
Improving Albertans' quality of life

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Province announces first provincial hunting day

September 22 celebrates Alberta's safe and responsible hunting tradition

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Alberta is designating September 22 as the first Provincial Hunting Day to promote hunting and hunter awareness and educate Albertans about the important role hunting plays in wildlife management and conservation.

“We’re losing the next generation of hunters to television, computers and shopping malls,” said Ted Morton, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development. “We hope that Provincial Hunting Day will give young Albertans the opportunity to experience the outdoors and build greater respect for wildlife.”

Morton hopes Provincial Hunting Day will help change the negative perception held by some non-hunters.

“Hunters and hunting organizations work very hard to preserve natural areas and important wildlife habitat. Hunting also helps with reducing vehicle collisions, crop depredation from deer and elk, and addressing chronic wasting disease in deer.”

Alberta Sustainable Resource Development working through its many partners, including Hunting For Tomorrow, provide opportunities for first-time hunters to learn safe, responsible hunting practices through educational and mentorship programs. To learn more about hunting opportunities in Alberta, visit www.srd.alberta.ca/fishwildlife.

Last year, the province issued more than 381,000 big game and bird game licences to 100,000 hunters. Big game hunting in Alberta contributes more than \$100 million annually to the provincial economy.

Provincial Hunting Day is another action under Premier Ed Stelmach’s plan to improve Albertans’ quality of life. Other priorities for the government are to govern with integrity and transparency, build a stronger Alberta, manage growth pressures and promote safe and secure communities.

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