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Subject: Verdict on Dog Shooting

Hi All,

As many of you are aware there was a verdict rendered on Monday regarding a rancher in the Cariboo who shot a neighbors dog that had been harassing her cattle. She was charged under the criminal code and found guilty by the judge. the sentencing will take place at a later date but the Judge has indicated that there will be no jail time with it.

I was present for part of the presentation of the case a little over a month ago and I am extremely surprised by the verdict. I have been in touch with the producer both before and since the verdict and will pass on that perhaps what is troubling her most is that she feels she has hurt the industry here in BC. I assured her that this was not the case and that this one has been building for a while.

That being said we have been contact with both our lawyer Mary Macgregor and and the producers lawyer. Mary has advised that BCCA become involved in an appeal of the case and we go to government asking for some changes to the act to make it better defined so that these interpretations are easier to make by a judge.

The lawyer for the producer will be away till the middle of August but we will meet with him when he returns to look at options. the executive will be meeting on the 21st of August and will discuss it then unless there is a need to meet sooner to satisfy the needs of the courts.

I have also sent an email to Minister Pimm to make sure he is aware of the situation and to also notify him that we would like him to take a look at the Livestock Act to create better clarity.

I have had several emails and phone calls from ranchers who feel BCCA needs to take a hard stand on this as it sets precedent and infringes on their "Right To Farm". We will continue to gather the information we need and keep you informed on the situation. I wanted you all to know that we are working on this and are taking it very seriously.

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