



## DELTA WATERFOWL FOUNDATION

### **Mission Statement:**

*Delta provides knowledge, leaders and science-based solutions that efficiently conserve waterfowl and secure the future for waterfowl hunting.*

The Delta Waterfowl Foundation was founded in 1938 by Minneapolis businessman James Ford Bell with the initiation of scientific investigations of waterfowl on the Delta Marsh. The Foundation is committed to conducting high-quality research on waterfowl ecology and management, training students by providing a stimulating environment for learning, communicating results to the public and federal, state, provincial and private organizations throughout North America, evaluating new scientific techniques, influencing public policy to benefit the waterfowl resource and preserving and promoting hunting as an integral part of waterfowl management.

Delta programs include youth hunting initiatives, predator management with several projects aimed at addressing components of predator ecology in the Prairie Pothole Region. The Alternate Land Use Services (ALUS) program is designed to support farmers to deliver environmental benefits to the rest of society by ensuring that conservation is part of Canadian farm policy. The Adopt-A-Pothole program which helps protect parcels of privately-owned upland and wetland habitats by asking landowners to sign a ten-year lease agreement not to clear, cultivate, drain, burn, spray, graze or hay the uplands and wetlands within the contract area, the production of Hen Houses to provide mallards with safe and attractive nesting locations and have proved to be an ideal solution for enhancing low mallard production in the predator-infested northern regions of duck breeding country. The Voluntary Restraint Program promotes selective hunting of drakes and other aspects of ethical hunting behaviour. The Delta Waterfowl Foundation recognizes the importance of working closely and cooperatively with private landowners to improve waterfowl production and in Canada, Delta has helped draft legislation allowing Conservation Easements.

Canadian citizens are invited to join the Delta Waterfowl Foundation by calling the number below or joining online with memberships starting at \$15.00 for youths, \$30.00 for an adult "Friend" membership, and ranging up to Lifetime memberships. The Canadian contact information is:



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