



SASKATCHEWAN
WILDLIFE
FEDERATION

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

We hope everyone had a great holiday season, with plenty of opportunity to enjoy the outdoors with your loved ones.

We hope to see you at the 96th Annual Convention in February!

THE 2024 PROVINCIAL ANGLING & HENRY KELSEY BIG GAME AWARDS BANQUET WILL TAKE PLACE ON APRIL 26, 2025 IN BALGONIE, SK

THE 96TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IS JUST WEEKS AWAY!

FEBRUARY 13-15, 2025

Hosted by: *Region 4 Branches*

Host Hotel: *Delta Hotels Regina*
1919 Saskatchewan Drive, Regina, SK

Room Rate: \$149/night, plus taxes.
Includes fitness centre, pool, and restaurant.

To reserve your room, visit: <https://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/>

For more information visit swf.sk.ca or contact Central Office.

BRANCH MONTH END



Photo by: Loreen Erickson, Mallard Wildlife Federation

IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ Branch fish entry deadline date for Provincial Awards is Jan 16/25. Please send in your branch's top entries for 2024 as per the rules and regulations, using the attached fish entry form found on Page 3 or email all pertinent information to sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca. **The Provincial Angling Awards criteria will remain the same as 2024 (required weight and not length). To view the 2025 Provincial Angling rules, [click here](#) or visit Page 4**
- ⇒ Photo Contest: 8x10" or 8.5x11" photos, with the branch and photographer name on the back, must be submitted to Central Office by February 3, 2024, or brought to Convention. To review photo contest guidelines, [click here](#) or visit Page 5.
- ⇒ Don't forget to review the Annual Convention Checklist, [available here](#), or on Page 6.
- ⇒ Convention Resolutions can be [found here](#), or on Page 7.
- ⇒ We are asking all branches to please donate an item worth \$50 or more to the Convention's Annual Fundraising evening. If you could please let Central Office know what your branch will be donating before Feb 3, 2024, it would be greatly appreciated! Even if your branch can't attend the Convention, we are asking you to support this annual fundraising effort - the proceeds from the raffle tables go to the Habitat Trust Fund, and the auction proceeds go to SWF programming. Thanks for your support! Fundraising form is [available here](#) or on Page 15.
- ⇒ If your branch is planning to present your 2024 project at Convention for the Ed Begin Conservation Project Award, please let us know, and send a video or PowerPoint to sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca.
- ⇒ Awards Plaque Order Form for your branch awards is attached on Page 16.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: Any sold memberships must be sent in to Central Office at least on a monthly basis, as per the constitution. If you have any questions, please let us know. .

UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◇ **January 9:** Souris Moose Creek Wildlife Federation Buck Night
- ◇ **January 12:** Eagle Creek Wildlife Federation Annual Meeting/Branch Meeting
- ◇ **January 14:** Kerrobert & District Wildlife Federation January Gun Draw
- ◇ **January 18:** Beaver Hills Wildlife Federation Annual Banquet
- ◇ **February 1:** Wapella Pipestone Wildlife Federation 36th Annual Awards Banquet
- ◇ **February 2:** Tisdale Wildlife Federation Fish Fry
- ◇ **February 11:** Kerrobert & District Wildlife Federation February Gun Draw
- ◇ **February 13-15:** 96th Annual Convention in Regina, SK
- ◇ **March 15:** Weyburn Wildlife Federation Mainprize Fishing Derby
- ◇ **March 22:** Tisdale Wildlife Federation Annual Banquet and Fundraiser
- ◇ **March 21-23:** Winter Women's Outdoor Weekend @ Hannin Creek
- ◇ **March 29** Eagle Creek Wildlife Federation Fundraiser & Awards Banquet
- ◇ **April 4-6:** 3rd Annual AWIC Summit in Richmond, BC
- ◇ **April 5:** Moose Mountain Wildlife Federation 26th Annual Fundraiser Dinner & Auction
- ◇ **April 5:** Cater Lake Wildlife Federation Awards Night
- ◇ **April 8:** Kerrobert & District Wildlife Federation April Gun Draw
- ◇ **April 12:** Redberry Wildlife Federation Banquet @ Hafford Communiplex
- ◇ **April 12:** Weyburn Wildlife Federation Annual Fred Garner Banquet
- ◇ **April 12-13:** Provincial NASP Tournament in Shaunavon
- ◇ **April 26:** Provincial Angling & Henry Kelsey Big Game Awards Banquet, Balgonie, SK
- ◇ **April 27:** Eagle Creek Wildlife Federation Fish Fry
- ◇ **May 30 - June 1:** Spring Women's Outdoor Weekend @ Hannin Creek
- ◇ **August 5 - 9:** Youth Conservation Camps, Girls Week ***NEW DATES**
- ◇ **August 12 - 16:** Youth Conservation Camps, Boys Week ***NEW DATES**

Remember to submit your branch events to be posted on the SWF website! Email Dianne at sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca, and be sure to visit the calendar of events page on our website for further event details.



Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation
FISH COMPETITION ENTRY FORM
(Please PRINT Clearly)



Fish Species		Date of Catch		Catch Method	
Weight (lbs/oz or grams)		Catch & Release	Yes / No	Fly Fishing	Yes / No
Location Caught			Witness Name		
Angler's Name				Angler's Age (if 16 or under)	
Address					
City			Postal Code		
Phone #			E-mail Address		
Branch Name			Membership #		

I hereby attest to and swear that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, by taking or catching & releasing the aforementioned fish, all rules of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation's Provincial Annual Angling Competition were followed and complied with.

Signature of Angler: _____ Date: _____

Branch Rep's Name: _____ Signature: _____

Picture Enclosed

*Entries must be submitted to an SW affiliated branch before
Jan 16, 2025*



2025 PROVINCIAL ANNUAL ANGLING COMPETITION

The Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation Provincial Angling Awards are open to all members fishing in Saskatchewan. Anglers can enter a fish whether they keep it or release it.

Only entries with weights will be accepted from members and branches for released fish. The fish can and must be weighed using a handheld digital scale.

The SWF strives to continually improve its programs for members and branches. The competition rules are listed below. Should you have any questions, please contact the SWF Central Office at (306) 692-8812 or sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca

Rules & Regulations

1. Competition is open from January 1st to December 31st. Branches are responsible for forwarding their top entries in each category to Central Office by January 15th for the previous competition year.
2. Fish must be legally caught in Saskatchewan waters during regular open seasons.
3. Trophies are only given out to current members of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation. The membership must be purchased before the fish being entered was caught.
4. Besides keeper trophies for the largest fish in each category, trophies will also be given out for Master Angler and Fly Fishing Award.
5. SWF Provincial Fisheries Awards will be given out for the following species: Arctic Grayling, Brook Trout, Brown Trout, Burbot, Goldeye, Lake Trout, Largemouth Bass, Northern Pike, Perch, Rainbow Trout, Sauger, Smallmouth Bass, Splake, Tiger Trout, Walleye, Whitefish, and Junior awards (16 years of age and under) for Brook Trout, Goldeye, Lake Trout, Northern Pike, Perch, Rainbow Trout, and Walleye.
6. Entry forms are available from SWF Central Office, 9 Lancaster Rd., Moose Jaw, SK S6J 1M8, sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca
7. Fish taken by spear fishing will not qualify for any SWF awards.
8. Catch and release will be in the same category as kept fish for SWF awards. **All entries (Kept and Catch & Release) are required to be weighed on a digital or government scale**, and be witnessed where possible.
9. Fish must be caught with a rod, reel, and/or line (or ice fishing apparatus) and must be played only by the person listed as the angler.
11. Fish caught in private waters, artificially raised to maturity or illegally transplanted from waters outside of Saskatchewan are not eligible for awards.
12. It is the responsibility of the angler to correctly identify the fish. Incorrectly identified fish will be disqualified.
13. **All entries must be accompanied by a photo of the fish.** Photos become the property of the SWF and the SWF retains the rights to use the photos.
14. The entrant must provide further information if requested by the SWF officials.
15. In its decision, the SWF reserves the right to accept or reject any entry and all decisions of the SWF officials are final.



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ANNUAL PHOTO CONTEST

- Photos will be displayed and judged at the SWF annual Convention (February)
- Branches wishing to enter the photo contest must have the photos there by the first day of Convention
- Photos will be received at the Merchandise Desk by Central Office staff.

The following list of rules will be adhered to:

1. Categories: **Wildlife** (Saskatchewan only, Big Game, Predators, Birds, Fish, etc., no animals in the confines of a park or game farm, no hunting photos. We are asking for Saskatchewan wildlife in their natural state. Humans not allowed.)
Scenery (Saskatchewan only, humans not allowed)
2. 8 x 10 (or 8.5 x 11) sized photos (color or black and white).
3. Photos must not be framed or matted for display.
4. Photos can be entered only once.
5. Photos will not be accepted from individuals. Entries accepted from SWF members only and must be through the local branch. Verification from branch executive must accompany the entry. Branch name, photographer, and address should be on the back of each photo.
6. Competition is for amateur photographers only. Trail camera / UAV photos not allowed.
7. Open to all ages.
8. Each branch may enter one photo for each category. The branches will select their entries and monitor the rules for the provincial competition.
9. Lighting, development, type of film used, will be the choice of the participant. Digital photo enhancement is limited to cropping, dust removal, and adjusting lighting and color. Any photo layering or combining will not be permitted.
10. Ballots are in the delegate's kits at Convention.
11. Photos will be numbered for the display.
12. Ribbons will be awarded to the top three in each category at the Saturday night banquet.
13. Winning photographs will be featured on next year's Convention Book, and the top photos in each category may be featured in the Outdoor Edge Magazine, the SWF web site, and/or SWF promotional material.
14. The SWF is not responsible for loss or damage of entries. The SWF will keep all entries, and will return them to the branches at a later date.

SWF 96th ANNUAL CONVENTION CHECKLIST

Convention is just around the corner (February 13 to 15, 2025)! Are you ready? Have you...

- ✓Booked your hotel
- ✓Sent in your [registration form](#) (Early Bird Deadline is Jan 10, 2025)
- ✓Reminded delegates to bring their 2025 membership cards
- ✓Emailed photographs of your branch activities over the past years to Central Office (Clay Shoots, Scoring Nights, other fundraisers)
- ✓Provided Central Office with your raffle/auction donation information by completing the fundraising form and returning it to Central Office
- ✓Packed your winning photos with the photographer's name and branch on the back
- ✓Reviewed the resolutions and discussed at the branch level

If you are unable to send a representative to the Convention, please have the photographs and fundraising items to Central Office by February 3, 2025.

CONVENTION FUNDRAISING

Once again, we are calling on the generosity of our branches to contribute to our fundraising efforts at the Annual Convention, by sponsoring \$50 or more to support the purchase of items to fill the raffle and auction tables. Additionally, branches are welcome to provide items with a value of \$50 (see example list below). All proceeds from this evening go directly to the Habitat Trust Fund, Education, and Conservation programs. Please complete the form on the next page and return to Central Office.

Some suggested items could include: 2-person Tent, Paddle Board, Outdoor Stove/Travel Grill, Sleeping Bags or Sleeping Pads, Solar Charger, Camping Hammock, LED Lantern, or things along this line.

Other items of interest could be one of a kind items.

Things that are unique and that draw attention. Of course guns, and fishing equipment. We would love to see our tables loaded, so please consider donating.

PARADE OF CHEQUES

If you want to be included in the parade of cheques at Convention, but for some reason cannot send a delegate, please contact Central Office at 306-692-8812, and we will read out your donation.

CALLED VOTE

A called vote can be called by any member on any issue at Convention. In the case of a called vote, the procedures are, as per the constitution: Every branch is entitled to one vote for the first 50 members, or fraction thereof over 15, and one additional vote for every 50 members over the first 50 members, up to a maximum of five votes. The number of votes would be based on the membership numbers as of December 31, 2024.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Don't forget to bring your photographs to Convention! Each branch may submit one per category (Wildlife and Scenery) and the delegates will vote for their favorites. Photos are to be 8 x 10" (or 8.5 x 11") and cannot be framed, or matted. Please include the photographer's name, and branch on the back of each photo.

**Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation
2024 Resolutions to be presented to the 2025 SWF Convention**

1. ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP FOR NATURAL RESOURCE STUDENTS – Region 4 (Indian Head)

WHEREAS outdoor education is an objective of conservation programming at the SWF, and

WHEREAS conservation programming requires professionals with post-secondary education to complete the fieldwork, and

WHEREAS conservation officers, wildlife technicians, fishery technicians, forestry technicians and biologists require post-secondary education prior to being hired, and

WHEREAS providing funding for individuals to further their education in natural resource technology is an investment in conservation programming, and

WHEREAS SWF board of directors has an annual budget to finance different projects of the SWF, therefore

a) BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation establish the criteria and fund a \$2,000 annual scholarship for an individual currently enrolled in a Natural Resources Program.

2. ESTABLISHING A NAME FOR A SCHOLARSHIP FOR NATURAL RESOURCE STUDENTS – Region 4 (Indian Head)

WHEREAS Indian Head and District Wildlife Federation submitted a motion/resolution to create a scholarship for students currently enrolled in a Natural Resources Program, and

WHEREAS Lorne Scott has been the president of the WF, the Minister of Saskatchewan Environment, and has spent a lifetime in conservation and protecting the environment, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the \$2,000 annual scholarship be named the Lorne Scott Conservation Education Scholarship after Lorne Scott and his dedication to the conservation and protection of the environment.

3. BARBLESS HOOKS – Region 3 (Watson-Englefeld)

WHEREAS barbed hooks may cause major damage to fish, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED Saskatchewan implement province-wide barbless hooks for all angling.

4. FISHING LICENCES AGES 65 AND OVER– Region 4 (Indian Head)

WHEREAS Saskatchewan residents 65 years of age and over enjoy fishing for no fee, and

WHEREAS currently 30% of all fishing license fees go to the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund to provide funding for conservation programming, and

WHEREAS over time, as the Saskatchewan resident population ages, there are less license fees and less funding going to the Fish and Wildlife Development Fund, and

WHEREAS with less license fees going into the provincial general revenue there will be future license fee increases, and

WHEREAS anglers over the age of 65 years receive discounts in other areas of life, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation petition the Saskatchewan Government to implement a discounted fishing license fee of \$20.00 for anglers 65 years of age and over.

5. HABITAT CERTIFICATES FOR ANGLERS – Region 4 (Regina)

WHEREAS the estimated number of recreational anglers in Saskatchewan is approaching 300,000 annually, and

WHEREAS youth under the age of 16 and Saskatchewan Residents 65 years of age and older are not required to possess a Saskatchewan Angling Licence, and

WHEREAS increased funding for fisheries enhancement is crucial to maintain the quality of this cherished resource, and

WHEREAS all hunters are required to purchase a Wildlife Habitat Certificate with 30% of the cost going to the Fish & Wildlife Development Fund, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment expand the existing Wildlife Habitat Certificate to a Fisheries and Wildlife Habitat Certificate and invoke regulations to require all Licenced Anglers and Anglers 65 years of age and older be in possession of the same.

6. SENIOR ANGLERS – Region 6 (Swift Current)

WHEREAS knowing the number of senior anglers would be helpful in keeping track of angler numbers for Fisheries management purposes and to get a better picture of angler numbers, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that seniors (65 and over) have to register as an angler even though they do not need to buy a license.

7. MOOSE HUNTING – Region 3 (Melville)

WHEREAS the moose population has been depleted in WMZ 56, 57, 58, 59 and closing the season will help moose numbers recover, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment cancel the moose hunting in WMZ 56, 57, 58, 59 to allow the moose population to recover, in accordance with the Game Management Plan.

8. CLOSURE OF MOOSE HUNTING IN FOREST ZONES – Region 3 (Yorkton)

WHEREAS the overharvesting and predator increase has drastically decreased the overall moose population in forest zones, and

WHEREAS moose hunting is being slowly re-introduced in Manitoba because conservation closures were in effect, resulting in increasing moose populations, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment close moose hunting in all forest zones for conservation reasons, to promote sustainability in accordance with the Game Management Plan.

9. EXTENDING WOLF SEASON – Region 3 (Yorkton)

WHEREAS wolf populations in the forest zones are increasing, and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment is reducing regular season allocations due to big game populations decreasing, and

WHEREAS forest zones are turning into bulls-only due to big game population decline, and

WHEREAS juvenile big game animals are key to the population gain, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment extend the wolf season through all big game hunting seasons.

10. WOLVES – Region 4 (Weyburn)

WHEREAS wolf numbers are very high throughout the provincial forest, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that any SK resident with a wolf hunting licence be allowed to take an unlimited number of wolves in any provincial forest WMZ.

11. WOLF TAGS – Region 4 (Weyburn)

WHEREAS Saskatchewan residents are only allowed to purchase a tag for wolf hunting in WMZs 43, 47-50 and 53-76, and

WHEREAS guided wolf hunters are also allowed to hunt in WMZs 37, 39, 40, and 42, and

WHEREAS wolves have also expanded to other zones throughout the province, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that wolf tags be valid in every WMZ throughout the province.

12. CORMORANTS – Region 4 (Souris Moose Creek) (Background information attached separately)**

WHEREAS the Double-crested Cormorant population on Grant Devine Lake has doubled every year for the last 4 years and are recognized as a major predator of fish resources, and

WHEREAS Grant Devine Lake (Souris Moose Creek) has shown an unprecedented drop in the angler success, and

WHEREAS the Ontario and Alberta governments have implemented a fall season to facilitate the harvest of Cormorants to reduce their population and with the support of the Alberta Wildlife Federation the Alberta Ministry of Environment have added the Double-crested Cormorants to the list of species that Alberta residents can apply for a Damage Control Licence (DCL), and

WHEREAS the Alberta Wildlife Federation supports its province's decision this past summer to allow residents to hunt double-crested cormorants on select waters. In June, the Ministry of Environment and Protected Areas added double-crested cormorants to the list of species for which Alberta residents can apply for a Damage Control Licence (DCL) to reduce populations, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) petition the Saskatchewan Ministry of Environment (MoE) and the Canadian Wildlife Services (CWS) to establish a hunting season and a harvest permit process for Double-crested Cormorants in Saskatchewan.

13. MULE DEER DRAW SEASON - Region 6 (Shaunavon)

WHEREAS the population of both antlerless and antlered mule deer in south-western and south-central zones has drastically decreased, and

WHEREAS the increase in coyote populations due to low fur prices and a significant decrease in trapping and shooting for the removal of coyotes in the province has drastically decreased, and

WHEREAS the prevalence of CWD among mule deer in the above-mentioned zones maintains a steady rate of infection and even slow increase in the province, and

WHEREAS both resistant and non-resistant mule deer to CWD are being removed through harvest, infection, motor vehicle accidents, predation, and natural death, and

WHEREAS natural resistance to CWD is being slowed due to low population numbers and a natural decrease in evolutionary and biological resistance due to the removal of both resistant and non-resistant animals by the above-mentioned means, and

WHEREAS the drought experienced in the past 5 years combined with the harsh winters and late spring have significantly added to the decrease in natural herd numbers, and

WHEREAS the history of the removal of the antelope draw season due to low numbers from similar and even less complex circumstances was successful and necessary to allow the population to rebound appropriately in a healthy and sustainable manner to once again provide a resource for hunters in the province to harvest, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment remove the antlerless and antlered mule deer season in the south-western and south-central zones of the province in order to allow for sufficient rebuilding of mule deer populations in these zones to a sustainable and huntable population, and once numbers rebound appropriately to then re-instate the draw seasons, in accordance with the Game Management Plan.

14. ROAD CORRIDORS – Region 3 (Watson-Englefeld)

WHEREAS access caused by forestry is one of the causes associated with the decline of the moose, elk, and deer numbers, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that all roads accessible by licensed vehicles (cars, pickup trucks, etc.) in hunting zones 56, 57, 58, 59 be made Road Corridor Game Preserves where hunting is prohibited within 400 metres of the centreline of a road.

15. ATV ACCESS – Region 3 (Watson-Englefeld)

WHEREAS outfitters have different rights than general hunters for access to land in certain Provincial Parks using ATVs, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that outfitters and SK hunters have the same ATV access in provincial parks, in accordance with the allocation framework in the Game Management Plan.

16. LAND ACCESS – Region 3 (Watson-Englefeld)

WHEREAS land access for resident hunting has been greatly reduced due to the enactment of the Saskatchewan Trespass Legislation, and

WHEREAS the number of resident hunters has decreased substantially over the past 2 years, and

WHEREAS the most effective tool to control wildlife populations is hunting, and

WHEREAS the Provincial Government owns hundreds of thousands of acres of prime wildlife habitat in Agricultural leases that are in most cases not accessible to the hunting public, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the SWF request that the Provincial Government revise Provincial grazing leases to make it mandatory to allow hunters access for the regulated hunting seasons.

17. LEGACY POOL & YOUTH APPLICANTS – Region 3 (Yorkton)

WHEREAS Junior HK Awards can only be awarded to a hunter who is 16 years old or younger at the time of harvest, and

WHEREAS Junior HK Awards are becoming obsolete due to reduced draw hunting opportunities for hunters aged 16 and under, and

WHEREAS the Junior Pronghorn Award will be obsolete in 2026 when all successful applicants will be drawn from the Legacy pool, and

WHEREAS the Legacy pool status was implemented to attempt to create a draw system where long-time applicants can get a tag, and

WHEREAS the Legacy pool has resulted in a draw system where an increasing number of tags are only available out of the Legacy pool, and

WHEREAS Legacy pools are growing every year and not shrinking like the MoE originally presented to the SWF, and

WHEREAS the implementation of all new draw applicants having to start in D-pool (2019) has contributed to the decline in Junior hunting opportunities in the big game draw, and

WHEREAS first-time hunters starting in D-pool has removed approximately 50% of those youth in Super A pool of ever being able to win a Jr award, and

WHEREAS we the people and members of the SWF have fought for many years “To ensure the wild life legacy we leave to our children surpasses that which we inherited”, and

WHEREAS the big game draw was never meant to be a guaranteed tag to anyone young nor old, and

WHEREAS the future of hunting relies on our children, grandchildren, and future generations, therefore

a) BE IT RESOLVED that the SWF demands the MoE remove the Legacy pool status within the big game draw system due to its negative impact on youth hunters.

b) BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the SWF demand that the MoE allow first-time youth applicants to start in the A-pool.

***See attached Junior award breakdowns to accompany resolution.**

Youth Draw & Award Eligibility		Junior Award Eligibility - Youth Age for Draw Hunting Seasons																						
		2018 Youth Applicants - Born June 2005 - May 2006						2019 Youth Applicants - Born June 2006 - May 2007						2020 Youth Applicants - Born June 2007 - May 2008										
		Jun '05 - Aug '05		Sep '05 - Nov '05		Dec '05 - May '06		Jun '06 - Aug '06		Sep '06 - Nov '06		Dec '06 - May '07		Jun '06 - Aug '06		Sep '06 - Nov '06		Dec '06 - May '07						
Draw Year	Successful Draw Pool	Hunting Season Age	Pool Status	Hunting Season Age	Pool Status	Hunting Season Age	Pool Status	Hunting Season Age	Pool Status	Hunting Season Age	Pool Status	Hunting Season Age	Pool Status	Hunting Season Age	Pool Status	Hunting Season Age	Pool Status	Hunting Season Age	Pool Status					
2018	Super A	13	A	12	13	A	12	A																
2019	Super A	14	Super A	13	14	Super A	13	Super A	13	D	12	13	D	12	D									
2020	Super A	15	Super A	14	15	Super A	14	Super A	14	C	13	14	C	13	C	13	D	12	13	D	12	D		
2021	Super A	16	Super A	15	16	Super A	15	Super A	15	B	14	15	B	14	B	14	C	13	14	C	13	C		
2022	Super A	17	Super A	16	17	Super A	16	Super A	16	A	15	16	A	15	A	15	B	14	15	B	14	B		
2023	Super A	18	Super A	17	18	Super A	17	Super A	17	Super A	16	17	Super A	16	Super A	16	A	15	16	A	15	A		
2024	Super A	19	Super A	18	19	Super A	18	Super A	18	Super A	17	18	Super A	17	Super A	17	Super A	16	17	Super A	16	Super A		
2025	Super A	20	Super A	19	20	Super A	19	Super A	19	Super A	18	19	Super A	18	Super A	18	Super A	17	18	Super A	17	Super A		
2026	Super A	21	Super A	20	21	Super A	20	Super A	20	Super A	19	20	Super A	19	Super A	19	Super A	18	19	Super A	18	Super A		
2027	Super A	22	Super A	21	22	Super A	21	Super A	21	Super A	20	21	Super A	20	Super A	20	Super A	19	20	Super A	19	Super A		
2028	Super A	23	Super A	22	23	Super A	22	Super A	22	Super A	21	22	Super A	21	Super A	21	Super A	20	21	Super A	20	Super A		
2029	Super A								23	Super A	22	23	Super A	22	Super A	22	Super A	22	Super A	21	22	Super A	21	Super A
2030	Super A															23	Super A	22	23	Super A	22	Super A	22	Super A
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18. SWF CONSERVATION POLICY – REGION 3 (Yorkton)

Whereas the current SWF membership and SWF Board of Directors have failed to protect the SWF mission “to ensure the wild life legacy we leave to our children surpasses that which we inherited” with respect to youth applicants in the Big Game Draw, by supporting the Legacy pool status and 1st time applicants starting in D-Pool, and

Whereas the SWF Board of Directors has a fiduciary responsibility to act in the best interests of the organization and its members, which includes overseeing the organization’s strategic direction, ensuring its financial health, and safeguarding the interests of all its members, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that SWF Board of Directors create a conservation policy to protect the interests of all its members, particularly youth, to prevent future generations from making the same mistakes that we have made.

19. GAME MANAGEMENT PLAN – Region 3 (Yorkton)

WHEREAS the provincial Game Management Plan (GMP) states “The responsible use and conservation of these (wildlife) resources is the responsibility of the Government of Saskatchewan.”, and

WHEREAS the GMP also states that “Effective wildlife management needs to engage people in the decision-making process.”, and

WHEREAS Board resolution BD23-2 Game Management Plan¹ passed with 98% at the SWF 95th Annual Convention (Feb 2024), and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment's response to Board Resolution BD23-2 was as shown below ², and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment issued elk depredation tags in September 2024 without proper stakeholder consultation, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the SWF Board of Directors hold the Ministry of Environment and Government of Saskatchewan accountable for their lack of adherence to the Game Management Plan.

¹BD 23-2 GAME MANAGEMENT PLAN

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Government renew its commitment to science-based decision-making to foster confidence in its management of the Public Trust in accordance with the Game Management Plan and ensure compliance to the Plan by all Saskatchewan Government entities.

²BD 23-2. Game Management Plan

The Ministry of Environment confirms its commitment to the Game Management Plan (GMP). The Plan guides the ministry in making science-based decisions supporting the responsible use and conservation of wildlife while balancing the diverse interests in this resource. The GMP defines priorities for the next ten years, and the ministry recognizes the important role played by the SWF in developing this significant document. The five-year review of the GMP, which will ensure the outcomes, goals and actions remain on track and relevant, is underway. This review will be presented at the June 2024 meeting of the Wildlife Advisory Committee when there will be an opportunity to discuss specific concerns.

19. CAPTIVE WILDLIFE REGULATIONSⁱ IN SASKATCHEWAN – Region 5 (River City)

WHEREAS wildlife needs to exist naturally in conserved ecosystem in keeping with the Public Trust Doctrine,ⁱⁱ effective conservation also requires the support of people, who benefit from interactions with wildlife, including captive animals in a variety of settings throughout peoples' lives; and

WHEREAS the people of Saskatchewan clearly support the Ministry of Environment's role in providing "...science-based solutions, compliance and mitigation measures aimed at protecting the environment, safeguarding communities and helping to ensure balanced economic growth and a better quality of life for all Saskatchewan residents,"ⁱⁱⁱ elements of the 2021 update of the Captive Wildlife Regulations needlessly restrict people's positive interactions with wildlife and traditions;^{iv} and

WHEREAS "a diminished connection or indifference toward wildlife resources stemming from a disassociation with nature, means [that] wildlife may become irrelevant to the general public thereby reducing public support for conservation;"^v and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Environment has suffered from program closures and a loss of personnel required for consultation toward upholding the Ministry's mandates, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED THAT we strongly urge the Ministry of Environment re-examine the Captive Wildlife Regulations and apply the changes necessary to protect our Province's wildlife and also the people and their valued traditions which, if needlessly restricted, undermine conservation, sustainability and a quality of life.

ⁱ <https://pubsaskdev.blob.core.windows.net/pubsask-prod/127226/W13-12r5.pdf>

ⁱⁱ <https://swf.sk.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Public-Trust-Doctrine.pdf>

ⁱⁱⁱ <https://www.saskatchewan.ca/government/government-structure/ministries/environment>

^{iv} Expanded preamble:

- 1) Personal action and learning: A tradition dubbed Show and Tell allowed youths to capture a garter snake that may have inadvertently slid into a basement, to feed it and take it to school, before releasing it at a site deemed promising for the animal's survival. This is now prohibited. Yet, a youth can purchase and keep animals from far-flung parts of the World via the pet trade, or could kill the garter snake, but not capture, show and then releases it.
- 2) Care-heal-and-release: Wildlife is prone to accidents from collisions with vehicles, powerlines, wind turbines, and windows in cities and rural residences. When a chickadee hits a window and lies dazed on the ground, an often-successful remedy is to keep the bird quiet in a dark and aerated box, protecting it from the elements, or house cats and other predators for a few hours and then releasing it. The Captive Wildlife Regulations permit only approved rehabilitation centres primarily in major cities from caring for injured wildlife. This precludes nature connection and benefits to wildlife from people elsewhere. In actuality, true

wildlife rehabilitation is extremely difficult. A study of rehabilitated eagles, that were monitored by satellite after their release, showed that the eagles enjoyed only 29% survival one year after release in comparison to 90% in the wild (Bell, Doug et al. 2023. "Post-release survival of Golden Eagles following clinical rehabilitation from injury and disease in the western USA." Meeting of the Wyoming Golden Eagle Working Group.) Similarly, author Sofia Quaglia asked the question, "Does wildlife rehabilitation really work?" Subtitled "No one knows for sure" (Science (News) 385(6704):11-12). Injured wildlife sometimes necessitates a 'death with dignity' as in compassionate euthanasia.

- 3) A disconnect with wildlife including natural landscapes (Calum, Neil et al. 2018, Positive Psychology https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/17439760.2018.1557242?casa_token=9MGDJeeZqroAAAAA:SZadFOSk-FUq3utD8piiZUQNrme6iFaazzEOQLiWLyMzMeU0hICR-UTc6_74E68I5dgvr1nRajn9fQ) is recognised not only as eroding a conservation spirit/ethic, it undermines human health. Many naturalists and wildlife professionals attest to the importance in their youth of deep wildlife contact in shaping their life and choice of profession subsequently. Saskatchewan's Captive Wildlife Regulations should support and not undermine this human condition and wildlife-positive lifestyle.
- 4) Working dogs satisfy several irreplaceable services in society. Several breeds of hunting dogs reliably recover shot birds from land and water. This ability is fostered by field testing/trialing and performance-based breeding. Hunters are able to observe trials, select breeds that serve their needs best and gain know-how for training. Training and testing is done typically with feral pigeons in the early stages and proven with more costly game birds released during formal field trials. Current Captive Wildlife Regulations allow poisoning or shooting of pigeons which are considered a pest in cities and on farms. Yet, the release of previously captive pigeons is prevented by the regulations. Bird hunters should be consulted to find solutions that serve hunting and wildlife management, and that satisfy the requirement to make "... every reasonable attempt to retrieve a shot animal (Saskatchewan Hunters guide 2024-25).

^v <https://swf.sk.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/06/Public-Trust-Doctrine.pdf>

SWF ANNUAL CONVENTION FUNDRAISING

The Raffles and Auctions at the SWF Convention are an important segment of our annual fundraising, and once again, we are calling on the generosity of our branches to donate to these efforts. All proceeds from the fundraising evening go directly to the Habitat Trust Fund, Education, and Conservation programs.

We are asking all branches to donate \$50 or more to support the purchase of an item for the raffle tables, and/or \$150 or more for an item for the live or silent auction. If preferred, branches can provide items of their choice for the raffles/auction, and bring them with them to Convention. Branches will be recognized for their sponsored/donated items, and will be listed in the evening's program.

As in previous years, we will be grouping items together to make a hunting package for one raffle table, a fishing package for another, and a variety of quality items for 4 other tables. In order for us to ensure we have wonderful, full tables, and to make things a little easier on the staff doing the preparations prior to Convention, we ask that your branch let us know ahead of time what you will be donating.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Dianne at 306-692-8812, or email Central Office at sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca.

Please complete the form below and return it to Central Office by January 24, 2025.

Thank you for your continued support!!

YES! Our Branch will support the SWF Annual Convention fundraising efforts

Branch Name: _____

Branch Contact: _____

Please purchase an item(s) from us.

Amount donated: \$ _____ Cheque enclosed: _____ or Bill our Account _____

Our Branch will be donating the following item(s):

Please return this form to Central Office by January 24, 2025

Fax: 306-692-4370 or email sask.wildlife@swf.sk.ca or mail to 9 Lancaster Road,
Moose Jaw, SK S6J 1M8

DECEMBER 2024 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

Check your totals to this sheet every month. If there are discrepancies, please contact Central Office.

Active Since	REGION ONE (25)	2024	2024	2024	2024	Active Since	REGION TWO (16)	2024	2024	2024	2024
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual			Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1954	Basin Lake	56	19	31	50	1939	Battlefords	266	128	104	232
1971	BRUNO***	326	146	249	395	1987	BEAVER RIVER***	110	43	77	120
1951	Carrot River	224	87	86	173	2012	CATER LAKE***	217	113	154	267
1961	Creighton	168	93	60	153	1979	CUT KNIFE***	93	59	44	103
1967	CUDWORTH***	211	118	113	231	1992	DORINTOSH***	58	28	30	58
1947	HUMBOLDT***	380	232	165	397	1954	Fielding	132	42	60	102
1968	La Ronge	148	74	28	102	1947	Lloydminster	1366	833	453	1286
1952	Lake Country	489	205	255	460	1983	Macklin	293	108	172	280
1951	LAKE LENORE***	268	143	199	342	1947	MEADOW LAKE***	84	82	23	105
1957	Lucien Lake	217	91	91	182	1980	REDBERRY***	70	46	29	75
1975	MALLARD***	185	96	118	214	1973	St. Walburg	264	130	99	229
1958	Marcelin Leask	303	123	173	296	1981	Thickwood Hills	326	133	139	272
1955	MELFORT***	338	187	151	338	1980	TURTLE RIVER***	98	65	60	125
1980	Mistatim	117	47	57	104	1951	Unity	259	99	144	243
	Naiverdale	225	75	109	184	1947	WILKIE***	38	31	21	52
1944	NIPAWIN***	230	172	148	320	1972	Witcheakan	391	223	147	370
1980	Park View	126	57	64	121		Regional	4065	2163	1756	3919
2010	Porcupine	163	74	86	160	SUMMARY					
1947	PRINCE ALBERT***	415	356	291	647	OTHER BRANCHES		2024	2024	2024	2024
1977	ST. PETERS***	208	101	124	225		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual	
1994	STONY RAPIDS***	33	15	18	33	SK FALCONRY ASSOCIATION***	25	21	11	32	
1966	Struthers Lake	376	172	192	364	SAFTA (SK AMATEUR FIELD TRIAL ASSOC)***	26	13	20	33	
1945	Tisdale	1122	394	466	860	GBHT (SK GAME BIRD HABITAT TRUST)***	25	80	12	92	
1982	VALLEY TRAILS***	538	324	264	588	Troutreach Saskatchewan	25	10	3	13	
1985	WAKAW***	37	23	15	38	Branches exceeding their 2024 target				61	
	Regional	6903	3424	3553	6977	Regions exceeding their 2024 target				0	
REGULAR MEMBERS											15681
AFFILIATE MEMBERS											14793
PROVINCIAL MEMBERS											340
CORPORATE MEMBERS											0
2024 MEMBERSHIPS TO DECEMBER 31, 2024											30,814
2023 MEMBERSHIPS TO DECEMBER 31, 2023											31,117
DECREASE											-303

*** INDICATES BRANCHES THAT HAVE MET OR EXCEEDED THEIR MEMBERSHIP TARGETS. CONGRATULATIONS!

Active Since	REGION THREE (28)	2024	2024	2024	2024	Active Since	REGION FOUR (15)	2024	2024	2024	2024
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual			Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1975	BEAVER HILLS***	327	157	178	335	1993	BOGGY CREEK***	149	89	62	151
1957	BUCHANAN***	98	53	63	116	1953	BROADVIEW***	253	132	134	266
1957	CANORA***	128	64	69	133	1952	Estevan	1119	601	468	1069
1970	DELWOOD***	106	71	42	113	1970	Grenfell	210	59	73	132
1979	EAST SHORE***	203	112	96	208	1977	INDIAN HEAD***	282	178	116	294
1959	ESTERHAZY***	642	373	300	673	2002	MOOSE MOUNTAIN***	190	119	109	228
1980	FOAM LAKE***	347	210	202	412	1987	Radville	222	94	105	199
1980	Fort Qu'Appelle	167	62	76	138	1967	REDVERS***	347	170	239	409
1973	HUDSON BAY***	273	118	164	282	1962	Regina	1116	648	443	1091
1947	KAMSACK***	161	85	98	183	1981	ROCANVILLE***	632	263	375	638
1974	Kuroki	171	71	75	146	1982	SAVE-A-GOOSE***	598	248	374	622
1966	LANGENBURG***	238	132	196	328	1990	SOURIS MOOSE CREEK***	159	104	75	179
1986	LeRoy	60	27	29	56	1987	Wapella	276	108	157	265
1977	LOON CREEK***	332	178	160	338	1968	Wawota	431	166	263	429
1939	MELVILLE***	730	458	336	794	1950	Weyburn	432	194	209	403
1949	Norquay	337	104	162	266		Regional	6416	3173	3202	6375
1980	PARKLAND***	134	83	99	182						
1990	PHEASANT CREEK***	82	40	48	88						
1966	Preeceville	513	234	277	511						
1989	River Ridge	262	107	132	239						
1977	STURGIS***	267	128	141	269						
1990	TIMBERLINE***	73	55	76	131	Active Since	REGION FIVE (16)	2024	2024	2024	2024
1967	Touchwood Hills	819	391	402	793			Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1980	VALLEY VIEW***	209	86	145	231	1978	ARM RIVER***	90	48	59	107
1964	WATSON-ENGLEFELD***	309	173	146	319	2016	Bear Hills	337	195	82	277
1980	Whitesand	99	29	47	76	1983	BRIGHTWATER BLACKSTRAP***	116	59	74	133
1988	Willowbrook	172	62	82	144	1961	Central Butte	240	104	116	220
1947	YORTON***	283	166	155	321	1971	Eagle Creek	198	82	81	163
	Regional	7542	3829	3996	7825	1983	ELBOW***	43	28	22	50
						1981	Kerrobert	116	47	44	91
Active Since	REGION SIX (9)	2024	2024	2024	2024	1955	Kindersley	239	151	68	219
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual	1955	Kyle	361	140	207	347
1953	Assiniboia	223	147	58	205	1971	Outlook	257	108	61	169
1965	DEEP SOUTH***	28	24	18	42	2017	RIVER CITY***	203	148	117	265
1999	Dirt Hills	941	467	302	769	1950	Rosetown	36	11	1	12
1996	GREAT SANDHILLS***	48	59	21	80	1980	SNIPE LAKE***	30	26	7	33
1953	MAPLE CREEK***	260	174	114	288	2000	Viscount	33	20	8	28
1947	Moose Jaw	631	340	232	572	1993	Watrous	253	129	108	237
1961	SHAUNAVON***	291	115	184	299	1979	YOUNG***	43	58	26	84
1947	Swift Current	576	267	226	493		Regional	2595	1354	1081	2435
1987	WIWA CREEK***	25	21	4	25						
	Regional	3023	1614	1159	2773						

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