

THE 96TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IS JUST A WEEK AWAY!

The 96th Annual Convention will be held on February 13-15, 2025 at the Delta Hotel in Regina, SK

MEAL NUMBERS HAVE TO BE INTO THE HOTEL BY FEB 7, SO PLEASE HAVE YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS IN BY FRIDAY. DOWNLOAD HERE

DOOR PRIZES, AUCTIONS, PROGRAM UPDATES, AND SO MUCH MORE!

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

For more information visit <u>swf.sk.ca</u> or contact Central Office.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN REGINA!

BRANCH MONTH END



Photo by: Angie Carver, Cater Lake Wildlife Federation

IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ The Hannin Creek Education & Applied Research Centre in Candle Lake is hiring! View the job descriptions on Page 3.
- ⇒ Convention agenda can be found here, or on Page 5.
- ⇒ Final chance to review the Convention Checklist. Click <u>here to download</u>, or view on Page 8.
- LAST CALL The deadline for fundraising donations for Convention is February 10, 2025. 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 10, 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 9.
- \Rightarrow The 2024 Resolutions will be presented at the 2025 SWF Convention. Convention Resolutions can be <u>found here</u> or on Page 10.
- ⇒ Convention delegates must have a 2025 Membership to attend.
- ⇒ The Provincial Angling & Henry Kelsey Big Game Awards Banquet is approaching quickly! For tickets, contact Central Office at 306-692-8812. The Awards Poster can be downloaded here, or found on Page 19.
- THE STARCRAFT BOAT LOTTO & 50/50 ADD-ON IS NOW LIVE!
 VISIT https://swf.sk.ca/starcraft-boat-raffle-draw-50-50/ TO READ THE RULES OF PLAY, OR TO PURCHASE YOUR TICKETS. THE RAFFLE POSTER IS AVAILABLE ON PAGE 20 TO SHARE.

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

- ♦ **February 8:** St. Walburg & District Wildlife Federation Annual Banquet
- ♦ **February 11:** Kerrobert & District Wildlife Federation February Gun Draw
- ♦ **February 13-15:** 96th Annual Convention in Regina, SK
- March 8: Moose Jaw Wildlife Federation Youth & Family Ice Fishing Tournament
- March 11: Kerrobert & District Wildlife Federation March Gun Draw
- March 15: Weyburn Wildlife Federation Mainprize Fishing Derby
- March 15: Souris Moose Creek Wildlife Federation Ice Fishing Tournament
- March 22: Tisdale Wildlife Federation Annual Banquet and Fundraiser
- March 21-22: Moose Jaw Wildlife Federation Fish Fry @ MJWF Hall
- March 21-23: Winter Women's Outdoor Weekend @ Hannin Creek
- March 29: Eagle Creek Wildlife Federation Fundraiser & Awards Banquet
- ♦ April 1: Fish Artwork Contest Opens
- April 1: Deadline for SWF Membership purchase to be eligible for Henry Kelsey Bear Awards
- 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 19: Souris Moose Creek Wildlife Federation 33rd Annual Fundraiser Dinner & Auction
- April 26: Provincial Angling & Henry Kelsey Big Game Awards Banquet, Balgonie, SK
- ♦ April 27: Eagle Creek Wildlife Federation Fish Fry
- ♦ May 1: Youth Conservation Camp Applications Due
- May 3: Moose Jaw Wildlife Federation Annual Fundraiser @ Exhibition Convention Centre, Moose Jaw
- May 13: Ticket sales close for SWF Boat/Quad/E-Bike Lottery with add-on 50/50
- ♦ May 15: SWF Boat/Quad/E-Bike with add-on 50/50 Lottery Draw
- 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

HANNIN CREEK EDUCATION & APPLIED RESEARCH CENTRE JOB OPPORTUNITIES

PART TIME COOK:

- -Prepare menu, then supply grocery list for grocery order to head cook.
- -Prepare 3 meals a day for up to 30 people.
- -A kitchen helper is employed to work with you to prep food, serve and clean kitchen for groups over 15 people.
- -It is approximately 1 week a month May to September.
- -May involve working weekends.
- -Pay is per day, not hourly.
- -Meals and accommodations are included.

Email Rose - <u>rose.senger@xplornet.com</u>

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT:

The following two positions could be filled by the same employee:

Kitchen help:

- -Assist head cook with meal preparation, serving and cleaning kitchen.
- -Full days can be from 7am to 7pm.

Camp Cleaner:

- -Clean and sanitize cabins after camp participants have left.
- -Clean washrooms, up to twice a day, depending on group size.
- -Clean research lab, as necessary.
- -Miscellaneous yard maintenance may be involved.

Position would start in April and conclude end of September.

Pay is hourly, starting at \$15.00. Will involve working some weekends.

Meals and accommodations are available, ONLY while camp is in operation.

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Looking for a job that protects our lakes and rivers?

Watercraft Inspector

Fish & Wildlife Branch | Ministry of Environment 10 Positions | Various Locations

What you need to know:

- Many aquatic invasive species (AIS), such as zebra and quagga mussels, are accidentally spread when boats and other watercraft that have not been properly cleaned, drained, and dried are moved between lakes and rivers.
- Zebra and quagga mussels have not been detected in Saskatchewan waters but are present in many neighbouring provinces and states where they have caused ecological impacts and cost millions of dollars in damage.
- Mandatory watercraft inspection stations are operated along major highways where watercraft and equipment are inspected for aquatic invasive species to prevent their spread into our province or others.

What you will be doing:

- Interviewing watercraft owners to determine the risk the conveyance poses to Saskatchewan's waterbodies.
- Thoroughly inspecting various types of boats and other watercraft for the presence of aquatic invasive species.
- Educating watercraft owners about the threat of aquatic invasive species and provincial regulations.
- Operating the watercraft decontamination unit which involves the ability to connect, tow, and backup a small trailer and control a hot water pressure washer system.

What skills you should have:

- Knowledge of aquatic invasive species biology, ecology, impacts, and pathways of spread.
- An understanding of different types of watercrafts and their systems gained through boating or other experience.
- Confidence to educate watercraft owners about aquatic invasive species and inform provincial regulations.
- Great attention to detail to complete thorough inspections and accurately complete legal paperwork.
- Ability to deal with conflict and difficult people and maintain composure in a high-pressure environment.
- Flexibility to work a rotational schedule that will include many weekend shifts and a work environment that is primarily outdoors.

Length: 4-month, 5-month, or 6-month terms available

Locations: Moosomin (3); Estevan (2); Yorkton (2); Langenburg (2); Redvers (1)

Length: April 28th, 2025 to Sept 1st, 2025 with possibility for extension to October 19th, 2025

Wage: SGEU-04 (\$22.295 to \$27.939 hourly)

Closing Date: February 19th, 2025

Please apply online at: https://www.saskatchewan.ca/residents/jobs-working-and-training/find-and-apply-for-jobs/jobs-in-the-saskatchewan-public-service/jobs-available-to-the-public

Questions can be directed to Paige Gilchrist at paige.gilchrist@gov.sk.ca.





96th ANNUAL CONVENTION

Regina, SK - February 13, 14, 15, 2025

AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, February 12, 2025

6:30 - 8:30 p.m. Registration: Delta Hotel

THURSDAY, February 13, 2025

11:00 a.m. Registration: Delta Hotel

11:00 a.m. New Delegates Luncheon @ Delta Hotel

1:00 p.m. Opening of 96th Annual Convention – David Yorke, President, SWF

Piper - Mike Berns, RCMP Pipes & Drums

O Canada - Renee Sherratt

One-minute silence in remembrance of SWF members & CAF who have passed away during the last year

Welcome from the Province of Saskatchewan – The Hon. Travis Keisig, Minister of Environment

Welcome from the City of Regina – Councillor Shobna Radons Welcome & Directions – Lyle Cattell, Convention Chair

Introduction of Guests and Board of Directors - David Yorke, President, SWFI

Convention Procedures Chair - Dwayne Davison

Chairpersons of the Day - Trent Empey / Murray Freistadt

1:15 p.m. Keynote Speaker – Maya Basdeo

1:45 p.m. Adoption of Minutes of 2024 Convention

1:50 p.m. SWF President's Opening Remarks – David Yorke

2:10 p.m. SWF Executive Director's Report – Darrell Crabbe

SWF Finances - Approval of the 2024 Audited Statements - Motion to accept as circulated

2:40 p.m. SWF NASP / Programs – Blaine Olfert, Coordinator

2.50 p.m. SWF Public Outreach & Education - Courtney Devins, Director

3:15 p.m. Coffee – Sponsored by Boggy Creek Wildlife Federation / Grenfell Wildlife Federation / Weyburn Wildlife Federation

3:30 p.m. Branch Project Presentations

3:45 p.m. AIL (American Income Life) Insurance – Jacqueline Lowe, Public Relations Director

3:55 p.m. Sean Southey, CEO, Canadian Wildlife Federation

4:10 p.m. Open Question Period

4:25 p.m. SWF Presidential Nominations

4:35 p.m. Adjourn for the day

6:00 p.m. Reception

6:30 p.m. Contributions Awards Banquet

- Sponsored by Beyond Wealth Management / SaskGaming - Casino Regina and Moose Jaw / SaskPower

MC - Courtney Devins

Guest Speaker: The Hon. Travis Keisig, Minister of Environment

Piper - Ian Kutarna, RCMP Pipes & Drums

Branch & Individual Recognition Awards Tailender Award Presentation – Blair Mitchell





FRIDAY, February 14, 2025

| 8:25 a.m. | Call to Order: Chairpersons – Kevin Guttormson / Larry Pfliger |
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| | SK Ministry of Environment – Wildlife Unit – Joann Skilnick, Director Big Game Draw – Matthew Weiss Wolves & Black Bears in Saskatchewan – Matthew Tokaruk Moose Mortality Research Preliminary Findings – Ayicia Nabigon, University of Saskatchewan Wildlife Health Program – Iga Stasiak Game Management Plan Review – Ffion Cassidy Forest Management in Saskatchewan – Dave Cobb |
| 10:20 a.m. | Open Question Period |
| 10:30 a.m. | Coffee – Sponsored by Moose Mountain Wildlife Federation / Radville Wildlife Federation / Redvers Wildlife Federation / Wapella Pipestone Wildlife Federation |
| 10:45 a.m. | IPCOs / Moose / Term Licences - Rob Olson, Manitoba Wildlife Federation |
| 11:15 a.m. | Resolutions – Todd Smith / Gord Taylor |
| 12:00 noon | Lunch – Sponsored by Ross Machine Shop and Armour Steel Fabricators / Broadview Wildlife Federation |
| 1:00 p.m. | Call to Order: Chairpersons – Dolphyn Boschman / Barry Starling |
| | Fisheries - SK Ministry of Environment, Fisheries Unit – Matt Tyree, Director - Aquatic Invasive Species Update – Paige Gilchrist, AIS Ecologist - Provincial Fish Hatchery – Nelson Bergh, Manager - How Wetlands Feed the Fish in the Rivers Through the Winter – Iain Phillips, Water Security Agency |
| 2:00 p.m. | Open Question Period |
| 2:15 p.m. | Coffee – Sponsored by Moose Mountain Wildlife Federation / Radville Wildlife Federation / Redvers Wildlife Federation / Wapella Pipestone Wildlife Federation |
| 2:30 p.m. | Luke Murray – SK Firearm Office Administrator Firearms Legislation – Gil White, SK Firearms Chair |
| 2:50 p.m. | Targeting Conservation - A Survey of Hunters in Canada – Maya Basdeo |
| 3:20 p.m. | Open Question Period |
| 3:30 p.m. | Resolutions – Todd Smith / Gord Taylor |
| 4:00 p.m. | Adjourn for the day |
| 5:00 p.m. | Reception |
| 6:00 p.m. | Fundraising Banquet – Sponsored by Olympic Super Center and Power Sports Regina MC – Darren Newberry Piper – Mike Berns, RCMP Pipes & Drums |
| | SWF Fundraising Evening Auctioneer – Des Plewman, Coast to Coast Car Auctions |

Guidelines for Question Periods

- Delegate/Guest allowed 2 minutes to present a question or make a statement
- 3 minutes allowed for reply
- Timing at the discretion of the Day Chairs and/or Procedures Chairman







SATURDAY, February 15, 2025

8:25 a.m. Call to Order: Chairpersons - Josh Michel / Blair Mitchell SK Ministry of Corrections, Policing & Public Safety - Steve Dobko, Chief Superintendent Sgt. Shawn Riablko, Yorkton Field Office Makayla Lupien, Moose Jaw Field Office Sgt. Jamie Chartrand - K9 Supervisor 10:00 a.m. Open Question Period Coffee - Sponsored by Rocanville & District Wildlife Federation / Save A Goose Wildlife Federation / Souris Moose Creek 10:30 a.m. Wildlife Federation / Wawota Wildlife Federation University of Regina 10:45 a.m. Endangered Ord's Kangaroo rats in Saskatchewan & Alberta - Jessie Bainbridge Mercury Contamination in Saskatchewan using Crayfish as an Indicator Species - Yuliya Shytmburska Barotrauma in Walleye - Dr. Chris Somers 11:30 a.m. SWF Presidential Speeches and Election 12:00 noon Lunch - Sponsored by South Country Equipment / Westridge Construction 1:00 p.m. Call to Order: Chairpersons - Clark Schultz / Todd Smith Donations to SWF Programs - Darren Newberry Habitat Trust - Darren Newberry, SWF Director of Habitat Lands 1:30 p.m. 2:00 p.m. Henry Kelsey - Heath Dreger, HK Chair 2:15 p.m. Canoeing Alone Across the Northwest Territories - Calem Watson 2:45 p.m. Open Question Period 3:00 p.m. Coffee - Sponsored by Rocanville & District Wildlife Federation / Save A Goose Wildlife Federation / Souris Moose Creek Wildlife Federation / Wawota Wildlife Federation 3:15 p.m. Presentations for the site of the 2027 Convention (2026 Convention – Yorkton) 3:30 p.m. Visitors' Remarks 3:45 p.m. New & Unfinished Business: Resolution Results / Site of the 2027 Convention 4:00 p.m. SWF President's Closing Remarks - David Yorke Announcement of new SWF President Closing Remarks - SWF President Elect 4:15 p.m. Adjournment of the 96th Annual SWF Convention 6:00 p.m. Reception 6:30 p.m. Awards Banquet - Sponsored by Pokey's Tackle Shop / Redhead Equipment / SaskTel / SaskWater / SaskEnergy / Indian Head & District Wildlife Federation / Regina Wildlife Federation MC - Darrell Crabbe Piper - Mike Berns, RCMP Pipes & Drums SWF Awards & Presentations Photography: Wildlife & Scenery Clayton Young Memorial Awards

- Ed Begin Conservation Project Award
- Resource Management Conservation Award
- Lorne Topley Memorial Stewardship Award
- Gordon Lund Memorial Conservation Award

Entertainment: Karissa Hoffart, Award-winning Canadian Country Artist





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 10, 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

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 February 10, 2025.

Thank you for your continued support!!

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

| Branch Name: | | | |
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| Branch Contact: | | | |
| ☐ Please purchase an item(s) Amount donated: \$ | | or Bill our Account | |
| Our Branch will be donat | ing the following item(s): | | |
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Please return this form to Central Office by February 10, 2025

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

Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation 2024 Resolutions / Constitutional Amendment to be presented to the 2025 SWF Convention

24-1. 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

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.

24-2. 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.

24-3. 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.

24-4. 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.

24-5. 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.

24-6. 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.

24-7. 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.

24-8. <u>CLOSURE OF MOOSE HUNTING IN FOREST ZONES</u> – 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.

24-9. 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.

24-10. 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.

24-11. 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.

24-12. CORMORANTS - Region 4 (Souris Moose Creek)

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.

CORMORANT BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

Double crested black Cormorants are colony nesting birds, meaning they prefer to nest in close proximity to others of their species. In recent years, Grant Devine Lake has had an increased colony size in and around the islands at the south end of the lake.. Cormorants typically return to the same colony each year just after ice is out.

The Alameda Fish Derby that held its 26th annual derby at the end of June 2024. Entries were down to 165 adults and 31 children. Results were only 30 fish entered and the previous year 2023 recorded 31 fish entered.

Ontario Position:

Decision summary

Amendments have been made to the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* and supporting regulations (Ontario Regulation 665/98 (Hunting) and Ontario Regulation 670/98 (Open Seasons) to create a hunting season for double-crested cormorants in Ontario.

Decision details

On July 30, 2020, regulatory amendments were made to create a fall hunting season for double-crested cormorant in Ontario.

Rules for hunting double-crested cormorants

Double-crested cormorants have been listed as a 'game bird'. People can hunt cormorants under the authority of an Outdoors Card and Small Game Licence, similar to other species listed as 'game birds'.

People can hunt cormorants in accordance with the FWCA and small game hunting requirements. The following additional rules apply with respect to hunting cormorants:

- 1. Open seasons in all Wildlife Management Units: September 15-December 31.
- 2. Harvest limit: 15 birds per day.
- 3. Allowed firearms: Shotguns (including muzzle-loading shotguns) not larger than 10 gauge with non-toxic ammunition. Shotgun cannot be loaded with a shell containing a single projectile.
- 4. Use of vehicles: Hunters are permitted to hunt double-crested cormorant from a stationary motorboat (motorboat is not in motion and the power to the motor has been turned off).
- 5. Retrieval and disposal, hunters must:
- have adequate means of retrieving any bird that is shot, and
- immediately retrieve the bird, dispatch the bird if it is alive when retrieved, and include it in their bag limit. If hunters choose to not use the birds they harvest, they must dispose of the birds by either:
 - delivering it to an approved waste disposal site that permits the disposal of dead animals
 - burying it on private land owned by the hunter, or on private land occupied by the hunter with consent of the land-owner

All other relevant federal, provincial, and municipal laws/rules related to hunting apply (e.g. trespassing, municipal discharge of firearms by-laws, federal firearm licensing requirements, etc.).

To support the hunting season, we have also initiated a cormorant monitoring program to assess population status and trends.

The season has been implemented through amendments to the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997* and following regulations made under the Act: Ontario Regulation 665/98 (Hunting), Ontario Regulation 669/98 (Wildlife Schedules) and Ontario Regulation 670/98 (Open Seasons).

Alberta Position:

CORMORANT CULL

Alberta's cormorant population has been increasing since the '70s, and now it's out of control in some areas. 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).

According to the ministry, a DCL may be issued "for the lethal control of specific wildlife that is causing, or is likely to cause property damage, or pose a threat to human safety." The licences are issued with conditions specifying where and how a target species may be hunted. All regular hunting regulations also apply.

As cormorants are voracious fish eaters and their toxic droppings kill trees on their nesting grounds, AWF wildlife chair John Clarke expects most of the DCL applicants will be residents who keep stocked fish ponds. Those wanting to apply for a licence should contact their local Environment and Protected Areas office.

The AWF supports Alberta's plan to rein in cormorant populations.

Overall, the cormorant population in Alberta has been increasing since the 1970s, to the point it is now getting out of control in some areas, says AWF fish chair Darryl Smith. "They are overabundant and keep expanding their range," he says of the native species.

Historically, Alberta has taken measures to reduce cormorant numbers in areas where the birds have had the greatest negative impact. In 2005, for example, culling was introduced to complement egg oiling around Lac La Biche to rein in breeding and help restore the walleye population. Those management actions led to an 83 per cent drop in the number of nesting cormorants between 2003 and 2013.

Nesting begins at the end of April and may continue into July. Females lay three to four eggs and incubate for almost one month. The young fledge in the nest in 35-40 days. Consideration towards control of these growing colony numbers has been a constant concern for anglers from Ont. To Alta.

According to the ministry, a DCL may be issued "for the lethal control of specific wildlife that is causing, or is likely to cause property damage, or pose a threat to human safety." The licences are issued with conditions specifying where and how a target species may be hunted. All regular hunting regulations also apply. As cormorants are voracious fish eaters and their toxic droppings kill trees on their nesting grounds,

By adding cormorants to the list of species that can be managed under a DCL, it's hoped populations can now be reduced to more sustainable levels throughout the province. "The AWF supports the management of overabundant species, particularly when they have been demonstrated to adversely affect other populations," Smith says. "This is not about eradication; it's about management."

Cattle and grain producers have raised concerns after ravens have killed or injured newborn livestock or damaged grain bags after re-colonizing agriculture parts of the province in recent years.

<u>Email</u> sent and received from our fisheries Biologist Mitchell Thorarinson to determine the fish populations in Moose Creek reservoir.

Hi Tim - Thanks for the quick phone call. As I mentioned in our conversation, we have Alameda Reservoir (Grant Devine) penciled in for a fisheries assessment next summer. The information you provided me with will be helpful when we plan our survey. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Mitchell Thorarinson

Government of Saskatchewan

Fisheries Biologist

Fish and Wildlife Branch, Ministry of Environment

24-13. MULE DEER DRAW SEASON - Region 6 (Shaunavon)

WHEREAS the population of both antierless and antiered 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

WHERAS 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.

24-14. 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.

24-15. 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.

24-16. 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.

24-17. <u>LEGACY POOL & YOUTH APPLICANTS</u> – 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 Appool.

^{*}See attached Junior award breakdowns to accompany resolution.

| Vouth | Draw & | | | | | | | Jun | ior Award | Eligibilit | y - Y | outh A | Age for I | Draw Hunt | ing Seas | sons | | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|----------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|----------------|-------------------|---------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|------------|-------------|----------|--------|-----------|------------|---------------|
| | | 2018 You | uth Appl | icant | ts - Bo | rn June | 2005 - Ma | | | | | | | 2006 - Ma | | T | th Appl | licant | s - Bo | orn June | 2007 - Ma | y 2008 |
| Award Eligibility Jun '05 - Aug '05 Sep '05 - Nov '05 | | | | Dec '05 - 1 | 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 | Successful | Hunting | Pool | Hur | Hunting | Pool | Hunting | Pool | Hunting | Pool | Hunting | | Pool | Hunting | Pool | Hunting | Pool | Hunting | | Pool | Hunting | Pool |
| Year | Draw Pool | Season Age | Status | Sease | on Age | Status | Season Age | Status | Season Age | Status | Seaso | n Age | Status | Season Age | Status | Season Age | Status | Seaso | n Age | Status | Season Age | Status |
| 2018 | Super A | 41 | 4 | NE. | 33 | - | 1,2 | | | - | | | - | | | 1 | - | | - | | | - |
| 2019 | Super A | 14 | Silper A | 13 | -0.4 | Super A | 10 | SuperA | -03 | 22 | 12 | 13 | 20 | 13 | tr. | 7.7 | | | | | | |
| 2020 | Super A | 15 | Siger h | 34 | 13: | Super A | XA. | SuperA | -3/1 | - 6 | AE | 134 | -6 | 5.1 | 2 | 4.0 | D | DE! | 3.5 | 0 | 12 | 0 |
| 2021 | Super A | 16 | Siper A | 35 | - 16 | Super A | 15 | SuperA | 0 | 11. | 20 | 1 | U | -14 | - 1 | 10 | E | 18 | 15 | - C | 23 | C |
| 2022 | Super A | 17 | Siger A. | 18 | 37 | SuperA | 16 | SuperA | -16 | . / | 25. | 15 | N. | 15- | | 15 | . 0 | 14 | 15- | B | 3.6 | 0. |
| 2023 | Super A | 18 | Support A | 17 | 18 | SuperA | 17 | SuperA | -17 | Support. | 16 | 17 | Sugar A | 16 | Super A | 16 | | 15 | 15 | - 8 | 15 | A |
| 2024 | Super A | 19 | Seper A | 18 | 19 | SuperA | is | SupprA | 18 | SagerA | 17 | 18 | Sugar A | 17 | Super A | 17 | Sugar A | 45 | 17 | SuperA | 15 | Suppr A |
| 2025 | Super A | 10 | Support A | 19 | 20 | Super A | 19 | SuperA | 19 | Sugar A | LB | 19 | Sugar A | 13 | Super A | 13 | Sugar A | 17 | 13 | SuperA | 17 | SupprA |
| 2026 | Super A | 21 | Seper A | 30 | 21 | SuperA | 20 | SupprA | 30 | SugarA | 19 | 20 | Sugar A | 19 | Super A | 19 | Super A | 18 | 19 | Super A | 35 | SupprA |
| 2027 | Super A | 22 | Sperk | -21 | 0 | Swern. | 21 | Super A | 21 | Smera | 201 | 25 | AngerA | 20 | Super A | 20 | Super A | 19 | 20 | SWEET A | 10 | SuperA |
| 2028 | Super A | 71 | Siper A. | -22 | - 71 | SuperA | 22 | SuperA | 22 | WimerA. | 21 | 22 | Super A | 21 | Super A | 21 | Super A | 20 | 21 | SuperA | 20 | Superd |
| 2029 | Super A | | | | | | | | 21 | SuperA | 22 | 23 | Super A | 22 | Super A | 22 | Somer A | 22 | 22 | SuperA | 71 | SuperA |
| 2030 | Super A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 73 | Super A. | 22 - | 73 | Super A | 22 | SuperA |
| 2031 | Super A | | - min | mile. | mbed | de la constant | | Youth A | pplicants mu | st be 12 | when | applyi | ng for Big | g Game Drav | w | | | | | | | |
| 2032 | Super A | | UNE: | game | m de m | rawn | | | T | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2033 | Super A | | Tile | Shie to | n be dr | swin . | • | Only you | th age 16 at | t time of | harves | st are | eligible fo | or youth awa | ards since | 2023 | | | | | | |
| 2034 | Super A | | Elig | thin f | ar Jr Av | nerel | | (conseq | wence of first | time appl | icants | startin | g in D Pool | in 2019) | | | | | | | | |
| 2035 | Super A | | His | ible to | n be do | nim | | | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2036 | Super A | | Too | old fo | or Jr Av | ard | | Approxim | nately half o | of all your | h will | never | be eligib | le for a You | th Award | i | | | | | | |
| 2037 | Super A | | | | | | | | om after the | | | | | | | | er be eligi | ible for | a You | th Award) | 1 | |
| 2038 | Super A | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | 1 | |
| 2039 | Super A | 1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

24-18. 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.

24-19. 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.

24-20. CAPTIVE WILDLIFE REGULATIONS¹ IN SASKATCHEWAN – Region 5 (River City)

WHEREAS wildlife needs to exist naturally in conserved ecosystem in keeping with the Public Trust Doctrine, 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;" 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.

1) <u>Personal action and learning:</u> 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.

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

[&]quot;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:

^{2) &}lt;u>Care-heal-and-release:</u> 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

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

Article VII - Board of Directors 3 c) iii)

In the event that a nominee is not elected for a regional vacancy, the position will be left vacant until the next regular Regional Meeting unless a Special Meeting (Article XI-2) is invoked.

(Addition:) If the Regional Director position remains vacant after that regional meeting, the Board of Directors shall have the option to appoint an SWF member from that region to fill the vacancy. An election will be held at the following Regional Meeting to fulfill that appointed interim position.



APRIL 26, 2025

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Hosted by: Boggy Creek Wildlife Federation

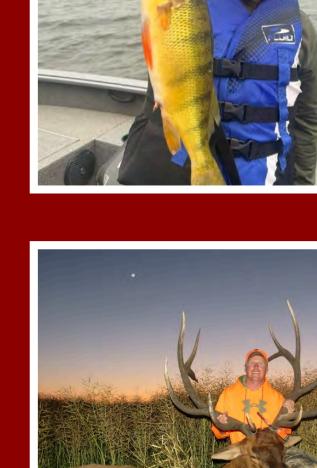


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PROCEEDS FROM THIS RAFFLE WILL GO TOWARDS SWF PROGRAMMING

Ticket Deadline: May 13, 2025 at 11:59:59 p.m. CST

Main Prize & 50/50 Draw Date: May 15, 2025 at 12:00:00 p.m. CST

Lotto Licence #: LR24-0123



JANUARY 2025 MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

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

| Active Since | REGION ONE (25) | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | Active Since REGION TWO (16) | | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 |
|-----------------|------------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------|-----------|----------|
| | | Target | Regular | Affiliate | Actual | | | Target | Regular | Affiliate | Actual |
| 1954 | Basin Lake | 50 | 15 | 25 | 40 | 1939 | Battlefords | 232 | 42 | 52 | 94 |
| | | | 10 | 20 | | 1987 | Beaver River | 120 | 10 | 7. | 0 |
| 1971 | Bruno | 395 | | | 0 | 2012 1979 | Cater Lake Cut Knife | 267 103 | 42 | 74 | 116 0 |
| 1951 | Carrot River | 173 | 20 | 19 | 39 | 1979 | Dorintosh | 58 | | | 0 |
| 1961 | Creighton | 153 | | | 0 | 1954 | Fielding | 102 | 35 | 55 | 90 |
| 1967 | Cudworth | 231 | 75 | 93 | 168 | 1947 | Lloydminster | 1286 | 498 | 291 | 789 |
| 1947 | Humboldt | 397 | 118 | 82 | 200 | 1983 | Macklin | 280 | | | 0 |
| | | | 110 | <u> </u> | | 1947 | Meadow Lake | 105 | 21 | 3 | 24 |
| 1968 | La Ronge | 102 | | | 0 | 1980 | Redberry | 75 | 22 | 10 | 0 |
| 1952 | Lake Country | 460 | | | 0 | 1973 | St. Walburg | 229 | 23 | 13 | 36 |
| 1951 | Lake Lenore | 342 | 124 | 177 | 301 | 1981 | Thickwood Hills | 272 | 67 | 72 | 139 |
| 1957 | Lucien Lake | 182 | | | 0 | 1980 | Turtle River | 125 | 39 | 39 | 78 |
| | | | 25 | 20 | | 1951 | Unity | 243 | 19 | 39 | 58 |
| 1975 | Mallard | 214 | 25 | 28 | 53 | 1947 1972 | Wilkie Witchekan | 52 370 | | | 0 |
| 1958 | Marcelin Leask | 296 | 118 | 175 | 293 | 1372 | Regional | 3919 | 786 | 638 | 1424 |
| 1955 | Melfort | 340 | | | 0 | | | | | | |
| 1980 | Mistatim | 57 | | | 0 | OTU | ER BRANCHES | JMMA 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 |
| | Naiverdale | 184 | | | 0 | OIR | ER BRANCHES | Target | Regular | Affiliate | Actual |
| 1944 | Nipawin | 320 | 61 | 43 | 104 | SK Falo | conry Assoc | 32 | 17 | 9 | 26 |
| 1980 | Park View | 121 | | | 0 | | (SK Amateur rial Assoc)*** | 33 | 13 | 20 | 33 |
| 2010 | Porcupine | 160 | | | 0 | | ach Saskatchewan | 25 | | | 0 |
| 1947 | Prince Albert | 647 | 162 | 133 | 295 | | Game Bird Habitat | | | | |
| 1977 | St. Peters | 225 | 35 | 35 | 70 | Trust) | Game Bild Habitat | 92 | 3 | | 3 |
| 1994 | STONY RAPIDS*** | 33 | 15 | 18 | 33 | Branch | es exceeding their 20 | 24 target | | 2 | |
| 1966 | Struthers Lake | 364 | 64 | 68 | 132 | Region | s exceeding their 202 | 1 target | | 0 | \neg |
| 1945 | Tisdale | 860 | 42 | 70 | 112 | Regula | r Members | | | 440 | 5 |
| 1982 | Valley Trails | 588 | 94 | 71 | 165 | | Members | | | 436 | |
| 1985 | Wakaw | 38 | | | 0 | | cial Members | | | 50 | |
| | | 6932 | 968 | 1037 | 2005 | · | ate Members Iemberships to Januar | v 31 202 | | 0 8 82 | 4 |
| | Regional | 0932 | 900 | 1037 | 2005 | | • | | 8,824 | | |
| | | | | | | 2024 IV | lemberships to Januai | • | | 10,6 | |
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*** INDICATES BRANCHES THAT HAVE MET OR EXCEEDED THEIR MEMBERSHIP TARGETS. CONGRATULATIONS!

| Active Since | REGION THREE (28) | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | Active Since | REGION FOUR (15) | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | |
|-----------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|-----------------|--------------------|--------|---------|-----------|--------|--|
| | | Target | Regular | Affiliate | Actual | | | Target | Regular | Affiliate | Actual | |
| 1975 | Beaver Hills | 335 | 101 | 110 | 211 | 1993 | Boggy Creek | 151 | 22 | 21 | 43 | |
| 1957 | Buchanan | 116 | | | 0 | 1953 | Broadview | 266 | | | 0 | |
| 1957 | Canora | 133 | | | 0 | 1952 | Estevan | 1069 | 158 | 116 | 274 | |
| 1970 | Dellwood | 113 | 66 | 41 | 107 | 1970 | Grenfell | 132 | 27 | 45 | 72 | |
| 1979 | East Shore | 208 | 52 | 42 | 94 | | | | | | | |
| 1959 | Esterhazy | 673 | | | 0 | 1977 | Indian Head | 294 | 60 | 50 | 110 | |
| 1980 | Foam Lake | 416 | 102 | 95 | 197 | 2002 | Moose Mountain | 229 | 49 | 67 | 116 | |
| 1980 | Fort Qu'Appelle | 138 | 40 | 28 | 68 | 1987 | Radville | 199 | 61 | 63 | 124 | |
| 1973 | Hudson Bay | 282 | 57 | 54 | 111 | | | | 01 | 03 | | |
| 1947 | Kamsack | 183 | 58 | 67 | 125 | 1967 | Redvers | 409 | | | 0 | |
| 1974 | Kuroki | 146 | | | 0 | 1962 | Regina | 1091 | | | 0 | |
| 1966 | Langenburg | 328 | 81 | 113 | 194 | 1981 | Rocanville | 638 | 188 | 272 | 460 | |
| 1986 | LeRoy | 56 | | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| 1977 | Loon Creek | 338 | 33 | 39 | 72 | 1982 | Save-a-goose | 622 | 146 | 270 | 416 | |
| 1939 | Melville | 799 | 127 | 94 | 221 | 1990 | Souris Moose Creek | 179 | | | 0 | |
| 1949 | Norquay | 266 | 23 | 46 | 69 | 1990 | Souris Moose Creek | 179 | | | U | |
| 1980 | Parkland | 182 | | | 0 | 1987 | Wapella | 265 | 62 | 83 | 145 | |
| 1990 | Pheasant Hills | 88 | 26 | 30 | 56 | 1968 | Wawota | 429 | | | 0 | |
| 1990 | Friedsant milis | 00 | 20 | 30 | 50 | 1950 | Weyburn | 403 | 74 | 54 | 128 | |
| 1966 | Preeceville | 511 | 98 | 131 | 229 | | Regional | 6376 | 847 | 1041 | 1888 | |
| 1989 | River Ridge | 239 | | | 0 | | | | | | | |
| 1977 | Sturgis | 269 | 34 | 38 | 72 | | | | | | | |
| 1990 | Timberline | 131 | 14 | 16 | 30 | Active | REGION FIVE (16) | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | |
| 1967 | Touchwood Hills | 793 | 69 | 93 | 162 | Since | REGION FIVE (16) | 2023 | 2020 | 2020 | 2023 | |
| 1980 | Valley View | 231 | 00 | 30 | 0 | | | Target | Regular | Affiliate | Actual | |
| | | | | | | 1978 | Arm River | 107 | 20 | 20 | 40 | |
| 1964 | Watson-Englefeld | 319 | | | 0 | 2016 | 2016 Bear Hills | | 74 | 25 | 99 | |
| 1980 | Whitesand | 76 | | | 0 | 1983 | Brightwater | 133 | 34 | 31 | 65 | |
| 1988 | Willowbrook | 144 | | | 0 | | Blackstrap | | | | | |
| 1947 | Yorkton | 321 | | | 0 | 1961 | Central Butte | 220 | 22 | 7 | 29 | |
| | Regional | 7834 | 981 | 1037 | 2018 | 1971 | Eagle Creek | 163 | 43 | 46 | 89 | |
| | | | | | | 1983 | Elbow | 50 | 5 | 4 | 9 | |
| Active Since | REGION SIX (10) | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 2025 | 1981 | Kerrobert | 91 | | | 0 | |
| | | Target | Regular | Affiliate | Actual | 1955 | Kindersley | 219 | | | 0 | |
| 1953 | Assiniboia | 205 | 36 | 14 | 50 | 1955 | Kyle | 347 | | | 0 | |
| 1988 | Buffalo Lake | 25 | 4 | 1 | 5 | 1971 | Outlook | 215 | | | 0 | |
| 1965 | Deep South | 42 | | | 0 | 2017 | River City | 265 | 18 | 17 | 35 | |
| 1999 | Dirt Hills | 769 | 103 | 64 | 167 | 1950 | Rosetown | 12 | | | 0 | |
| 1006 | Great Sandhills | 80 | | | 0 | 1980 | Snipe Lake | 33 | | | 0 | |
| 1996 | | | 0.4 | 45 | 0 | 2000 | Viscount | 28 | | | 0 | |
| 1953 | Maple Creek Moose Jaw | 288 572 | 91 | 45 106 | 136 | 1993 | Watrous | 237 | 16 | 20 | 36 | |
| 1947 1961 | Shaunavon | 299 | 119 51 | 65 | 225 116 | 1979 | Young | 84 | | | 0 | |
| 1961 | Swift Current | 493 | 154 | 122 | 276 | | Regional | 2481 | 232 | 170 | 402 | |
| 1947 | Wiwa Creek | 25 | 104 | 122 | 0 | | | | | | | |
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