



Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society

“The mission of the Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society is to foster excellence in wildlife stewardship through science and education among wildlife professionals in Canada”

March 18, 2015

To:
Margo Pybus
Helen Schwantjes

The **Canadian Section of The Wildlife Society (CSTWS)** is a professional organization representing wildlife professionals, managers and researchers in all the Canadian provinces and territories.

CSTWS is committed to maintaining a world where humans and wildlife co-exist. It has direct linkages with the international parent body of *The Wildlife Society* whose mission is to represent and serve the professional community of scientists, managers, educators, technicians, planners, and others who work actively to study, manage, and conserve wildlife and its habitats worldwide.

In early March, The Wildlife Society and the American Association of Wildlife Veterinarians issued a joint issue statement on Domestic Sheep and Goat Disease Transmission to Wild Sheep. Peer reviewed and published science has demonstrated the occurrence of disease transmission from domestic sheep and goats to wild sheep has had a huge negative effect on wild sheep populations.

Through this issue statement CSTWS supports all management efforts in Canadian jurisdictions that will prevent disease transmission by maintaining appropriate separation of wild sheep and domestic sheep and goats as recommended in the issue statement.

Respectively yours;

Mark Boyce

Jim Allen

President

Chair, Conservation Affairs Committee