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Ms. Audrey Poitras, President Métis Nation of Alberta Suite 100, 11738 Kingsway Avenue Edmonton AB T5G 0X5

Dear Ms. Poitras:

## Métis Harvesting in Alberta Policy Review

We are pleased to advise you that Alberta will be undertaking a review of our Métis Harvesting in Alberta policy. We look forward to continuing to work collaboratively with the Métis Nation of Alberta and your members to review the policy.

Alberta is interested in discussions on:

- Where harvesting may take place;
- The extent of potential historical regional Métis communities and areas in Alberta;
- Potential roles for the Métis Nation of Alberta to participate in the identification of potential eligible Métis harvesters; and
- Opportunities for the Métis Nation of Alberta to participate in reporting subsistence harvesting information to better inform fish and wildlife management.

In reviewing the policy, we will be applying consistency with existing case law, including *Powley*, *L'Hirondelle* and *Hirsekorn*. The Departments of Environment and Parks and Indigenous Relations will be leading the work and have identified Travis Ripley and Carcey Hincz to undertake this policy review with your officials. We also recognize the context that *Daniels* brings to this policy review.

Mr. Ripley can be reached at 780-427-7763 or by email at <a href="mailto:travis.ripley@gov.ab.ca">travis.ripley@gov.ab.ca</a>, and Mrs. Hincz can be reached at 780-638-4375 or by email at <a href="mailto:carcey.hincz@gov.ab.ca">carcey.hincz@gov.ab.ca</a>. We look forward to collaborating with you towards a positive outcome.

Sincerely,

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