



BRANCH MONTH END

3. **THE 97TH ANNUAL CONVENTION IS JUST A WEEK AWAY!**

The 97th Annual Convention will be held on February 12-14, 2026 at the St. Mary's Cultural Centre, Yorkton, SK

MEAL NUMBERS HAVE TO BE INTO THE HOTEL BY FEB 7, SO PLEASE HAVE YOUR REGISTRATION FORMS IN BY SATURDAY!

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

To reserve your room, or for more information visit: swf.sk.ca or contact Central Office.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU IN YORKTON!



Photo by: Corey Russell, Battlefords Wildlife Federation

IMPORTANT HIGHLIGHTS

- ⇒ The Hannin Creek Education & Applied Research Centre in Candle Lake is hiring! View the job descriptions on Page 3.
- ⇒ The tentative Convention Agenda can be [found here](#) or on Page 5.
- ⇒ **Final chance to review the Convention Checklist.** [Click here](#) to download or view on Page 8.
- ⇒ **LAST CALL - The deadline for fundraising donations for Convention is February 7, 2026.** 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 7, 2026, 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!
- ⇒ The 2025 Resolutions will be presented at the 2026 SWF Convention. Convention Resolutions can be [found here](#) or on Page 9.
- ⇒ **Convention delegates must have a 2026 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 15.

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 1, 2026:** Youth Conservation Camp Registration Opens
- ◇ **February 1, 2026:** Tisdale Wildlife Federation Fish Fry
- ◇ **February 7, 2026:** Esterhazy Wildlife Federation Annual Banquet and Awards Night
- ◇ **February 12-14, 2026:** 97th Annual Convention in Yorkton, SK
- ◇ **March 14, 2026:** Weyburn Wildlife Federation Mainprize Fishing Derby
- ◇ **March 14, 2026:** Melville Fish & Game League Annual Awards and Fundraiser Night
- ◇ **March 21, 2026:** Tisdale Wildlife Federation Banquet and Fundraiser
- ◇ **March 21, 2026:** Nipawin Fish & Game League Annual Awards and Fundraiser Night
- ◇ **March 21, 2026:** Eagle Creek Wildlife Federation 55th Annual Banquet and Fundraiser
- ◇ **March 27-29, 2026:** Winter Women's Outdoor Weekend @ Hannin Creek
- ◇ **April 1-30, 2026:** SWF's Fish Artwork Contest
- ◇ **April 11, 2026:** 42nd Annual Valley Trails Wildlife Federation Banquet & Fundraiser
- ◇ **April 11, 2026:** Save-a-Goose Annual Trophy Night Fundraiser and Banquet
- ◇ **April 17-18, 2026:** Weyburn Wildlife Federation Gun & Outdoor Show - Hunt, Fish, and Explore!
- ◇ **April 18, 2026:** Weyburn Wildlife Federation Memorial Banquet & Trophy Night
- ◇ **April 18, 2026:** Moose Jaw Wildlife Federation Fundraising Banquet
- ◇ **April 18, 2026:** Redberry Wildlife Federation Banquet
- ◇ **April 18, 2026:** Cater Lake Wildlife Federation Banquet Award Banquet
- ◇ **April 18, 2026:** River City Wildlife Federation Fundraising Dinner
- ◇ **April 18, 2026:** Estevan Wildlife Federation 40th Annual Fundraiser Dinner & Auction
- ◇ **April 18-19, 2026:** Provincial/National NASP Tournament - Moose Jaw
- ◇ **April 25, 2026:** 2025 Provincial Angling & Henry Kelsey Big Game Awards Banquet in Moose Jaw
- ◇ **April 30, 2026:** Fish Artwork Contest Submission Deadline
- ◇ **May 1, 2026:** Deadline for Youth Conservation Camp Registrations
- ◇ **June 5-7, 2026:** Spring Women's Outdoor Weekend @ Hannin Creek
- ◇ **June 6, 2026:** Weyburn Wildlife Federation Walleye Classic Fishing Tournament
- ◇ **June 6, 2026:** Humboldt Wildlife Federation's 4th Annual Youth Engagement Day
- ◇ **August 4-8, 2026:** Youth Conservation Camp, Girls Week
- ◇ **August 11-15, 2026:** Youth Conservation Camp, Boys Week

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.

WORK WHERE THE FOREST IS YOUR OFFICE

Tucked into the boreal forest near the shores of Candle Lake, Saskatchewan, the Hannin Creek Education & Applied Research Centre is more than just a workplace, it's a place where learning, conservation, and community come together. Each year, Hannin Creek welcomes students, educators, researchers, and outdoor enthusiasts from across the province and country, offering hands-on environmental education programs, summer camps, and applied research opportunities in a truly immersive natural setting.

For the 2026 operating season, Hannin Creek is inviting motivated, dependable individuals to join its seasonal team. If you enjoy meaningful work, value being part of a close-knit team, and don't mind trading fluorescent lights for fresh air and towering spruce trees, these opportunities may be exactly what you're looking for.

This season, Hannin Creek is hiring **three seasonal positions**, with **two of the roles able to be combined into one position** for the right candidate. Whether your strengths are in the kitchen, behind the scenes, or supporting daily operations, each role plays a vital part in keeping the centre running smoothly.

Part-Time Camp Cook (Seasonal)

The Camp Cook position is ideal for someone who enjoys cooking for groups and takes pride in providing nourishing, home-style meals. As Camp Cook, you will plan menus, prepare grocery lists, and cook three meals per day for groups of up to 30 people. During larger bookings, you'll work alongside a kitchen helper to assist with meal prep, serving, and clean-up, ensuring everything runs efficiently and safely.

This role operates on an **approximately one-week-per-month schedule from May through September**, with some weekend work required. Compensation is **paid per day rather than hourly**, and meals and accommodations are included during working periods. It's a great opportunity for someone looking for flexible seasonal work in a beautiful setting.

Summer Employment Opportunities *(These roles may be filled by the same individual)*

For those looking for a longer seasonal position, Hannin Creek is also hiring for **Kitchen Helper** and **Camp Cleaner** roles, which may be combined into one position depending on availability and interest.

As a **Kitchen Helper**, you'll support the Mess Hall Manager with meal preparation, serving, and kitchen cleanup. Days can be full and active, with hours ranging from early morning to early evening, making this a great fit for someone who enjoys staying busy and working as part of a team.

The **Camp Cleaner** role focuses on maintaining a clean, welcoming environment for guests and program participants. Responsibilities include cleaning and sanitizing cabins after groups depart, cleaning washrooms (up to twice daily depending on group size), and cleaning the on-site research lab as needed. Occasional light yard maintenance and miscellaneous tasks may also be part of the role.

These positions run from **April through the end of September**, offer a **starting wage of \$16.00 per hour**, and include some weekend work. Meals and accommodations are available while camp is in operation, making it easier for staff to fully immerse themselves in life at Hannin Creek.

WHY WORK AT HANNIN CREEK?

Seasonal staff at Hannin Creek often say the best part of the job is the setting — waking up surrounded by forest, contributing to meaningful education and conservation work, and being part of a supportive, respectful team. It's work that matters, in a place that feels a little removed from the rush of everyday life.

HOW TO APPLY:

Interested applicants are encouraged to email resumes and references to:

Courtney Devins — cdevins@swf.sk.ca

Rose Senger — rose.senger@xplor.net

Please indicate which position(s) you are applying for.

If you're looking for a seasonal role that combines purpose, people, and the outdoors, Hannin Creek just might be calling.



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**97th ANNUAL CONVENTION
Yorkton, SK - February 12, 13, 14, 2026**

AGENDA

THURSDAY, February 12, 2026

- 11:00 a.m. Registration @ St. Mary's Cultural Centre
11:00 a.m. New Delegates Luncheon @ Home Inn and Suites
1:00 p.m. Opening of 97th Annual Convention – Travis Schaeffer, President, SWF
Piper – Ferne Katzberg
O Canada – Heidi Assman
One-minute silence in remembrance of SWF members & CAF who have passed away during the last year
Welcome from Cathay Wagantall MP Yorkton-Melville
Welcome from David Chan MLA Yorkton
Welcome from the City of Yorkton – Aaron Kienle, Mayor of Yorkton
Welcome & Directions – Laura Uhryn, Yorkton Wildlife Federation
Introduction of Guests and Board of Directors – Travis Schaeffer, President, SWF

Convention Procedures Chair – Dwayne Davison

Chairpersons of the Day – Blair Mitchell, Brittany Clemence

- 1:15 p.m. Keynote Speaker – Bill Houston
1:45 p.m. Adoption of Minutes of 2025 Convention
1:50 p.m. SWF President's Opening Remarks – Travis Schaeffer
2:00 p.m. SWF Board of Directors Report
SWF Executive Director's Report – Todd Smith
SWF Finances Presented by Mandy Price (Baker Tilly) – Approval of the 2025 Audited Statements - Motion to accept as circulated
2:40 p.m. SWF NASP / Programs – Blaine Olfert, Provincial Coordinator
3:00 p.m. Coffee – *Sponsored by Parkland Outdoor Show & Expo*
3:15 p.m. SWF Public Outreach & Education – Courtney Devins, Director
4:00 p.m. SWF Fisheries - Courtney Piercy, Director
4:30 p.m. Open Question Period
4:45 p.m. SWF Presidential Nominations
5:00 p.m. SWF Branch Project Presentations
5:15 p.m. Adjourn for the day
6:00 p.m. Reception
6:30 p.m. Contributions Awards Banquet – *Sponsored by Yorkton Lions*
MC – Courtney Devins
Piper – Ferne Katzberg

Branch & Individual Recognition Awards
Tailender Award Presentation – Travis Schaeffer



FRIDAY, February 13, 2026

- 8:25 a.m. **Call to Order: Chairpersons** – Gord Taylor, Mario Gaudet
SK Ministry of Environment – Wildlife Unit – Joann Skilnick, Director
- Branch presentations welcome Amy Carriere
 - Preliminary findings of the November elk hunt
 - Big Game Survey Results
 - Swift Fox Surveys
 - Wildlife Health
- 10:20 a.m. Open Question Period
- 10:45 a.m. Coffee – *Sponsored by Credence Construction, SIGA, & Ducks Unlimited Canada*
- 11:00 a.m. IPCAs / Term Licenses – Rob Olson
- 11:30 a.m. **Resolutions** – Stu Christensen, Louis Masse
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch – *Sponsored by Parkland Outdoor Show & Expo & Esterhazy Wildlife Federation*
- 1:00 p.m. **Call to Order: Chairpersons – Dolphyn Boschman, Chris Grainger**
Fisheries:
- SK Ministry of Environment, Fisheries Unit – Matt Tyree, Director
 - Aquatic Invasive Species Update – Paige Gilchrist, AIS Ecologist
 - Provincial Fish Hatchery – Nelson Bergh, Manager
 - Lake Sturgeon and Plains Sucker research– Iain Phillips, Water Security Agency
 - Troutreach – Iain Phillips
- 2:00 p.m. Open Question Period
- 2:15 p.m. Coffee – *Sponsored by Yorkton Hyundai, Lakeview Insurance, & Key Auto Group*
- 2:30 p.m. Wild Turkey Project Update- Dr. Paul James
- 2:45 p.m. Robert Freberg & Murray Cowan – SK Firearm Office
Firearms Legislation – Gil White, SK Firearms Chair
- 3:00 p.m. NCC Presentation – Andrea Laughren and Anja Sorensen (Post-hunting survey and Q & A)
- 3:35 p.m. Open Question Period
- 3:45 p.m. **Resolutions** – Stu Christensen, Louis Masse
- 4:15 p.m. Adjourn for the day
- 5:15 p.m. Reception: Lobby Entertainment – Dan the Accordion Man
- 6:00 p.m. Fundraising Banquet – *Sponsored by Canadian Tire & Yorkton Concrete 2012 Ltd*
MC – Darren Newberry
Piper – Ferne Katzberg
SWF Fundraising Evening
Auctioneer – Karla Ukrainetz – Karla's Auction/Ukrainetz Auctions

GUIDELINES FOR QUESTION PERIODS

- **ALL DELEGATES MUST BE RESPECTFUL OF THE GUESTS AND PRESENTERS**
- **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 14, 2026

- 8:25 a.m. **Call to Order: Chairpersons** – Kevin Guttormson, Josh Michel
SK Ministry of Community Safety (Provincial Protective Services) – Steve Dobko,
Chief Superintendent and Inspector Sean Federspiel
- Sgt. Shawn Riabko, Yorkton Field Office
 - Makayla Lupien, Lloydminster Field Office
- 10:00 a.m. Open Question Period
- 10:30 a.m. Coffee – *Sponsored by Harvest Meats, Flamman Sales & Rentals, and Yorkton Auction Centre*
- 10:45 a.m. University of Regina
- Program overview and fish tagging update – Dr. Chris Somers
 - Living Fast: How warm water changes Walleye growth – Zach Eltom
 - The Norther Crayfish in Saskatchewan – Mariana Pinho
 - Bird and Mammal Diversity in Southern Saskatchewan – Jay Vavadia
- 11:30 a.m. Victoria Redman: The impacts of forestry on Boreal Songbirds in Saskatchewan
- 11:45 a.m. CWF Presentation – Sean Southey
- 12:00 p.m. Lunch – *Sponsored by Valleyview Wildlife Federation and Royal Auto Group*
- 1:00 p.m. **Call to Order: Chairpersons** – Barry Starling, Brittany Clemence
Donations to SWF Programs – Darren Newberry
- 1:30 p.m. Habitat Trust – Darren Newberry, SWF Director of Habitat Lands
- 2:15 p.m. Henry Kelsey – Heath Dreger, HK Chair
- 2:45 p.m. Open Question Period
- 3:00 p.m. Coffee – *Sponsored by Yorkton Dodge, The Co-operators and HAAS Nissan*
- 3:15 p.m. Presentations for the site of the 2028 Convention (2027 Convention – Moosomin)
- 3:30 p.m. Visitors' Remarks
- 3:45 p.m. New & Unfinished Business: Resolution Results / Site of the 2028 Convention
- 4:00 p.m. SWF President's Closing Remarks – Travis Schaeffer
Announcement of new SWF President
Closing Remarks – SWF President Elect
- 4:15 p.m. Adjournment of the 97th Annual SWF Convention
- 6:00 p.m. Reception
- 6:30 p.m. Awards Banquet – *Sponsored Bass Pro Shops and Preeceville Wildlife Federation*
MC – Todd Smith
Piper – Ferne Katzberg
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: The Feude by Saddles & Steel Music Productions



SWF 97th ANNUAL CONVENTION CHECKLIST

Convention is just around the corner (February 12 to 14, 2026)! Are you ready? Have you...

- ✓Booked your hotel
- ✓Sent in your [registration form](#) (Early Bird Deadline is Jan 10, 2026)
- ✓Reminded delegates to bring their 2026 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 7, 2026.

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 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, 2025.

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.

25-1. CLOSING OF MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT FIELD OFFICES – Region 1 (Melfort)

WHEREAS the Conservation Officer field office in Melfort was closed to public service on May 01, 2025 without any public notice or consultation, and

WHEREAS the Melfort office and other provincial offices previously offered walk-in public service five days a week, and

WHEREAS all field offices provide valuable public service to Saskatchewan residents and visitors to the province alike, and

WHEREAS there are now only twelve (12) field offices remaining in the province that provide in person public service, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation lobby the Saskatchewan Government to reopen strategic Ministry of Environment field offices in the province to provide five days a week in person service and to keep all remaining field offices open to in-person public service.

25-2. WOLF LICENSES – Region 1 (Tisdale)

WHEREAS the most recent population information from the Ministry of Environment indicates that deer populations are dropping across the province, and

WHEREAS populations of big game animals in the provincial forest are reported to also be following the provincial trend, and

WHEREAS predation claims through SCIC have risen from 2.3 million dollars in 2021-2022 to 6.7 million dollars in 2024-2025*, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation lobby the provincial government to reduce the price of a wolf hunting license for Saskatchewan residents to five dollars to help increase predator management by Saskatchewan residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment monitor the results of the wolf harvest and then use data to manage wolf populations going forward.

*Values taken from Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Corporation Annual reports.

25-3. Term Licenses for NON-Resident Waterfowl Hunters - REGION 2

WHEREAS neighboring provinces and states have implemented legislation to restrict Non-resident game bird hunters to a 6-day or 7-day term license. and,

WHEREAS Saskatchewan residents are experiencing restricted access due to a large increase in the number of Non-Resident waterfowl hunters. and,

WHEREAS Saskatchewan residents are higher on the allocation ladder than non-residents.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation lobby the provincial government for the implementation of a Fall 7-day term waterfowl license for non-residents and a 7-day Spring term license for non-resident waterfowlers.

25-4. UNPURCHASED LICENSES - Region 3 (Yorkton)

WHEREAS Successful draw applicants are not required to pay any money upfront for hunting licences, and

WHEREAS each year some licences are never purchased, and

WHEREAS the FWDF realizes a subsequent drop in income, and

WHEREAS there is potential for unpurchased licenses to be applied for by anti-hunting groups this depriving legitimate hunters from hunting opportunities, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that draw applications include payment provisions and the license is purchased automatically once the draw is awarded.

25-5. SPECIAL YOUTH DRAW – Region 3

WHEREAS youth opportunities in the big game draw are reduced due to the Legacy Pool (Non-Existent in Pronghorn draw), and

WHEREAS youth opportunities in the big game draw are further reduced by having to start in the D Pool, and

WHEREAS active youth hunters are the future of our hunting heritage and future leaders in conservation, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that a percentage of either-sex draw allocations be dedicated to special youth only either-sex draws.

25-6. YOUTH OPPORTUNITIES DRAW STATUS – Region 3

WHEREAS youth opportunities in the big game draw are reduced by having first time applications start in D Pool, and

WHEREAS youth are not able to apply for the big game draw until they are age 12, and

WHEREAS youth can obtain their hunter safety prior to age 12, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that youth under age 12, who have obtained hunter safety, be allowed to build their pool status in the big game draw through zone 99 applications.

25-7. MANAGEMENT OF WILDLIFE MITIGATION LANDS NEAR ALAMEDA AND RAFFERTY RESERVOIRS – Region 4

WHEREAS the Wildlife Mitigation Lands (WMLs) were planned, designated, developed, and protected to mitigate loss of important natural habitat and wildlife populations that occurred when the valleys of Moose Mountain Creek and Souris River were flooded by provincially operated dams in southeastern Saskatchewan; and

WHEREAS the current management regime for the WMLs is operating in a manner opposite to the original intent of the WMLs in that public access to the lands is being denied and wildlife habitat, acquired or created at great public expense, is being degraded by overgrazing; and

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) played an integral role in having the lands legally designated, and partnered with the Saskatchewan Water Security Agency in the development of the Rafferty - Alameda Crowns Lands Management Study (2012) which was intended to protect habitat and encourage public use of the lands; and

BE IT RESOLVED that the SWF strongly request that the Water Security Agency and Ministry of the Environment collaborate with SWF and other non-government conservation organizations to properly manage the Wildlife Mitigation Lands according to their original and legislated intent.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that local SWF chapters and members be fully involved in management of the lands through formation of an advisory committee which would meet at least once annually for the purpose of developing and implementing conservation plans.

25-8. PUBLIC ACCESS TO CROWN LAND UNDER GRAZING LEASES – Region 5

WHEREAS Crown lands in Saskatchewan are public assets managed for the benefit of all residents, including for recreational and conservation purposes; and

WHEREAS a significant portion of Crown land in Saskatchewan is leased for agricultural grazing, which can result in restricted access for recreational users, including hunters, anglers, and outdoor enthusiasts; and

WHEREAS recent changes to provincial trespass legislation have made it more difficult for hunters to access land, further limiting hunting opportunities across the province; and

WHEREAS reduced access to hunting areas may contribute to increased wildlife populations, including elk, which in turn has led to elevated levels of crop damage in some regions; and

WHEREAS the Government of Saskatchewan has responded to rising elk populations and associated agricultural impacts by implementing additional elk hunts in 2024 and 2025, deviating from established wildlife management plans; and

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation (SWF) supports responsible access to public lands for outdoor recreation, consistent with conservation goals and respectful land use practices; and

WHEREAS seasonal access to Crown land is critical for effective wildlife management, including regulated hunting activities that help control populations and mitigate agricultural damage; and

WHEREAS public transparency regarding the location and status of agricultural Crown land leases is essential for ensuring fair access and minimizing conflict between leaseholders and recreational users;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation strongly urge the Government of Saskatchewan to review and revise policies governing access to Crown land under grazing leases, with the goal of ensuring fair and reasonable public access for recreational purposes, including hunting, while maintaining responsible stewardship and respecting the rights of leaseholders.

25-9. BIG GAME DRAW – Region 6 (Shaunavon)

WHEREAS the Saskatchewan big game draw has not been reviewed in recent years and now fails to effectively address the current rising hunter and entry demand, and

WHEREAS the legacy addition to the big game draw in 2018 was proposed in order to reduce and then eliminate the bottle neck of unsuccessful long term applicants, but has failed to do so, and has actually created more bottlenecks and removed hunting opportunities from some hunters (ie Youth Antelope), and

WHEREAS the number of hunting applicants and population of big game in the province continues to significantly fluctuate and the existing system does not adapt to these constant changes, and

WHEREAS the lack of flexibility and fairness of the existing system for allocating tags is constantly criticized by many who utilize the system, and

WHEREAS the big game draw database already contains all of the information to accurately and easily update the pool status of every applicant and transfer existing data to the new system configuration, and

WHEREAS a majority of jurisdictions in North America use a hybrid system to better allow the fair and efficient utilization of resources and planning of conservation and hunting across their space, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment remove the existing pool status system and utilize the existing applicant database to replace it with a system that:

- A. Has a numerical pool number system starting at 1 (representing the years which an applicant has been in the draw for that big game animal) and advance upwards on a yearly basis in order to simplify the system designations.

- B. Awards tags for each zone are based on a 50% general lottery tag allocation, and 50% highest point accrual tag allocation.
- C. Not applying for the draw does not lower or raise your present draw status.

Supporting Documentation

All draw pool designations are redefined beginning at 1 and move upwards from there to simplify the system. "D" pool shall become pool 1. "C" pool shall become pool 2. "B" pool shall become pool 3. "A" pool shall become pool 4. First year in "Super A" shall become pool 5. Second year in "Super A" becomes pool 6 and so on.

D pool → pool 1
C pool → pool 2
B pool → pool 3
A pool → 4
Super A 1 yr → 5
Super A 2yrs → 6
Super A 3yrs → 7
Super A 4yrs → 8
Super A 5yrs → 9
Super A 6yrs → 10
Super A 7yrs → 11
Super A 8 yrs → 12
Super A 9 yrs → 13
Super A 10yrs → 14
Legacy 1yr → 15
Legacy 2yrs → 16
Legacy 3yrs → 17
Legacy 4yrs → 18...and so on.

First time youth hunters shall enter the draw at pool 4. First time Adult hunters, or hunters drawn in the previous year, shall enter the draw at pool 1 when they submit an application. This is similar to how the old existing system was, where youth hunters will get a slight advantage in the advancement of their draw status and has been a welcome consensus among most hunters that is wanted to be restored.

Hunters shall not be able to "purchase" priority point or advancement in the draw without submitting an application. If a hunter chooses to enter, or advance in the draw, they shall submit an application as normal, selecting the zone or zones (up to 6 as exists now) in which they are interested in being drawn, or select 99 to advance but not be entered for selection.

Hunters shall maintain their draw status if they choose not to submit an entry into the big game draw and not be dropped down and relegated to a starting pool status for failure to enter. Hunters also shall not increase in draw status automatically without an application being submitted. This is a change from the existing system so as not to penalize a hunter from not entering, but does not reward them by automatically advancing through the stages of pool status as occurs now without entry.

The system shall allocate 50% of the tags in a Wildlife Management Zone according to highest point pool status applicant for that zone (example pool 17), in which, all pool 17 applications are selected, and then move on to 16, then 15, and so on until the 50% of zone tags are utilized. For this allotment, should there be more applicants in a # pool than tags remaining, those identical # applicants shall be randomized and tags allotted on a lottery basis among that # pool alone. The remaining applicants, if they apply the next year, will advance to the next # pool for the following year, if not drawn in others zones, and will be subsequently most likely be drawn the next year as point growth occurs.

The system shall then allocate the remaining 50% of tags allotted to that wildlife management zone on a random lottery basis among ALL applicants who have entered and submitted a draw application for that tag, no matter their # pool status. This gives all applicants the same chance at being awarded a tag in that zone who have applied – somewhat similar to the existing system.

Upon the start of the draw, all applicants shall be grouped by their # pool status. From highest down to lowest (1). The top # pool applicants shall be grouped, randomized and selected with the system awarding tags as available from the WMZ tag allotments pre-determined by the database information and applied for on each application. The draw is run 1 species at a time until completion, then moves on to the next species, and will automatically arrange all applicants in order of their priority # pool status prior to starting each time.

For example:

Either sex Elk draw.

The system arranges ALL either sex elk draw applicants by their # pool status. The database starts the draw by searching for the highest # status of all entrants. Let's presume the highest applicant status in the province is pool 16 (2yr legacy in old system). The database would then find all pool 16 entries, randomize them, and begin drawing all applicants from pool 16. With each application pulled, the system checks the WMZ selections on each application, checks the available tag allotments (50% of each total tag allotment), and awards a tag if there is a WMZ selection with an available tag – the same as the draw operates now. (Note, 50% of the total tags shall be selected via # pool status, and 50% shall be drawn at random among all applicants entered into the draw).

This continues until all zones are selected and tags awarded for every draw species available. At this point, all “not drawn” applicants shall be advanced one (1) # pool status if they submit an application next season and remain eligible for draw next year, only if they choose to apply.

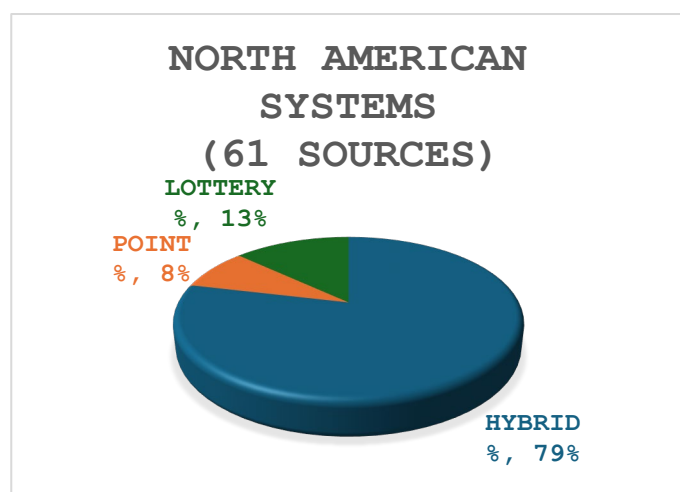
All drawn applicants will have their status zeroed and will only be eligible next year to be drawn, by submitting an application, and will be started in pool 1.

All pools and draw status data information will be made available, as it already is now, prior to applications being open and submitted in May of each year. This will be easily done via database information and each # pool status will be noted as to what pools were drawn from and how many tags from each pool were successful. This data is already produced each year and will be easily compiled and provided to applicants online in April.

This hybrid system is used among many jurisdictions in North America. It rewards long time applicants with the ability to plan out draw situations as they approach the top pool statuses. A hunter may be in pool 11 this year, not be drawn, and see that their preferred zone may have 30 tags, 15 of which are directly available to point draw allotment and see that there were pool 12 applicants all drawn the previous year, and three other pool 11 applicants that were not drawn. They will know that next year, if tag allotments remain somewhat steady, and they apply, they will be one of the top # pool status applicants that would most likely apply again in that specific zone and be able to somewhat predict when they get drawn.

This also allows for planning of hunts to take place in a manner not previously available to applicants. If a hunter knows they may most likely be drawn for Moose next year, they realistically could choose to “99” other applications in order to possibly focus on planning a designated moose hunt and be able to organize things such as time off of work, monetary funds, scouting and land owner relationships etc long before the June draw and fall hunting season. This is a huge bonus and advantage that a hybrid-partial point system draw allows its users. The general lottery portion of the draw then provides equal opportunity to all other applicants in being drawn, including youth, and seniors, who still want and deserve opportunities to hunt, especially things such as Pronghorn Antelope. The existing legacy system has made it now impossible for Youth to be drawn for antelope. This hybrid system opens that up to them again.

The hybrid system is in use all over North America with great success, as it is seen as a fair and reasonable in regard to providing long time applicants eventual guaranteed draws, but all applicants still have a lottery chance of being awarded a tag, as the system has now. This hybrid draw system allows superior planning and tag allotment among applicants in the province for all hunters young and old. In North America, 79% of jurisdictions use a hybrid system in some way in which accumulated points and general lottery are used to award tags to applicants.



BD 25- 1 STIFFER PENALTIES FOR FISHERIES AND WILDLIFE INFRACTIONS

WHEREAS poaching continues to have a negative impact on our resources, and

WHEREAS our fisheries and wildlife resources belong to all citizens of the province, and

WHEREAS the current penalties are often seen as "a cost of doing business" by offenders, and

WHEREAS significant penalties would make potential offenders less likely to commit an offence.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation lobby the provincial government to increase the penalties for fisheries and wildlife offences to encourage compliance and potentially reduce repeat offences.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation lobby the provincial government to implement the use of alternative measures to ensure that fines for fisheries and wildlife offences are collected from those convicted in the court of law.

PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT

BE IT RESOLVED that **ARTICLE IV** of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation Constitution, dealing with membership, be amended with the addition of the following:

ARTICLE IV - *Membership*

5. Memberships in the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation will only be sold to Canadian Residents.

Background: The Board of Directors of the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation would like to ensure that the SWF is aligned with provincial legislation concerning the right to purchase and hold property in Saskatchewan. In accordance with the *Farmland Security Act*, the board wishes to be proactive in addressing Part VI: Farm Ownership 76 (a.2) "**Canadian owned entity**" means:

i. A corporation or other entity in which all shares or interests are legally and beneficially owned, and the memberships are held, by resident persons or other Canadian-owned entities;

The Farmland Security Board reviews all transactions involving farmland in the province.

Saskatchewan

WILDLIFE FEDERATION'S

2025 PROVINCIAL ANGLING & HENRY KELSEY BIG GAME AWARDS BANQUET

APRIL 25, 2026

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GROUNDS**

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JANUARY 2026 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	51	18	29	47	1939	Battlefords	268	30	38	68
1971	Bruno	429	85	156	241	1987	Beaver River	65			0
1951	Carrot River	150	22	19	41	2012	Cater Lake	246	13	26	39
1961	Creighton	161	29	19	48	1979	Cut Knife	121			0
1967	Cudworth	234	60	77	137	1992	Dorintosh	65			0
1947	Humboldt	372	32	32	64	1954	FIELDING***	123	51	75	126
1968	La Ronge	124			0	1947	Lloydminster	1229	475	253	728
1952	Lake Country	405			0	1983	Macklin	309			0
1951	Lake Lenore	360			0	1947	Meadow Lake	106	37	13	50
1957	Lucien Lake	194			0	1980	Redberry	70	27	16	43
1975	Mallard	148	34	42	76	1973	St. Walburg	205	26	19	45
1958	Marcelin-Leask	299			0	1981	Thickwood Hills	270	48	61	109
1955	Melfort	354	54	50	104	1980	Turtle River	97			0
1980	Mistatim	45	1		1	1951	Unity	201	40	62	102
	Naiverdale	160			0	1947	Wilkie	43			0
1944	Nipawin	279	76	53	129	1972	Witchekan	330			0
1980	Park View	82			0		Regional	3748	747	563	1310
2010	Porcupine	165	3		3	SUMMARY					
1947	Prince Albert	630	108	93	201	OTHER BRANCHES	2026	2026	2026	2026	
1977	St. Peters	232	22	22	44		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual	
1994	Stony Rapids	33	14	16	30	SK Falconry Assoc	37				0
1966	Struthers Lake	297			0	SAFTA (SK Amateur Field Trial Assoc)***	35	13	13	26	
1945	Tisdale	639	119	130	249	GBHT (Game Bird Habitat Trust)	47	2	2	4	
1982	Valley Trails	511	80	61	141	Branches exceeding their 2025 target					3
1985	Wakaw	42			0	Regions exceeding their 2025 target					0
	Regional	6396	757	799	1556	Regular Members					4519
						Affiliate Members					4641
						Provincial Members					67
						Corporate Members					0
						2026 Memberships to January 31, 2026					9,227
						2025 Memberships to January 31, 2025					8,824
						INCREASE					403

***** 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	337	88	108	196	1993	Boggy Creek	149	31	26	57
1957	Buchanan	83	31	35	66	1953	Broadview	229			0
1957	Canora	86			0	1952	Estevan	1044	109	84	193
1970	DELWOOD***	118	73	45	118	1970	Grenfell	126			0
1979	East Shore	177	66	47	113	1977	Indian Head	264	65	57	122
1959	Esterhazy	627	116	114	230	2002	Moose Mountain	245	23	22	45
1980	Foam Lake	359	81	74	155	1987	Radville	164			0
1980	Fort Qu'Appelle	139	52	32	84	1967	Redvers	350			0
1973	Hudson Bay	300	43	34	77	1962	Regina	1226			0
1947	Kamsack	170	51	65	116	1981	Rocanville	609	222	322	544
1974	Kuroki	165			0	1982	Save-a-geese	654	147	215	362
1966	Langenburg	342	136	201	337	1990	Souris Moose Creek	208	40	46	86
1986	LeRoy	51			0	1987	Wapella	256	71	83	154
1977	Loon Creek	317	32	47	79	1968	Wawota	535	123	229	352
1939	Melville	766	129	87	216	1950	Weyburn	447	76	63	139
1949	Norquay	248	33	58	91		Regional	6506	907	1147	2054
1980	Parkland	163	30	31	61						
1990	Pheasant Creek	78	25	29	54						
1966	Preeceville	511	215	242	457						
1989	River Ridge	241	17	23	40						
1977	Sturgis	262	38	59	97	Active Since	REGION FIVE (15)	2025	2025	2025	2025
1990	Timberline	116	10	15	25			Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual
1967	Touchwood Hills	786	35	40	75	1978	ARM RIVER ***	87	35	61	96
1980	Valley View	261			0	2016	Bear Hills	208	78	30	108
1964	Watson-Englefeld	293			0	1983	Brightwater Blackstrap	91			0
1980	Whitesand	118			0	1961	Central Butte	195	12	24	36
1988	Willowbrook	62	11	11	22	1971	Eagle Creek	165	18	29	47
1947	YORKTON***	327			0	1983	Elbow	28	7	5	12
	Regional	7503	1312	1397	2709	1981	Kerrobert	120	21	23	44
Active Since	REGION SIX (9)	2025	2025	2025	2025	1955	Kindersley	259	27	31	58
		Target	Regular	Affiliate	Actual	1955	Kyle	367	39	49	88
1953	Assiniboia	182			0	1971	Outlook	218	20	14	34
1965	Deep South	25			0	2017	River City	269	33	29	62
1999	Dirt Hills	648	90	49	139	1950	Rosetown	25	2	1	3
1996	Great Sandhills	50	27	8	35	1980	Snipe Lake	28			0
1953	Maple Creek	285			0	1993	Watrous	224	14	7	21
1947	Moose Jaw	600	110	76	186	1979	Young	94	13	5	18
1961	Shaunavon	280	62	87	149		Regional	2353	319	308	627
1947	Swift Current	457	166	185	351						
1987	Wiwa Creek	25	7	7	14						
	Regional	2551	462	412	874						

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