



Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation

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SWF Praises New Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Legislation

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) is very pleased with today's introduction of **The Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Act** legislation by Ministry of Environment Minister Nancy Heppner.

"The SWF has been promoting the development of this legislation for almost a decade. We certainly applaud the initiative of Minister Heppner to present the Act on the floor of the Legislative Assembly today, and we urge all MLA's to support this Legislation," comments Darrell Crabbe, SWF Executive Director.

"The additional announcement of recognizing November 15th each year as **Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Heritage Day** is an early Christmas present that is greatly appreciated and again, our hat is off to Minister Heppner" says Crabbe.

A 2006 economic impact study by the Saskatchewan Government showed that these outdoor heritage activities generated over \$300 million in economic activity, primarily in rural Saskatchewan, every year. In addition, recent reports show that resident hunting and angling numbers continue to increase.

Crabbe goes on to add "The passage of this very important Bill will allow us to focus on the National Hunting, Fishing and Trapping Rights Legislation that the SWF has been actively working on with other provincial wildlife affiliates, and the Federal Outdoor Caucus which is co-chaired by Saskatchewan's own Garry Breitkreuz."

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Background Information

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) is a non-profit, non-governmental, charitable organization with more than 27,000 members in 120 branches throughout the province. Through its many programs, the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation has become a nationally acknowledged leader in wildlife resources protection, outdoor education, and the enhancement of recreational opportunities for all citizens of Saskatchewan. Per capita, the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation is the largest conservation organization of its kind in the world.

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