

## **Outdoor Caucus Association of Canada Supports Abolition of Long Gun Registry**

The Outdoor Caucus Association of Canada (OCAC) is recommending a unique reallocation of the hundreds of millions of tax dollars currently being spent on the federal long gun registry, once the private Member's Bill C -391 is passed.

OCAC Chair Phil Morlock speaking on behalf of the Board of Directors said, "We believe that these federal firearm registry funds would be of much greater benefit to the outdoor community and all Canadians if they were reallocated to the conservation of fish and wildlife and the restoration of habitat in all regions of the country. Every province and territory is in need of funds for anti-poaching efforts, restoring wetlands and endangered species, hunter / angler conservation education programs for young people, controlling invasive species, scientific research - the list goes on."

Morlock added, "Bill C - 391 speaks directly to the sportsmen and women who are most adversely affected by the long gun registry, and people who fish and hunt have been at the forefront of conservation in Canada for decades.

The federal government does not even promote fishing or hunting tourism in spite of the thousands of jobs which are supported by these outdoor heritage activities coast to coast to coast. Evidently federal financial resources are a problem for fish and wildlife related initiatives and we believe we have found a comprehensive solution."

Hunting, fishing and related economies generate hundreds of millions of tax dollars for Canada annually.

The OCAC is a non-partisan organization dedicated to enhancing hunting, recreational fishing, trapping and sport shooting. Modeled after the successful Congressional Sportsmen's Foundation in Washington, D.C. the organization acts as a liaison between the all party Outdoors Caucus in Parliament and Canada's outdoor heritage sports community. The OCAC was established with the approval of the Outdoors Caucus to provide input and advice on issues of national importance.

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