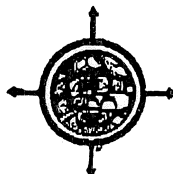


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Resolution no. 2005-04

## Re: Domestic Sheep And Goats In Wild Sheep And Mountain Goat Habitat

**WHEREAS** throughout our First Nations territories, both domestic sheep and goats exist where wild populations of sheep (bighorn and thinhorn) and mountain goats currently or can potentially reside;

**WHEREAS** that when domestic sheep and goats come into contact with wild populations of sheep and mountain goats, the wild populations can suffer illnesses and/or death associated with transferable diseases spread from domestic sheep and goats to wild populations of sheep and mountain goats;

**WHEREAS** that when domestic sheep and goats come into contact with wild sheep and goats disease transfer of *Pasteurella* and/or *Mannheimia species* bacteria can cause all age class die-offs/epizootics of the wild populations which can potentially decimate and/or exterminate the wild populations;

**WHEREAS** the introduction of *Pasteurella* and/or *Mannheimia species* bacteria or any other bacteria, viruses parasites and/or microorganisms that may or potentially be transferred between domesticated livestock/pets and wildlife would pose a significant infringement of First Nations title and rights;

**WHEREAS** this infringement on First Nations title and rights in the form of loss of priority, access and priority of access to wildlife for food, societal and ceremonial purposes would pose a significant infringement of our title and/or rights and our consent would be required;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Union of BC Indian Chiefs hereby supports the exclusion of domestic sheep and goats, including the farming of, holding of and care of, from all areas within and surrounding our territories throughout BC that may represent current, known or potential future wild sheep and mountain goat habitats.

**Moved:** Councillor John Kruger, Pentlcton Indian Band  
**Seconded:** Chief Arthur Dick, Lower Nicola Indian Band  
**Disposition:** Carried  
**Date:** August 25, 2005