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The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation Applauds Announcement Of Sunday Hunting By The Ministry Of Environment

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The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) wishes to congratulate Environment Minister Nancy Heppner on the announcement that hunting of game birds and animals will be allowed on Sundays in our province. The Minister made the announcement at the 80th Annual SWF Convention held in Moose Jaw this past weekend.

“We are very pleased with the Provincial Government becoming proactive in helping us recruit and retain resident hunters in Saskatchewan and promoting the quality of life and economic benefits that come with increased resident hunting and angling” says Darrell Crabbe, Executive Director of the SWF.

Some other interesting points on Sunday hunting are:

- Sunday hunting was originally not allowed as part of the Lords Day Act.
- Saskatchewan is one of the very last jurisdictions in North America to fully implement Sunday hunting.
- First Nations have always been allowed to exercise their treaty right to hunt on Sundays.
- Hunting and Angling are second only to Gaming (Casinos) in our Province for economic dollars generated in the tourism industry with an estimated \$350 million spent in primarily rural Saskatchewan in 2008. The vast majority of those monies are generated through resident activity.
- The first SWF resolution dealing with Sunday hunting was presented in 1976.

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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