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Resident Angler and Hunter Numbers Continue to “Buck” the North American Trends

A recently released 10 year comparative study on hunting and angling license sales in Saskatchewan by the Provincial Ministry of Environment confirms that Saskatchewan residents hunting and angling numbers continue to increase in our Province.

The study shows that residents purchased an additional 1600 hunting licenses and 8400 angling licenses in 2008 while non-resident numbers dropped almost 1700 hunting and 2000 angling licenses with Canadian resident numbers remaining relatively unchanged.

“The resident participation trend warrants serious support and focus by the provincial government; especially from a tourism perspective. Non-resident hunting and angling numbers continue to decline for a number of reasons, but primarily it’s simply the economic realities that we face today,” states Darrell Crabbe, Executive Director of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF). “Our most successful tourism based industries and operations realize that their bread and butter are based on resident participation”.

The 2006 Economic Impact Study on Hunting and Angling reported that over \$300 million in economic spin off is generated each year through these activities. The vast majority generated by resident activity and focused primarily in rural markets. Saskatchewan’s gaming operations are the only other tourism business that created more economic activity.

Crabbe goes on to say “There is no doubt that there would be substantial positive economic, quality of life and health benefits realized if the provincial government were to place a greater focus into the protection and enhancement of our wildlife resources and promotion of angling, hunting and other outdoor recreational activities to Saskatchewan residents.”

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation has over 27,000 members in 120 branches across Saskatchewan and is, per capita, the largest wildlife conservation organization of its kind in the world.

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