and your feedback on boreal caribou recovery.

Please note: This online feedback form supports Internet Explorer 11 and all newer comparable browsers like Firefox, Chrome, Opera etc. with activated JavaScript. Your browser settings must have cookies enabled for the questionnaire to run properly and inactivity on the questionnaire for longer than one hour will result in the questionnaire timing out.

Collection Notice: Personal information is collected by the Ministry of 'Citizens' Services for the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development under the authority of section 26(c) and 26(e) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIPPA), for the purposes of soliciting the public's feedback on BC Boreal Caribou Recovery and Protection Plan. If you have any questions about the collection, use and disclosure of your personal information, please contact: Director, Citizen Engagement, citizenengagement@gov.bc.ca (<mailto:citizenengagement@gov.bc.ca>).

Please do not include any personally identifiable information about yourself or others in your response.

There are 18 questions in this survey.

Usage of Land - The following questions focus on the ways in which you use the lands covered by the Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan.

1	Which of the following boreal caribou ranges do you spend time in?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calendar • Maxhamish • Snake-Sahtaneh • Westside • Fort Nelson • Chinchaga • I do not spend time in any of these regions 	Check all that apply Includes map
2	What activities and practices do you engage in while in the areas indicated in the previous question?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural practices • Practice of Treaty Rights • Recreation • Hunting/Trapping • Livelihood (e.g., Petroleum & Natural Gas Development, Forestry, Other Industry) • Do not use the lands • Other 	Check all that apply Includes an Other question

Management Goals and Objectives

The plan identifies a management goal to: “recover boreal caribou populations across their range to self-sustaining status and to a level capable of supporting an Indigenous sustenance harvest”. In pursuit of this management goal, the plan establishes objectives to:

1. establish a positive habitat trend within core management zones by maintaining the condition of intact habitat and improving the condition of currently degraded habitat; and
2. stabilize and achieve a positive population trend across all ranges.

1	What is your level of support for the draft management goals and objectives?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very strongly support • Support • Neither support or oppose • Oppose • Strongly oppose • Don't know 	Choose one of the following answers
2	Please tell us why you choose your answer above.		Open comment

Habitat Management Measures

To support the achievement of its objectives, the draft Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan proposes to increase habitat protections and management measures within specific areas of core management zones. These measures would apply to activities that would further degrade caribou habitat, including petroleum and natural gas development activities and forestry activities.

The BCPRP identifies specific areas within core caribou management zones where natural resource development activities are not restricted because of their importance to regional community development and to the provincial government. These areas will be managed for conditional development which regulates industrial footprint and/or proposes updated industrial guidance that focus on mitigating and/or offsetting impacts to caribou and caribou habitat from natural resource development.

1	How much do you support the implementation of proposed habitat management measures for caribou recovery?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very strongly support • Support • Neither support or oppose • Oppose • Strongly oppose • Don't know 	Choose one of the following answers
2	Please tell us why you choose your answer above.		Open comment

Population Management Measures

The draft Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan proposes to develop a predator management program to manage wolf populations within boreal caribou ranges where appropriate (for example, where there are high mortality rates due to predators, declining caribou populations, or high wolf populations). Such a program would be developed and implemented in collaboration with First Nations, align with their guidance on culturally appropriate predator management and would follow established provincial procedures for planning, implementing, monitoring, and reporting.

1	How much do you support the proposed plans to develop a predator management program to strengthen boreal caribou populations?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very strongly support • Support • Neither support or oppose • Oppose • Strongly oppose • Don't know 	Choose one of the following answers
2	Please tell us why you choose your answer above.		Open comment

Adaptive Management, Evaluation & Monitoring

The draft Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan proposes to improve caribou monitoring efforts to better understand how management actions affect boreal caribou populations. Caribou population demographics and growth rates will be monitored annually. Periodic five-year and 10-year evaluations of caribou populations and habitat will inform future management strategies.

1	How much do you support the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Very strongly support • Support • Neither support or oppose • Oppose • Strongly oppose • Don't know 	Choose one of the following answers
2	Please tell us why you choose your answer above.		Open comment
Other Feedback			
1	Would you like to provide any other feedback for the Province to consider when finalizing and implementing the Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan?		Open comment
Demographics			
Understanding the demographics of respondents will help to analyze and present the feedback in a way that is more useful to planners and decisionmakers.			
1	Which age category do you belong to?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 years or younger • 18 to 24 years • 25 to 44 years • 45 to 65 years • 65 years or older • Prefer not to say 	Choose one of the following answers
2	Do you identify as belonging to one of the following Indigenous groups?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • First Nations • Métis • Inuit • I do not identify as Indigenous • Prefer not to say • Other Indigenous group. Please specify: 	Choose one of the following answers Includes an Other question
3	Which natural resource region do you live in?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northeast • Skeena • Omineca • Cariboo • Kootenay-Boundary • Thompson-Okanagan • West Coast • South Coast 	Choose one of the following answers Includes map

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I do not live in B.C. 	
	<p>How would you best describe the reason for your interest in caribou recovery initiatives in B.C.?(select the one category that you feel best reflects your interest):</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guide outfitting • Associated with eco-tourism industry Eco-tourism • Hunting/Trapping • Associated with First Nations or Indigenous interests group(s) • Associated with Environmental/ecosystem protection • Associated with resource extraction (forestry, mining, oil & gas) • Other concerned citizen or business individual not associated with any of the above • Other • 	<p>Choose one of the following answers</p>

Conclusion

Thank you for providing your feedback on the caribou protection plan for northeast British Columbia. Your time is very much appreciated and your responses will be used to inform changes to the plan and ensure the Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan is effective in its scope and implementation.

Would you be interested in contributing further to this consultation process if additional opportunities were available? If so, your name and contact information will be provided (without your survey responses) when the survey results are shared with the Ministry of Forests, Lands, Natural Resource Operations and Rural Development.

Please choose only one of the following:

☐ Yes

☐ No

Please provide your contact info below.

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Thank you for your feedback.

APPENDIX B: SURVEY DATA TABLES

Crosstabulations by natural resource region and interest group.

Table B1a: Time Spent in Natural Resource Areas by Region

	Northeast		Skeena		Omineca		Cariboo		Kootenay Boundary	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Calendar	12	24%	3	21%	5	14%	3	19%	4	15%
Maxhamish	28	55%	5	36%	16	43%	5	31%	6	22%
Snake-Sahtaneh	24	47%	3	21%	12	32%	3	19%	6	22%
Westside Fort Nelson	35	69%	5	36%	20	54%	6	38%	7	26%
Chinchaga	34	67%	3	21%	18	49%	7	44%	6	22%
Do not spend time in these regions	4	8%	7	50%	7	19%	5	31%	19	70%
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	51	100%	14	100%	37	100%	16	100%	27	100%

Survey question: 1. "Which of the following boreal caribou ranges do you spend time in?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B1b: Time Spent in Natural Resource Areas by Region (continued)

	Thompson-Okanagan		West Coast		South Coast		Out of province	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Calendar	1	3.2%	4	12.9%	7	16.3%	1	4.5%
Maxhamish	6	19.4%	7	22.6%	14	32.6%	3	13.6%
Snake-Sahtaneh	3	9.7%	8	25.8%	11	25.6%	1	4.5%
Westside Fort Nelson	8	25.8%	12	38.7%	18	41.9%	4	18.2%
Chinchaga	5	16.1%	9	29.0%	15	34.9%	3	13.6%
Do not spend time in these regions	16	51.6%	16	51.6%	20	46.5%	15	68.2%
Prefer not to say	--	--	1	3.2%	1	2.3%	1	4.5%
Total	31	100%	31	100%	43	100%	22	100%

Survey question: 1. "Which of the following boreal caribou ranges do you spend time in?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B2a: Time Spent in Natural Resource Areas by Interest Group

	Hunter/ Trapper & Guide Outfitting		Associated with First Nations or Indigenous Group(s)		Associated with Environmental/ Ecosystem Protection & Eco-Tourism	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Calendar	25	17%	1	11%	1	3%
Maxhamish	63	43%	2	22%	7	19%
Snake-Sahtaneh	46	32%	3	33%	4	11%
Westside Fort Nelson	76	52%	3	33%	13	35%
Chinchaga	63	43%	5	56%	8	22%
Do not spend time in these regions	40	27%	2	22%	20	54%
Prefer not to say	2	1%	--	--	1	3%
Total	146	100%	9	100%	37	100%

Survey question: 1. "Which of the following boreal caribou ranges do you spend time in?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B2b: Time Spent in Natural Resource Areas by Interest Group (continued)

	Associated with Resource Extraction		Concerned Citizen or Business Individual	
	#	%	#	%
Calendar	2	13%	11	18%
Maxhamish	2	13%	14	23%
Snake-Sahtaneh	4	25%	13	21%
Westside Fort Nelson	6	38%	15	25%
Chinchaga	5	31%	17	28%
Do not spend time in these regions	7	44%	40	66%
Prefer not to say	--	--	1	2%
Total	16	100%	61	100%

Survey question: 1. "Which of the following boreal caribou ranges do you spend time in?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B3a: Activities and Practices in Natural Resource Areas by Region

	Northeast		Skeena		Omineca		Cariboo		Kootenay Boundary	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Cultural practices	6	13%	--	--	3	10%	6	55%	3	38%
Practice of Treaty Rights	--	--	--	--	1	3%	--	--	--	--
Recreation	41	88%	6	86%	20	67%	7	64%	6	75%
Hunting/Trapping	37	79%	7	100%	28	93%	10	91%	6	75%
Livelihood	26	55 %	2	29%	6	20%	1	10%	1	13%
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Do not use the lands	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	2	4%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	47	100%	7	100%	30	100%	11	100%	8	100%

Survey question: 2. "What activities and practices do you engage in while in the areas indicated in the previous question?" Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B3b: Activities and Practices in Natural Resource Areas by Region (continued)

	Thompson-Okanagan		West Coast		South Coast		Out of province	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Cultural practices	--	--	4	27%	3	13%	1	14%
Practice of Treaty Rights	--	--	1	7%	--	--	--	--
Recreation	10	67%	7	47%	16	70%	1	14%
Hunting/Trapping	13	87%	12	80%	19	83%	2	29%
Livelihood	2	13%	1	7%	3	13%	1	14%
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Do not use the lands	--	--	--	--	1	4%	1	14%
Prefer not to say	--	--	1	7%	1	4%	3	43%
Total	15	100%	15	100%	23	100%	7	100%

Survey question: 2. "What activities and practices do you engage in while in the areas indicated in the previous question?" Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B4a: Activities and Practices in Natural Resource Areas by Interest Group

	Hunter/ Trapper & Guide Outfitting		Associated with First Nations or Indigenous Group(s)		Associated with Environmental/ Ecosystem Protection & Eco-Tourism Industry	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Cultural practices	14	13%	3	43%	2	12%
Practice of Treaty Rights	1	1%	--	--	--	--
Recreation	76	72%	3	43%	14	82%
Hunting/Trapping	102	96%	5	71%	7	41%
Livelihood	25	24%	--	--	3	18%
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--
Do not use the lands	--	--	--	--	2	12%
Prefer not to say	1	1%	1	14%	1	6%
Total	106	100%	7	100%	17	100%

Survey question: 2. "What activities and practices do you engage in while in the areas indicated in the previous question?"
Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B4b: Activities and Practices in Natural Resource Areas by Interest Group (continued)

	Associated with Resource Extraction		Concerned Citizen or Business Individual	
	#	%	#	%
Cultural practices	1	11%	6	29%
Practice of Treaty Rights	--	--	1	5%
Recreation	4	44%	15	71%
Hunting/Trapping	3	33%	15	71%
Livelihood	8	89%	7	33%
Other	--	--	--	--
Do not use the lands	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	2	22%	2	10%
Total	9	100%	21	100%

Survey question: 2. "What activities and practices do you engage in while in the areas indicated in the previous question?"
Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B5a: Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives by Region

	Northeast		Skeena		Omineca		Cariboo		Kootenay Boundary	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	5	10%	2	14%	6	16%	2	13%	16	59%
Support	18	35%	5	36%	7	19%	1	6%	6	22%
Neither support nor oppose	6	19%	2	14%	5	14%	2	13%	2	7%
Oppose	8	16%	2	14%	9	24%	7	44%	3	11%
Strongly oppose	13	26%	3	21%	8	22%	3	19%	--	--
Do not know	1	2%	--	--	2	5%	1	6%	--	--
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	51	100%	14	100%	37	100%	16	100%	27	100%

Survey question: 3. "What is your level of support for the draft management goal and objectives?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding." Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B5b: Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives by Region Continued

	Thompson-Okanagan		West Coast		South Coast		Out of province	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	5	16%	11	36%	16	37%	14	64%
Support	10	32%	8	26%	11	26%	4	18%
Neither support nor oppose	5	16%	6	19%	8	19%	2	10%
Oppose	3	10%	2	7%	5	12%	--	--
Strongly oppose	7	23%	3	10%	1	2%	1	5%
Do not know	--	--	1	3%	1	2%	--	--
Prefer not to say	1	3%	--	--	1	2%	1	5%
Total	31	100%	31	100%	43	100%	22	100%

Survey question: 3. "What is your level of support for the draft management goal and objectives?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B6a: Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives by Interest Group

	Hunter/ Trapper & Guide Outfitting		Associated with First Nations or Indigenous Group(s)		Associated with environmental/ecosystem protection & eco-tourism industry	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	18	12%	6	67%	17	46%
Support	35	24%	--	--	15	41%
Neither support nor oppose	28	19%	1	11%	0	0%
Oppose	30	21%	1	11%	2	5%
Strongly oppose	29	20%	1	11%	2	5%
Do not know	6	4%	--	--	0	0%
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	1	3%
Total	146	100%	9	100%	37	100%

Survey question: 3. "What is your level of support for the draft management goal and objectives?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B6b: Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives by Interest Group (continued)

	Associated with Resource Extraction		Concerned Citizen or Business Individual	
	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	4	25%	31	51%
Support	3	19%	16	26%
Neither support nor oppose	3	19%	5	8%
Oppose	3	19%	3	5%
Strongly oppose	3	19%	4	7%
Do not know	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	--	--	2	3%
Total	16	100%	61	100%

Survey question: 3. "What is your level of support for the draft management goal and objectives? Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B7a: Reasons for Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives by Region

	Northeast					Skeena		
	Support		Neutral	Oppose		Support	Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	#
Support for creating/maintaining caribou habitat	13	57%	--	--	--	7	--	--
Non-Indigenous harvest of caribou should be reflected in management goal	4	17%	1	8	38%	4	2	4
Caribou are an iconic and important species	2	9%	--	--	--	1	--	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	2	9%	--	1	5%	--	--	1
Plan based on best available science and data	2	9%	--	4	19%	1	1	1
Support collaborative approach to management and indigenous-led conservation efforts	1	4%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Plan should include more information on proposed regulations, Indigenous sustenance harvest and population targets	4	17%	2	1	5%	--	--	1
Support for predator control to recover caribou	2	9%	1	4	19%	--	--	--
Plan should not be influenced by politics, social pressure	1	4%	1	7	33%	--	1	2
Plan should balance wildlife recovery and industrial development	--	--	--	3	14%	--	--	--
Other	1	4%	--	2	10%	--	--	1
Prefer not to say	3	13%	2	3	14%	--	--	--
Total	23	100%	6	21	100%	7	2	5

Survey question: 3. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B7b: Reasons for Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives by Region

	Omineca					Cariboo			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose		Support	Neutral	Oppose	
	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	#	%
Support for creating/maintaining caribou habitat	9	69%	--	--	--	3	--	1	10%
Non-Indigenous harvest of caribou should be reflected in management goal	3	23%	1	13	77%	--	1	5	50%
Caribou are an iconic and important species	1	8%	--	--	--	1	--	--	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	2	15%	--	1	6%	--	--	--	--
Plan based on best available science and data	2	15%	2	3	18%	--	--	3	30%
Support collaborative approach to management and indigenous-led conservation efforts	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Plan should include more information on proposed regulations, Indigenous sustenance harvest and population targets	1	8%	--	--	--	--	--	1	10%
Support for predator control to recover caribou	2	15%	1	--	--	--	--	1	10%
Plan should not be influenced by politics, social pressure	2	15%	--	3	18%	--	1	1	10%
Plan should balance wildlife recovery and industrial development	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--	2	12%	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	--	--	2	1	6%	--	1	2	20%
Total	13	100%	5	17	100%	3	2	10	100%

Survey question: 3. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B7c: Reasons for Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives by Region

	Kootenay Boundary				Thompson-Okanagan				
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose	
	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#	%
Support for creating/maintaining caribou habitat	14	64%	--	--	6	40%	1	1	10%
Non-Indigenous harvest of caribou should be reflected in management goal	1	5%	2	3	1	7%	4	7	70%
Caribou are an iconic and important species	5	23%	--	--	2	13%	--	--	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	3	14%	--	--	3	20%	--	1	10%
Plan based on best available science and data	3	14%	--	--	3	20%	1	1	10%
Support collaborative approach to management and indigenous-led conservation efforts	2	9%	--	--	1	7%	--	--	--
Plan should include more information on proposed regulations, Indigenous sustenance harvest and population targets	2	9%	--	--	0	0%	1	2	20%
Support for predator control to recover caribou	--	--	--	--	2	13%	--	--	--
Plan should not be influenced by politics, social pressure	1	5%	--	--	--	--	1	2	20%
Plan should balance wildlife recovery and industrial development	2	9%	1	--	1	7%	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--	--	1	7%	1	1	10%
Prefer not to say	3	14%	--	--	5	33%	--	--	--
Total	22	100%	2	3	15	100%	5	10	100%

Survey question: 3. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B7d: Reasons for Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives by Region

	West Coast				South Coast			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#
Support for creating/maintaining caribou habitat	8	42%	1	--	19	70%	5	--
Non-Indigenous harvest of caribou should be reflected in management goal	3	16%	2	4	4	15%	4	3
Caribou are an iconic and important species	5	26%	--	--	1	4%	--	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	--	--	--	1	2	7%	2	1
Plan should be based on best available science and data	2	11%	1	--	--	--	--	2
Support collaborative approach to management and indigenous-led conservation efforts	2	11%	--	--	1	4%	--	--
Plan should include more information on proposed regulations, Indigenous sustenance harvest and population targets	--	--	--	1	--	--	1	1
Support for predator control to recover caribou	1	5%	1	--	--	--	2	1
Plan should not be influenced by politics, social pressure	1	5%	1	--	--	--	1	1
Plan should balance wildlife recovery and industrial development	--	--	--	1	1	4%	1	--
Other	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	4	21%	2	--	5	19%	--	1
Total	19	100%	6	5	27	100%	8	6

Survey question: 3. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B7e: Reasons for Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives by Region

	Out of Province			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#
Support for creating/maintaining caribou habitat	13	72%	1	--
Non-Indigenous harvest of caribou should be reflected in management goal	1	6%	--	--
Caribou are an iconic and important species	2	11%	--	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	2	11%	--	--
Plan should be based on best available science and data	--	--	--	--
Support collaborative approach to management and indigenous-led conservation efforts	3	17%	--	--
Plan should include more information on proposed regulations, Indigenous sustenance harvest and population targets	1	6%	--	--
Support for predator control to recover caribou	--	--	1	--
Plan should not be influenced by politics, social pressure	--	--	--	--
Plan should balance wildlife recovery and industrial development	1	6%	1	--
Other	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	3	17%	--	1
Total	18	100%	2	1

Survey question: 3. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B8a: Reasons for Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives by Interest Group

	Hunter/Trapper & Guide Outfitting						Associated with First Nations or Indigenous group(s)			
	Support		Neutral		Oppose		Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	#
Support for creating/maintaining caribou habitat	29	55%	3	11%	2	3%	2	33%	--	--
Non-Indigenous harvest of caribou should be reflected in management goal	14	26%	14	50%	41	70%	1	17%	--	--
Caribou are an iconic and important species	3	6%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	3	6%	1	4%	3	5%	2	33%	--	1
Plan should be based on best available science and data	9	17%	4	14%	12	20%	--	--	1	--
Support collaborative approach to management and Indigenous-led conservation efforts	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	17%	--	--
Plan should include more information on proposed regulations, Indigenous sustenance harvest and population targets	3	6%	2	7%	4	7%	1	17%	--	1
Support for predator control to recover caribou	4	8%	5	18%	2	3%	2	33%	--	--
Plan should not be influenced by politics, social pressure	3	6%	5	18%	13	22%	1	17%	--	--
Plan should balance wildlife recovery and industrial development	2	4%	--	--	2	3%	--	--	--	--
Other	2	4%	1	4%	3	5%	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	12	23%	7	25%	6	10%	--	--	--	--
Total	53	100%	28	100%	59	100%	6	100%	1	2

Survey question: 3. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B8b: Reasons for Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives by Interest Group

	Associated with Resource Extraction			Concerned citizen or Business Individual			
	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Support	Neutral	Oppose	
	#	#	#	#	%	#	#
Support for creating/maintaining caribou habitat	4	--	--	34	72%	4	--
Non-Indigenous harvest of caribou should be reflected in management goal	1	1	1	2	4%	2	3
Caribou are an iconic and important species	2	--	--	10	21%	--	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	--	--	--	6	13%	1	--
Plan based on best available science and data	--	--	1	3	6%	--	1
Support collaborative approach to management and indigenous-led conservation efforts	--	--	--	5	11%	--	--
Plan should include more information on proposed regulations, Indigenous sustenance harvest and population targets	--	1	1	1	2%	1	1
Support for predator control to recover caribou	--	1	3	1	2%	--	--
Plan should not be influenced by politics, social pressure	--	1	2	1	2%	--	--
Plan should balance wildlife recovery and industrial development	--	1	--	1	2%	2	--
Other	--	--	1	--	--	--	2
Prefer not to say	2	--	--	4	9%	--	2
Total	7	3	6	47	100%	5	7

Survey question: 3. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B8c: Reasons for Level of Support for the Draft Management Goal and Objectives by Interest Group

	Associated with environmental/ecosystem protection & eco-tourism industry			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#
Support for creating/maintaining caribou habitat	21	66%	--	--
Non-Indigenous harvest of caribou should be reflected in management goal	2	6%	--	2
Caribou are an iconic and important species	5	16%	--	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	3	9%	--	2
Plan should be based on best available science and data	1	3%	--	--
Support collaborative approach to management and Indigenous-led conservation efforts	4	13%	--	--
Plan should include more information on proposed regulations, indigenous sustenance harvest and population targets	3	9%	--	--
Support for predator control to recover caribou	--	--	--	1
Plan should not be influenced by politics, social pressure	--	--	--	1
Plan should balance wildlife recovery and industrial development	2	6%	--	2
Other	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	5	16%	--	--
Total	32	100%	0	4

Survey question: 3. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B9a: Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures by Region

	Northeast		Skeena		Omineca		Cariboo		Kootenay Boundary	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	5	10%	4	29%	8	22%	1	6%	12	44%
Support	18	35%	5	36%	16	43%	7	44%	8	30%
Neither support nor oppose	13	26%	3	21%	1	3%	3	19%	3	11%
Oppose	7	14%	--	--	6	16%	5	31%	2	7%
Strongly oppose	7	14%	2	14%	6	16%	--	--	2	7%
Do not know	1	2%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	51	100%	14	100%	37	100%	16	100%	27	100%

Survey question: 4. "How much do you support the implementation of proposed habitat management measures for caribou recovery?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B9b: Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures by Region (continued)

	Thompson-Okanagan		West Coast		South Coast		Out of province	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	10	32%	11	36%	15	35%	15	68%
Support	12	39%	13	42%	14	33%	4	18%
Neither support nor oppose	6	19%	1	3%	11	26%	2	9%
Oppose	3	10%	1	3%	1	2%	--	--
Strongly oppose	--	--	4	13%	1	2%	1	5%
Do not know	--	--	1	3%	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	1	2%	--	--
Total	31	100%	31	100%	43	100%	22	100%

Survey question: 4. "How much do you support the implementation of proposed habitat management measures for caribou recovery?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B10a: Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures by Interest Group

	Hunter/ Trapper & Guide Outfitting		Associated with First Nations or Indigenous Group(s)		Associated with Environmental/ Ecosystem Protection & Eco-Tourism Industry	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	29	20%	4	44%	14	38%
Support	61	42%	5	56%	11	30%
Neither support nor oppose	22	15%	--	--	10	27%
Oppose	17	12%	--	--	1	3%
Strongly oppose	16	11%	--	--	--	--
Do not know	1	1%	--	--	1	3%
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	1	3%
Total	146	100%	9	100%	37	100%

Survey question: 4. "How much do you support the implementation of proposed habitat management measures for caribou recovery?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B10b: Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures by Interest Group (continued)

	Associated with Resource Extraction		Concerned Citizen or Business Individual	
	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	4	25%	28	46%
Support	4	25%	16	26%
Neither support nor oppose	2	13%	9	15%
Oppose	5	31%	2	3%
Strongly oppose	1	6%	5	8%
Do not know	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	--	--	1	2%
Total	16	100%	61	100%

Survey question: 4. "How much do you support the implementation of proposed habitat management measures for caribou recovery?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Values of 0% indicate less than 1% of respondents selected this option. -- option not selected.

Table B11a: Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures by Region

	Northeast						Skeena		
	Support		Neutral		Oppose		Support	Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	#	#
Habitat protection and restoration essential to caribou recovery	6	26%	1	8%	--	--	4	--	--
Industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou/wildlife conservation	4	17%	1	8%	--	--	3	--	--
Habitat protection for caribou and industrial access should be balanced	5	22%	2	15%	3	21%	1	--	--
Stronger policy, regulations and oversight needed for industry operating in caribou range	2	9%	1	8%	--	--	2	--	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	3	13%	--	--	--	--	1	1	--
Plan should be based on best available science and data	2	9%	1	8%	2	14%	--	2	--
Habitat management measures should not restrict recreational access	1	4%	3	23%	2	14%	1	2	1
Do not feel government is sufficiently or effectively addressing issues	--	--	--	--	1	7%	1	1	1
Plan should be more comprehensive and include details on how it will recover caribou	1	4%	5	39%	1	7%	--	--	--
Other	3	13%	1	8%	1	7%	2	--	1
Prefer not to say	8	35%	4	31%	6	43%	1	--	--
Total	23	100%	13	100%	14	100%	9	3	2

Survey question: 4. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B11b: Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures by Region
Continued

	Omineca					Cariboo		
	Support		Neutral	Oppose		Support	Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#	%	#	#	#
Habitat protection and restoration essential to caribou recovery	5	21%	--	--	--	3	--	1
Industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou/wildlife conservation	6	25%	--	1	8%	--	--	--
Habitat protection for caribou and industrial access should be balanced	4	17%	--	--	--	1	1	--
Stronger policy, regulations and oversight needed for industry operating in caribou range	4	17%	--	1	8%	--	1	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	3	13%	--	1	8%	--	--	--
Plan based on best available science and data	2	8%	1	--	--	--	--	--
Habitat management measures should not restrict recreational access	--	--	--	1	8%	1	1	1
Do not feel government is sufficiently or effectively addressing issues	1	4%	1	--	--	--	--	1
Plan should be more comprehensive and include details on how it will recover caribou	2	8%	1	--	--	--	--	1
Other	4	17%	--	4	33%	--	--	1
Prefer not to say	5	21%	--	5	42%	5	1	2
Total	24	100%	1	12	100%	8	3	5

Survey question: 4. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

**Table B11c: Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures by Region
Continued**

	Kootenay Boundary				Thompson-Okanagan			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#
Habitat protection and restoration essential to caribou recovery	12	60%	--	2	9	41%	0	0
Industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou/wildlife conservation	3	15%	--	4	6	27%	1	2
Habitat protection for caribou and industrial access should be balanced	4	20%	1	--	5	23%	1	--
Stronger policy, regulations and oversight needed for industry operating in caribou range	3	15%	--	3	2	9%	--	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	4	20%	--	1	--	--	1	1
Plan based on best available science and data	--	--	--	--	2	9%	1	--
Habitat management measures should not restrict recreational access	--	--	--	--	1	5%	--	1
Do not feel government is sufficiently or effectively addressing issues	--	--	--	1	1	5%	1	--
Plan should be more comprehensive and include details on how it will recover caribou	--	--	--	--	1	5%	1	1
Other	--	--	--	--	1	5%	--	--
Prefer not to say	5	25%	2	--	6	27%	1	--
Total	20	100%	3	4	22	100%	6	3

Survey question: 4. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B11d: Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures by Region

	West Coast				South Coast				
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose	
	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	%	#
Habitat protection & restoration essential to caribou recovery	8	33%	--	--	9	31%	1	9%	--
Industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou/wildlife conservation	4	17%	--	3	6	21%	2	18%	1
Habitat protection for caribou and industrial access should be balanced	--	--	--	1	5	17%	3	27%	--
Stronger policy, regulations & oversight needed for industry operating in caribou range	2	8%	--	1	7	24%	2	18%	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	3	13%	--	--	2	7%	--	--	--
Plan based on best available science and data	1	4%	1	--	3	10%	3	27%	1
Habitat management measures should not restrict recreational access	2	8%	--	1	1	3%	1	9%	1
Do not feel government is sufficiently or effectively addressing issues	1	4%	--	--	2	7%	1	9%	1
Plan should be more comprehensive & include details on how it will recover caribou	--	--	--	--	1	3%	3	27%	--
Other	4	17%	--	--	2	7%	1	9%	--
Prefer not to say	8	33%	--	1	7	24%	2	18%	--
Total	24	100%	1	5	29	100%	11	100%	2

Survey question: 4. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B11e: Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures by Region

	Out of Province			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#
Habitat protection and restoration essential to caribou recovery	13	68%	--	1
Industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou/wildlife conservation	5	26%	2	--
Habitat protection for caribou and industrial access should be balanced	1	5%	--	--
Stronger policy, regulations & oversight for industry in caribou range	4	21%	1	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	2	11%	1	1
Plan should be based on best available science and data	--	--	--	--
Habitat management measures should not restrict recreational access	--	--	--	--
Do not feel government is sufficiently or effectively addressing issues	--	--	1	--
Plan should be more comprehensive & include details on how it will recover caribou	--	--	--	--
Other	1	5%	--	--
Prefer not to say	3	16%	--	--
Total	19	100%	2	1

Survey question: 4. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B12a: Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures by Interest Group

	Hunter/Trapper & Guide Outfitting						Associated with First Nations or Indigenous group(s)			
	Support		Neutral		Oppose		Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	#
Habitat protection and restoration essential to caribou recovery	26	29%	1	5%	1	3%	4	44%	--	--
Industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou/wildlife conservation	19	21%	1	5%	7	21%	3	33%	--	--
Habitat protection for caribou and industrial access should be balanced	14	16%	3	14%	3	9%	1	11%	--	--
Stronger policy, regulations and oversight needed for industry operating in caribou range	8	9%	1	5%	--	--	1	11%	--	--
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	12	13%	1	5%	1	3%	--	--	--	--
Plan should be based on best available science and data	8	9%	6	27%	3	9%	1	11%	--	--
Habitat management measures should not restrict recreational access	5	6%	6	27%	8	24%	1	11%	--	--
Do not feel government is sufficiently or effectively addressing issues	4	4%	3	14%	4	12%	--	--	--	--
Plan should be more comprehensive and include details on how it will recover caribou	--	--	3	14%	2	6%	1	11%	--	--
Other	10	11%	2	9%	4	12%	1	11%	--	--
Prefer not to say	30	33%	5	23%	10	30%	2	22%	--	--
Total	90	100%	22	100%	33	100%	9	100%	0	0

Survey question: 4. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B12b: Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures by Interest Group Continued

	Associated with Resource Extraction			Concerned Citizen or Business Individual			
	Support	Neutral	Oppose	Support	Neutral	Oppose	
	#	#	#	#	%	#	#
Habitat protection and restoration essential to caribou recovery	4	0	1	26	59%	--	1
Industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou/wildlife conservation	2	0	0	6	14%	2	4
Habitat protection for caribou and industrial access should be balanced	1	0	1	4	9%	2	0
Stronger policy, regulations and oversight needed for industry operating in caribou range	2	1	0	11	25%	1	4
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	0	1	0	3	7%	--	1
Plan should be based on best available science and data	0	1	0	1	2%	--	--
Habitat management measures should not restrict recreational access	0	0	0	--	--	1	--
Do not feel government is sufficiently or effectively addressing issues	0	0	0	2	5%	2	1
Plan should be more comprehensive and include details on how it will recover caribou	0	1	1	3	7%	3	--
Other	0	0	2	3	7%	--	1
Prefer not to say	1	0	2	8	18%	3	2
Total	8	2	6	44	100%	9	7

Survey question: 4. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B12c: Reasons for Level of Support for Proposed Habitat Management Measures by Interest Group

	Associated with Environmental/ Ecosystem Protection & Eco-Tourism				
	Support		Neutral		Oppose
	#	%	#	%	#
Habitat protection and restoration essential to caribou recovery	8	32%	1	11%	--
Industrial interests should not be prioritized over caribou/wildlife conservation	7	28%	3	22%	--
Habitat protection for caribou and industrial access should be balanced	5	20%	3	22%	--
Stronger policy, regulations and oversight needed for industry operating in caribou range	3	12%	2	22%	1
Human activity, resource extraction cause for loss of habitat and population decline	3	12%	1	11%	1
Plan should be based on best available science and data	--	--	2	22%	--
Habitat management measures should not restrict recreational access	1	4%	--	--	--
Do not feel government is sufficiently or effectively addressing issues	--	--	--	--	--
Plan should be more comprehensive and include details on how it will recover caribou	1	4%	3	33%	--
Other	3	12%	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	7	28%	2	22%	--
Total	25	100%	10	100%	1

Survey question: 4. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B13a: Level of Support for Predator Management Program by Region

	Northeast		Skeena		Omineca		Cariboo		Kootenay Boundary	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	32	63%	9	64%	20	54%	10	63%	12	44%
Support	12	24%	2	14%	9	24%	5	31%	5	19%
Neither support nor oppose	1	2%	3	21%	3	8%	--	--	2	7%
Oppose	3	6%	--	--	2	5%	1	6.3%	2	7%
Strongly oppose	2	4%	--	--	3	8%	--	--	4	15%
Do not know	1	2%	--	--	--	--	--	--	2	7%
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	51	100%	14	100%	37	100%	16	100%	27	100%

Survey question: 5. "How much do you support the proposed plans to develop a predator management program to stabilize and recover boreal caribou populations?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B13b: Level of Support for Predator Management Program by Region (continued)

	Thompson-Okanagan		West Coast		South Coast		Out of province	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	17	55%	20	65%	21	49%	11	50%
Support	7	23%	4	13%	8	19%	2	10%
Neither support nor oppose	1	3%	1	3%	3	7%	2	10%
Oppose	4	13%	1	3%	7	16%	3	14%
Strongly oppose	2	7%	4	13%	3	7%	3	14%
Do not know	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	5%
Prefer not to say	--	--	1	3%	1	2%	--	--
Total	31	100%	31	100%	43	100%	22	100%

Survey question: 5. "How much do you support the proposed plans to develop a predator management program to stabilize and recover boreal caribou populations?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B14a: Level of Support for Predator Management Program by Interest Group

	Hunter/Trapper & Guide Outfitting		Associated with First Nations or Indigenous Group(s)		Associated with Environmental/Ecosystem Protection & Eco-tourism	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	98	67%	6	67%	15	41%
Support	28	19%	2	22%	8	22%
Neither support nor oppose	5	4%	--	--	5	14%
Oppose	9	6%	--	--	5	14%
Strongly oppose	4	3%	1	11%	3	8%
Do not know	1	1%	--	--	1	3%
Prefer not to say	1	1%	--	--	--	--
Total	146	100%	9	100%	37	100%

Survey question: 5. "How much do you support the proposed plans to develop a predator management program to stabilize and recover boreal caribou populations?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B14b: Level of Support for Predator Management Program by Interest Group (continued)

	Associated with Resource Extraction		Concerned Citizen or Business Individual	
	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	8	50%	24	39%
Support	6	36%	10	16%
Neither support nor oppose	--	--	5	8%
Oppose	2	13%	7	12%
Strongly oppose	--	--	12	20%
Do not know	--	--	2	3%
Prefer not to say	--	--	1	2%
Total	16	100%	61	100%

Survey question: 5. "How much do you support the proposed plans to develop a predator management program to stabilize and recover boreal caribou populations?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B15a: Reasons for Level of Support for Predator Management Program by Region

	Northeast				Skeena			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#
Predator management is effective and required	25	57%	--	--	6	55%	--	--
Support managing all predators, not just wolves	12	27%	--	1	4	36%	--	--
Support predator management alongside effective habitat management	3	7%	--	--	3	27%	--	--
Human access into caribou habitat has increased predation rates	1	2%	--	1	--	--	1	--
Support a predator management program based on science	4	9%	--	--	1	9%	1	--
Needs of all groups must be considered/input from all groups (not just for Indigenous)	4	9%	--	1	1	9%	1	--
Indigenous participation necessary on decisions about predator management	2	5%	--	--	1	9%	--	--
Predator management is a short-term solution	2	5%	1	--	1	9%	--	--
Support predator management program including resident hunters and trappers	1	2%	--	--	2	18%	1	--
Do not support predator management for caribou recovery	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	--
Other	1	2%	--	1	1	9%	1	--
Prefer not to say	8	18%	--	2	1	9%	--	--
Total	44	100%	1	5	11	100%	3	0

Survey question: 5. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B15b: Reasons for Level of Support for Predator Management Program by Region (continued)

	Omineca				Cariboo			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#
Predator management is effective and required	14	48%	1	1	4	27%	--	1
Support managing all predators, not just wolves	8	28%	--	1	2	13%	--	--
Support predator management alongside effective habitat management	2	7%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Human access into caribou habitat has increased predation rates	3	10%	--	1	2	13%	--	--
Support a predator management program based on science	4	14%	1	1	1	7%	--	--
Needs of all groups must be considered/input from all groups (not just for Indigenous)	4	14%	--	2	3	20%	--	1
Indigenous participation necessary on decisions about predator management	1	3%	2	--	--	--	--	--
Predator management is a short-term solution	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Support predator management program including resident hunters and trappers	1	3%	--	2	1	7%	--	--
Do not support predator management for caribou recovery	--	--	--	1	--	--	--	--
Other	1	3%	--	0	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	3	10%	--	1	8	53%	--	--
Total	29	100%	3	5	15	100%	0	1

Survey question: 5. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B15c: Reasons for Level of Support for Predator Management Program by Region (continued)

	Kootenay Boundary				Thompson-Okanagan			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#
Predator management is effective and required	5	31%	--	--	14	58%	--	--
Support managing all predators, not just wolves	2	13%	--	--	3	13%	--	1
Support predator management alongside effective habitat management	4	25%	--	--	2	8%	--	--
Human access into caribou habitat has increased predation rates	2	13%	1	5	7	29%	--	3
Support a predator management program based on science	2	13%	1	--	2	8%	--	--
Needs of all groups must be considered/input from all groups (not just for Indigenous)	--	--	--	--	1	4%	--	1
Indigenous participation necessary on decisions about predator management	4	25%	--	--	--	--	--	3
Predator management is a short-term solution	2	13%	--	--	1	4%	--	--
Support predator management program including resident hunters and trappers	--	--	--	--	1	4%	--	1
Do not support predator management for caribou recovery	1	6%	1	5	--	--	--	3
Other	--	--	1	--	--	--	1	1
Prefer not to say	1	6%	--	1	5	21%	--	1
Total	16	100%	2	6	24	100%	1	6

Survey question: 5. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B15d: Reasons for Level of Support for Predator Management Program by Region (continued)

	West Coast				South Coast			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#
Predator management is effective and required	13	54%	--	--	16	55%	--	--
Support managing all predators, not just wolves	4	17%	--	--	2	7%	1	1
Support predator management alongside effective habitat management	2	8%	1	1	7	24%	--	--
Human access into caribou habitat has increased predation rates	1	4%	--	2	2	7%	1	5
Support a predator management program based on science	--	--	--	2	4	14%	--	1
Needs of all groups must be considered/input from all groups (not just for Indigenous)	--	--	--	--	2	7%	--	1
Indigenous participation necessary on decisions about predator management	--	--	--	--	1	3%	1	1
Predator management is a short-term solution	1	4%	--	--	2	7%	1	1
Support predator management program including resident hunters and trappers	--	--	--	--	2	7%	--	1
Do not support predator management for caribou recovery	1	4%	--	2	--	--	--	6
Other	--	--	--	1	2	7%	--	3
Prefer not to say	6	25%	--	--	5	17%	1	--
Total	24	100%	1	5	29	100%	3	10

Survey question: 5. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B15e: Reasons for Level of Support for Predator Management Program by Region (continued)

	Do not Live in B.C.			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#
Predator management is effective and required	3	23%	--	--
Support managing all predators, not just wolves	2	15%	--	--
Support predator management provided alongside habitat management	2	15%	--	--
Human access into caribou habitat has increased predation rates	2	15%	1	3
Support a predator management program based on science	2	15%	--	2
Needs of all groups must be considered/input from all groups (not just for Indigenous)	--	--	--	--
Indigenous participation necessary on decisions about predator management	3	23%	--	--
Predator management is a short-term solution	--	--	--	1
Support predator management program including resident hunters and trappers	--	--	--	--
Do not support predator management for caribou recovery	2	15%	2	5
Other	1	8%	1	2
Prefer not to say	3	23%	--	1
Total	13	100%	2	6

Survey question: 5. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B16a: Reasons for Level of Support for Predator Management Program by Interest Group

	Hunter/Trapper & Guide Outfitting					Associated with First Nations or Indigenous group(s)			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose		Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#	%	#	%	#	#
Predator management is effective and required	63	50%	1	1	8%	3	38%	--	--
Support managing all predators, not just wolves	23	18%	--	4	31%	4	50%	--	--
Support predator management provided alongside habitat management	12	10%	--	--	--	1	13%	--	--
Human access into caribou habitat has increased predation rates	12	10%	--	--	--	2	25%	--	1
Support a predator management program based on science	13	10%	1	2	15%	1	13%	--	--
Needs of all groups must be considered/input from all groups (not just for Indigenous)	11	9%	1	5	39%	--	--	--	--
Indigenous participation necessary on decisions about predator management	5	4%	--	1	8%	--	--	--	--
Predator management is a short-term solution	6	5%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Support predator management program including resident hunters and trappers	5	4%	1	4	31%	--	--	--	--
Do not support predator management for caribou recovery	--	--	--	--	--	1	13%	--	--
Other	3	2%	2	2	15%	1	13%	--	--
Prefer not to say	27	21%	1	4	31%	--	--	--	--
Total	126	100%	5	13	100%	8	100%	0	1

Survey question: 5. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

**Table B16b: Reasons for Level of Support for Predator Management Program by Interest Group
(continued)**

	Associated with Resource Extraction				Concerned Citizen or Business Individual				
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose	
	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#	%
Predator management is effective and required	8	57%	--	--	15	44%	--	1	5%
Support managing all predators, not just wolves	2	14%	--	--	8	24%	--	--	--
Support predator management provided alongside habitat management	4	29%	--	1	7	21%	--	1	5%
Human access into caribou habitat has increased predation rates	2	14%	--	--	2	6%	2	14	74%
Support a predator management program based on science	2	14%	--	--	2	6%	2	1	5%
Needs of all groups must be considered/input from all groups (not just for Indigenous)	0	0%	--	--	3	9%	--	1	5%
Indigenous participation necessary on decisions about predator management	2	14%	--	--	2	6%	1	2	11%
Predator management is a short-term solution	1	7%	--	--	1	3%	--	--	--
Support predator management program including resident hunters and trappers	0	0%	--	--	2	6%	--	--	--
Do not support predator management for caribou recovery	0	0%	--	--	2	6%	3	17	90%
Other	1	7%	--	--	1	3%	1	4	21%
Prefer not to say	1	7%	--	1	6	18%	--	--	--
Total	14	100%	0	2	34	100%	5	19	100%

Survey question: 5. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B16c: Reasons for Level of Support for Predator Management Program by Interest Group (continued)

	Associated with Environmental/Ecosystem Protection & Eco-Tourism Industry			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#
Predator management is effective and required	11	50%	--	--
Support managing all predators, not just wolves	2	9%	--	--
Support predator management provided alongside habitat management	1	5%	1	--
Human access into caribou habitat has increased predation rates	2	9%	1	4
Support a predator management program based on science	2	9%	--	1
Needs of all groups must be considered/input from all groups (not just for Indigenous)	--	--	--	--
Indigenous participation necessary on decisions about predator management	3	14%	2	2
Predator management is a short-term solution	1	5%	1	2
Support predator management program including resident hunters and trappers	1	5%	--	--
Do not support predator management for caribou recovery	1	5%	2	3
Other	--	--	1	2
Prefer not to say	6	27%	--	--
Total	22	100%	5	8

Survey question: 5. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B17a: Level of Support for Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures by Region

	Northeast		Skeena		Omineca		Cariboo		Kootenay Boundary	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	11	23%	5	38%	9	24%	1	6%	13	48%
Support	23	45%	4	29%	23	62%	10	63%	11	42%
Neither support nor oppose	12	24%	3	21%	1	3%	2	13%	3	11%
Oppose	4	8%	1	7%	2	5%	2	13%	--	--
Strongly oppose	--	--	1	7%	2	5%	--	--	--	--
Do not know	1	2%	--	--	--	--	1	6%	--	--
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	51	100%	14	100%	37	100%	16	100%	27	100%

Survey question: 6. "How much do you support the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B17b: Level of Support for Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures by Region (continued)

	Thompson-Okanagan		West Coast		South Coast		Out of province	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	12	39%	15	48%	22	51%	13	59%
Support	13	42%	11	36%	15	35%	8	36%
Neither support nor oppose	2	7%	3	10%	2	5%	--	--
Oppose	2	7%	2	7%	--	--	--	--
Strongly oppose	2	7%	--	--	3	7%	1	5%
Do not know	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	1	2%	--	--
Total	31	100%	31	100%	43	100%	22	100%

Survey question: 6. "How much do you support the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures?"
Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B18a: Level of Support for Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures by Interest Group

	Hunter/Trapper & Guide Outfitting		Associated with First Nations or Indigenous Group(s)		Associated with Environmental/ Ecosystem Protection	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	47	32%	4	44%	19	51%
Support	67	46%	4	44%	14	38%
Neither support nor oppose	18	12%	--	--	--	--
Oppose	9	6%	--	--	3	8%
Strongly oppose	4	3%	1	11%	1	3%
Do not know	1	1%	--	--	--	--
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	146	100%	9	100%	37	100%

Survey question: 6. "How much do you support the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures?"
Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B18b: Level of Support for Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures by Interest Group (continued)

	Associated with Resource Extraction		Concerned Citizen or Business Individual	
	#	%	#	%
Very strongly support	5	31%	24	39%
Support	6	38%	27	44%
Neither support nor oppose	4	25%	6	10%
Oppose	--	--	1	2%
Strongly oppose	--	--	2	3%
Do not know	1	6%	--	--
Prefer not to say	--	--	1	2%
Total	16	100%	61	100%

Survey question: 6. "How much do you support the proposed adaptive management, evaluation, and monitoring measures?"
Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B19a: Reasons for Level of Support for Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures by Region

	Northeast					Skeena			
	Support		Neutral		Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	%	#	#	%	#	%
Monitoring is important to ensure future management decisions are based on best available science and data	15	46%	3	25%	--	4	44%	2	1
Support the management plan	3	9%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Monitoring should be expanded for all wildlife and habitats	2	6%	--	--	--	--	--	--	1
Expand monitoring program delivery to include other land users	1	3%	2	17%	--	1	11%	2	1
Management effectiveness should be reviewed more often	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Commitment to monitoring funding important for wildlife management	--	--	--	--	--	1	11%	--	--
Other	4	12%	3	25%	1	2	22%	2	1
Prefer not to say	16	49%	6	50%	3	3	33%	--	--
Total	33	100%	12	100%	4	9	100%	3	2

Survey question: 6. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B19b: Reasons for Level of Support for Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures by Region (continued)

	Omineca				Cariboo			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Monitoring is important to ensure future management decisions are based on best available science and data	16	50%	--	1	1	9%	1	--
Support the management plan	4	13%	--	--	--	--	1	--
Monitoring should be expanded for all wildlife and habitats	1	3%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Expand monitoring program delivery to include other land users	1	3%	--	--	1	9%	--	--
Management effectiveness should be reviewed more often	1	3%	--	--	--	--	--	1
Commitment to monitoring funding important for wildlife management	1	3%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	--	--	--	3	1	9%	1	--
Prefer not to say	11	34%	--	1	9	82%	1	1
Total	32	100%	1	4	11	100%	2	2

Survey question: 6. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B19c: Reasons for Level of Support for Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures by Region Continued

	Kootenay Boundary				Thompson-Okanagan			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#
Monitoring is important to ensure future management decisions are based on best available science and data	14	58%	--	--	15	60%	--	1
Support the management plan	3	13%	--	--	1	4%	--	--
Monitoring should be expanded for all wildlife and habitats	3	13%	--	--	3	12%	--	--
Expand monitoring program delivery to include other land users	5	21%	--	--	--	--	--	1
Management effectiveness should be reviewed more often	1	4%	--	--	4	16%	--	1
Commitment to monitoring funding important for wildlife management	--	--	--	--	2	8%	--	--
Other	2	8%	--	--	2	8%	1	--
Prefer not to say	7	29%	3	--	7	28%	1	2
Total	24	100%	3	0	25	100%	2	4

Survey question: 6. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B19d: Reasons for Level of Support for Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures by Region (continued)

	West Coast				South Coast			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#
Monitoring is important to ensure future management decisions are based on best available science and data	12	46%	1	--	22	60%	1	--
Support the management plan	2	8%	--	--	2	5%	--	--
Monitoring should be expanded for all wildlife and habitats	3	12%	--	--	1	3%	1	--
Expand monitoring program delivery to include other land users	--	--	--	--	2	5%	--	1
Management effectiveness should be reviewed more often	3	12%	--	--	3	8%	--	1
Commitment to monitoring funding important for wildlife management	1	4%	--	--	--	--	--	1
Other	3	12%	1	1	1	3%	--	--
Prefer not to say	9	35%	1	1	12	32%	1	--
Total	26	100%	3	2	37	100%	2	3

Survey question: 6. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B19e: Reasons for Level of Support for Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures by Region (continued)

	Out of Province			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#
Monitoring is important to ensure future management decisions are based on best available science and data	10	48%	--	--
Support the management plan	6	29%	--	--
Monitoring should be expanded for all wildlife and habitats	1	5%	--	--
Expand monitoring program delivery to include other land users	3	14%	--	--
Management effectiveness should be reviewed more often	--	--	--	--
Commitment to monitoring funding important for wildlife management	--	--	--	--
Other	3	14%	--	--
Prefer not to say	5	24%	--	1
Total	21	100%	0	1

Survey question: 6. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B20a: Reasons for Level of Support for Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures by Interest Group

	Hunter/Trapper & Guide Outfitting						Associated with First Nations or Indigenous group(s)			
	Support		Neutral		Oppose		Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	#
Monitoring is important to ensure future management decisions are based on best available science and data	54	47%	5	28%	2	15%	1	13%	--	--
Support the management plan	2	2%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Monitoring should be expanded for all wildlife and habitats	6	5%	1	6%	--	--	--	--	--	--
Expand monitoring program delivery to include other land users	5	4%	2	11%	--	--	1	13%	--	1
Management effectiveness should be reviewed more often	6	5%	--	--	2	15%	1	13%	--	1
Commitment to monitoring funding important for wildlife management	4	4%	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other	6	5%	5	28%	4	31%	1	13%	--	--
Prefer not to say	50	44%	9	50%	6	46%	5	63%	--	--
Total	114	100%	18	100%	13	100%	8	100%	0	1

Survey question: 6. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B20b: Reasons for Level of Support for Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures by Interest Group (continued)

	Associated with Resource Extraction				Concerned Citizen or Business Individual			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#	#	%	#	#
Monitoring is important to ensure future management decisions are based on best available science and data	7	64%	1	--	30	59%	2	1
Support the management plan	--	--	1	--	10	20%	--	--
Monitoring should be expanded for all wildlife and habitats	1	9%	--	--	5	10%	--	1
Expand monitoring program delivery to include other land users	1	9%	1	--	5	10%	1	1
Management effectiveness should be reviewed more often	--	--	--	--	2	4%	--	--
Commitment to monitoring funding important for wildlife management	1	9%	--	--	--	--	--	1
Other	3	27%	1	--	6	12%	2	1
Prefer not to say	3	27%	2	--	11	22%	3	--
Total	11	100%	4	0	51	100%	6	3

Survey question: 6. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B20c: Reasons for Level of Support for Adaptive Management, Evaluation, and Monitoring Measures by Interest Group (continued)

	Associated with Environmental/Ecosystem Protection & Eco-Tourism			
	Support		Neutral	Oppose
	#	%	#	#
Monitoring is important to ensure future management decisions are based on best available science and data	16	52%	--	--
Support the management plan	9	24%	--	--
Monitoring should be expanded for all wildlife and habitats	2	7%	--	--
Expand monitoring program delivery to include other land users	2	7%	--	1
Management effectiveness should be reviewed more often	3	7%	--	--
Commitment to monitoring funding important for wildlife management	--	--	--	--
Other	2	7%	--	1
Prefer not to say	9	31%	--	2
Total	32	100%	0	4

Survey question: 6. "Please tell us why you chose your answer above." Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B21a: Other Comments by Region

	Northeast		Skeena		Omineca		Cariboo		Kootenay Boundary	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Do not feel government is sufficiently addressing issues, more needs to be done	2	4%	2	14%	3	8%	--	--	3	11%
Stronger regulation and oversight needed for industry	6	12%	2	14%	5	14%	--	--	5	19%
Wildlife management should consider needs and inputs from all land users	10	20%	5	36%	9	25%	4	25%	2	7%
Wildlife management decisions should be based on best available science and data	7	14%	5	36%	5	14%	0	0.0%	4	15%
Wildlife management should be better funded in BC	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	4%
Predator management should include all predators and involve resident hunters and trappers	6	13%	3	21%	8	22%	2	13%	2	7%
Balance where wildlife and industry coexist on the land base	2	4%	1	7%	3	8%	--	--	1	4%
Emphasis should be put on habitat protection and restoration	1	2%	--	--	1	23%	--	--	6	22%
Supportive of collaboration and partnerships with indigenous groups in caribou recovery	2	4%	--	--	1	3%	1	6%	2	7%
Support caribou recovery and the plan moving forward	2	4%	--	--	1	3%	1	6%	4	15%
Other	6	12%	2	14%	--	--	2	13%	1	4%
Prefer not to say	25	49%	3	21%	15	42%	9	56%	9	33%
Total	51	100%	14	100%	36	100%	16	100%	27	100%

Survey question: 7. "Would you like to provide any other feedback for the Province to consider when finalizing and implementing the Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan?" Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B21b: Other Comments by Region (continued)

	Thompson-Okanagan		West Coast		South Coast		Out of Province	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Do not feel government is sufficiently addressing issues, more needs to be done	4	13%	2	7%	3	7%	1	5%
Stronger regulation and oversight needed for industry	3	10%	4	13%	8	19%	3	14%
Wildlife management should consider needs and inputs from all land users	4	13%	1	3%	9	21%	2	10%
Wildlife management decisions should be based on best available science and data	10	32%	5	16%	11	26%	2	10%
Wildlife management should be better funded in BC	4	13%	2	7%	3	7%	--	--
Predator management should include all predators and involve resident hunters and trappers	6	19%	5	16%	7	16%	--	--
Balance where wildlife and industry coexist on the land base	--	--	1	3%	1	2%	--	--
Emphasis should be put on habitat protection and restoration	1	3%	2	7%	7	16%	7	32%
Supportive of collaboration and partnerships with indigenous groups in caribou recovery	--	--	2	7%	5	12%	4	18%
Support caribou recovery and the plan moving forward	5	16%	5	16%	6	14%	8	36%
Other	0	0.0%	4	13%	3	7%	1	5%
Prefer not to say	10	32%	14	45%	8	19%	8	36%
Total	31	100%	31	100%	43	100%	22	100%

Survey question: 7. "Would you like to provide any other feedback for the Province to consider when finalizing and implementing the Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan?" Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B22a: Other Comments by Interest Group

	Hunter/ Trapper & Guide Outfitting		Associated with First Nations or Indigenous Group(s)		Environmental/ Ecosystem Protection & Eco-Tourism	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Do not feel government is sufficiently addressing issues, more needs to be done	6	4%	2	22%	2	5%
Stronger regulation and oversight needed for industry	11	8%	1	11%	10	27%
Wildlife management should consider needs, inputs from all land users	32	22%	1	11%	4	11%
Wildlife management decisions based on best available science and data	43	29%	--	--	1	3%
Wildlife management should be better funded in BC	3	2%	--	--	1	3%
Predator management should include all predators, involve resident hunters and trappers	28	10%	4	44%	3	8%
Balance where wildlife and industry coexist on the land base	1	1%	2	22%	1	3%
Emphasis should be put on habitat protection & restoration	2	1%	1	11%	8	22%
Support collaboration, partnerships with Indigenous groups	2	1%	2	22%	5	14%
Support caribou recovery and the plan moving forward	6	4%	1	11%	5	14%
Other	10	7%	--	--	3	8%
Prefer not to say	61	42%	1	11%	14	38%
Total	146	100%	9	100%	37	100%

Survey question: 7. "Would you like to provide any other feedback for the Province to consider when finalizing and implementing the Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan?" Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses.
-- option not selected

Table B22b: Other Comments by Interest Group (continued)

	Associated with Resource Extraction		Concerned Citizen or Business Individual	
	#	%	#	%
Do not feel government sufficiently addressing issues, more to be done	1	6%	9	15%
Stronger regulation and oversight needed for industry	3	19%	11	18%
Wildlife management should consider needs, inputs from all land users	4	25%	5	8%
Wildlife management decisions based on best available science and data	3	19%	2	3%
Wildlife management should be better funded in BC	1	6%	5	8%
Predator management should include all predators, involve resident hunters and trappers	1	6%	3	5%
Balance where wildlife and industry coexist on the land base	2	13%	3	5%
Emphasis should be put on habitat protection and restoration	1	6%	13	21%
Supportive of collaboration, partnerships with Indigenous groups	1	6%	6	10%
Support caribou recovery and the plan moving forward	1	6%	18	30%
Other	1	6%	4	7%
Prefer not to say	6	38%	19	31%
Total	16	100%	61	100%

Survey question: 7. "Would you like to provide any other feedback for the Province to consider when finalizing and implementing the Boreal Caribou Protection and Recovery Plan?" Numbers do not add up to 100% due to multiple responses.
Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B23a: Age Category by Region

	Northeast		Skeena		Omineca		Cariboo		Kootenay Boundary	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
17 years or younger	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
18 to 24 years	3	6%	1	7%	4	11%	--	--	1	4%
25 to 44 years	31	61%	6	43%	17	46%	6	38%	13	48%
45 to 64 years	8	16%	4	29%	10	27%	5	31%	8	30%
65 years or older	4	8%	1	7%	1	3%	2	13%	5	19%
Prefer not to say	5	10%	2	14%	5	14%	3	19%	--	--
Total	51	100%	14	100%	37	100%	16	100%	27	100%

Survey question: 8. "Which age category do you belong to?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B23b: Age Category by Region (continued)

	Thompson-Okanagan		West Coast		South Coast		Out of province	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
17 years or younger	--	--	2	7%	--	--	--	--
18 to 24 years	2	7%	1	3%	1	2%	--	--
25 to 44 years	14	45%	14	45%	26	61%	5	22.7%
45 to 64 years	10	32%	6	19%	8	19%	10	46%
65 years or older	2	7%	6	19%	5	12%	7	32%
Prefer not to say	3	10%	2	7%	3	7%	--	--
Total	31	100%	31	100%	43	100%	22	100%

Survey question: 8. "Which age category do you belong to?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B24a: Age Category by Interest Group

	Guide Outfitting & Hunter/ Trapper		Associated with First Nations or Indigenous Group(s)		Associated with Environmental/ Ecosystem Protection & Eco-Tourism	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
17 years or younger	1	1%	--	--	--	--
18 to 24 years	11	8%	--	--	1	3%
25 to 44 years	82	56%	6	67%	15	41%
45 to 64 years	32	22%	1	11%	6	16%
65 years or older	2	1%	1	11%	12	32%
Prefer not to say	18	13%	1	11%	3	8%
Total	146	100%	9	100%	37	100%

Survey question: 8. "Which age category do you belong to?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B24b: Age Category by Interest Group (continued)

	Associated with Resource Extraction		Concerned Citizen or Business Individual	
	#	%	#	%
17 years or younger	--	--	1	2%
18 to 24 years	--	--	1	2%
25 to 44 years	9	56%	19	31%
45 to 64 years	4	25%	25	41%
65 years or older	3	19%	14	23%
Prefer not to say	--	--	1	2%
Total	16	100%	61	100%

Survey question: 8. "Which age category do you belong to?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B25a: Indigenous Status by Region

	Northeast		Skeena		Omineca		Cariboo		Kootenay Boundary	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
First Nations	3	6%	--	--	4	11%	1	6%	--	--
Métis	6	12%	2	14%	2	5%	1	6%	--	--
Inuit	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Indigenous group	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
I do not identify as Indigenous	28	55%	8	57%	15	41%	4	25%	23	85%
Prefer not to say	14	28%	4	29%	16	43%	10	63%	4	15%
Total	51	100%	14	100%	37	100%	16	100%	27	100%

Survey question: 9. "Do you identify as belonging to one of the following Indigenous groups?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B25b: Indigenous Status by Region (continued)

	Thompson-Okanagan		West Coast		South Coast		Out of province	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
First Nations	--	--	2	7%	1	2%	1	5%
Métis	2	7%	1	3%	2	5%	--	--
Inuit	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Indigenous group	1	3%	--	--	--	--	--	--
I do not identify as Indigenous	18	58%	21	66%	27	63%	16	73%
Prefer not to say	10	32%	7	23%	13	30%	5	23%
Total	31	100%	31	100%	43	100%	22	100%

Survey question: 9. "Do you identify as belonging to one of the following Indigenous groups?" Numbers might not add up to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B26a: Indigenous Status by Interest Group

	Guide Outfitting & Hunter/ Trapper		Associated with First Nations or Indigenous Group(s)		Associated with Environmental/ Ecosystem Protection & Eco-Tourism	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
First Nations	6	4%	4	44%	1	3%
Métis	10	6%	2	22%	2	5%
Inuit	--	--	--	--	--	--
Other Indigenous group	1	1%	--	--	--	--
I do not identify as Indigenous	77	53%	2	22%	24	65%
Prefer not to say	52	35%	1	11%	10	27%
Total	146	100%	9	100%	37	100%

Survey question: 9. Do you identify as belonging to one of the following Indigenous groups? Numbers might not add to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B26b: Indigenous Status by Interest Group Continued

	Associated with Resource Extraction		Concerned Citizen or Business Individual	
	#	%	#	%
First Nations	--	--	1	2%
Métis	2	13%	--	--
Inuit	--	--	--	--
Other Indigenous group	--	--	--	--
I do not identify as Indigenous	12	75%	43	71%
Prefer not to say	2	13%	17	30%
Total	16	100%	61	100%

Survey question: 9. Do you identify as belonging to one of the following Indigenous groups? Numbers might not add to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B27a: Natural Resource Region by Interest Group

	Guide Outfitting & Hunter/ Trapper		Associated with First Nations or Indigenous Group(s)		Associated with Environmental/ Ecosystem Protection & Eco-Tourism	
	#	%	#	%	#	%
Northeast	29	20%	--	--	8	22%
Skeena	9	6%	--	--	1	3%
Omineca	26	17%	4	44%	2	5%
Cariboo	12	8%	1	11%	--	--
Kootenay Boundary	7	5%	--	--	4	11%
Thompson-Okanagan	20	14%	1	11%	4	11%
West Coast	18	13%	2	22%	5	14%
South Coast	23	16%	--	--	7	19%
I do not live in B.C.	2	1%	1	11%	6	16%
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	--	--
Total	146	100%	9	100%	37	100%

Survey question: 10. Which natural resource region do you live in? Numbers might not add to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B27b: Natural Resource Region by Interest Group Continued

	Associated with Resource Extraction		Concerned Citizen or Business Individual	
	#	%	#	%
Northeast	8	50%	6	10%
Skeena	1	6%	3	5%
Omineca	--	--	4	7%
Cariboo	1	6%	2	3%
Kootenay Boundary	1	6%	15	25%
Thompson-Okanagan	1	6%	5	8%
West Coast	--	--	6	10%
South Coast	2	13%	10	16%
I do not live in B.C.	2	13%	10	16%
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--
Total	16	100%	61	100%

Survey question: 10. Which natural resource region do you live in? Numbers might not add to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B28a: Interest Group by Region

	Northeast		Skeena		Omineca		Cariboo		Kootenay Boundary	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Hunter/Trapper & Guide outfitting	29	57%	9	64%	26	68%	12	75%	7	26%
Associated with First Nations or Indigenous group(s)	--	--	--	--	4	11%	1	6%	--	--
Associated with environmental /ecosystem protection & eco-tourism	8	16%	1	7%	2	3%	--	--	4	15%
Associated with resource extraction	8	16%	1	7%	--	--	1	6%	1	4%
Concerned citizen or business individual	6	12%	3	21%	4	11%	2	13%	15	56%
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	1	3%	--	--	--	--
Total	51	100%	14	100%	38	100%	16	100%	27	100%

Survey question: 11. How would you best describe the reason for your interest in caribou recovery initiatives in B.C. Numbers might not add to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.

Table B28b: Interest Group by Region Continued

	Thompson-Okanagan		West Coast		South Coast		Out of province	
	#	%	#	%	#	%	#	%
Hunter/Trapper & Guide outfitting	20	65%	18	58%	23	54%	2	9%
Associated with First Nations or Indigenous group(s)	1	3%	2	7%	--	--	1	5%
Associated with environmental /ecosystem protection & eco-tourism	4	13%	5	16%	7	16%	6	27%
Associated with resource extraction	1	3%	--	--	2	5%	2	9%
Concerned citizen or business individual	5	16%	6	19%	10	23%	10	46%
Prefer not to say	--	--	--	--	1	2%	1	5%
Total	31	100%	31	100%	43	100%	22	100%

Survey question: 11. How would you best describe the reason for your interest in caribou recovery initiatives in B.C. Numbers might not add to 100% due to rounding. Double dash (--) means option not selected.