



Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation

Media Release

Fisheries Enhancement Agreement Expanded

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The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) is very pleased to announce that the Fisheries Enhancement Agreement with the Ministry of Environment was renewed for three more years with an expanded mandate. The Honourable Dustin Duncan, Minister of Environment and Ray Wild, SWF President signed the new Agreement Thursday February 10, 2011 at the SWF 82nd Annual Convention.

Currently the agreement, which began in 2006, allows the SWF to access up to \$150,000/year towards fisheries projects through the Fish & Wildlife Development Fund. The focus of the agreement is for the SWF to work in conjunction with Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment to identify worthwhile projects throughout the province. The SWF assists their branches, and partners with other organizations on regulatory compliance requirements, engineering and financing options for the projects through a number of funding opportunities.

The new agreement has been expanded to include all operation and maintenance of fisheries projects that have been developed since the inception of the Fisheries Enhancement Fund in 1984. With the expanded scope, the contract has been increased to \$240,000 annually for an additional three years, ensuring that programs continue to operate in a safe and efficient manner.

“We are excited about this new agreement as it will allow the SWF to expand our Fisheries Program and make a greater positive impact on fisheries resources in Saskatchewan,” said Adam Matichuk, SWF Fisheries Biologist.

Since 1984 over 300 projects have been completed including:

- Trout ponds
- Aeration systems
- Angler access improvement
- Spawning bed, habitat enhancement
- Stream bank restoration, cattle exclusion
- Fish passage restoration

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation is a non-profit, non-government, charitable organization of over 30,000 members in 120 branches across Saskatchewan representing every walk of life. Per capita, it's the largest wildlife conservation organization of its kind in the world. Established in 1929, the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation has become an acknowledged leader in the conservation field.

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