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**Subject:** Control List Updates to the Dispositions (Ministerial) Regulation

I am writing today to let you know that Honourable Tanya Fir, Minister of Arts, Culture and Multiculturalism has recently approved additions to the Control List in Schedule 1 of the Dispositions (Ministerial) Regulation. As a reminder, the Control List enumerates the types of fossils that are eligible for private ownership.

The Control List has been updated to include all invertebrate fossils—not just ammonite shell and oyster shell—as in previous versions of the Regulation. The Control List now includes invertebrate fossils (including tracks, traces, molds and casts), petrified wood and fossil leaf impressions. This change was made after consultation with Alberta's palaeontology community.

This change to the Control List means that fossil collectors can now apply for, and obtain, ownership for a broader range of fossils than was previously permitted. The disposition application process has not changed, and any significant fossils identified during the application review process can be retained for the Provincial collection.

The Control List has no bearing on the rules governing fossil collecting, and as such, these changes do not affect how people can collect fossils in Alberta. Essentially, a person can still surface collect fossils on private property (with landowner permission), or on Crown Land outside of protected areas.

I really appreciate the feedback you provided on this matter. Your input, and that of others within the palaeontology community, helped us develop recommendations that we believe will continue to strike a balance between the desire for private ownership of fossils and the long-term preservation of Alberta's significant palaeontological resources.

Sincerely,

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