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THE SASKATCHEWAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION APPLAUDS THE CALL FOR A NATIONAL PANEL ON FISH AND WILDLIFE

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) is very pleased with Prime Minister Harper's commitment to create a national panel to advise the Federal Government on fish, wildlife and conservation issues.

"Our great country was developed by our pioneering ancestors by embracing the heritage activities of hunting, angling and trapping. These heritage activities continue to play a pivotal role in the quality of life and social makeup of millions of Canadians. In addition, these activities generate billions of dollars into our national economy each year" said Darrell Crabbe, SWF Executive Director.

The Natural Resources Transfer agreement of 1930 put much of the responsibility for wildlife management into the hands of the provincial and territorial governments. However, there are several Federal Departments whose mandates have profound impacts on those resources and the citizens of Canada who enjoy them such as the Department of Fisheries and Oceans, Environment Canada, The Canadian Wildlife Service and Transport Canada to name a few.

"The establishment of a National Advisory Panel would provide conservation organizations a real voice in the decision making process on issues ranging from migratory birds to fisheries habitat and from species at risk to the protection of public access to Canadian waters" added Crabbe.

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation represents over 30,000 members in 120 communities across Saskatchewan and is, per capita, the largest wildlife conservation organization of its kind in the world.

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