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SASKATCHEWAN WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR RETURNS FROM ROUND TABLE DISCUSSIONS WITH PRIME MINISTER

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Darrell Crabbe, Executive Director of The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) has just recently returned from a round table meeting with Prime Minister Stephen Harper and other members of the hunting, angling and conservation community. The ten stakeholder groups in attendance represented a cross section of Provincial Wildlife Organizations (including Saskatchewan, Alberta, Ontario, Quebec and Nova Scotia) and Hunting and Angling industry leaders.

“We were very pleased to have the opportunity to discuss a number of issues with the Prime Minister over the course of the 40 minute meeting. There was very cordial and open dialogue on all the discussion items which ranged from Hunting, Angling and Trapping Rights to Chronic Wasting Disease and, of course, the Long Gun Registry. He certainly came prepared to discuss the issues.” Crabbe reports. Some of the other issues discussed were the economic benefits and spinoffs from hunting and angling in Canada, the Navigable Waters Act and the Canadian Wildlife Service.

The March 21st meeting was hosted by the Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (OFAH) in Toronto in conjunction with their 81st Annual Convention. The Prime Minister was the Keynote Speaker of the Convention at the Saturday Evening Banquet.

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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