



## **PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT**

# **MODEST INCREASE IN 2008 HUNTING & ANGLING LICENCE FEES BENEFIT CONSERVATION IN ALBERTA**

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The Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) announces a levy change for Alberta hunting and angling licences. Costs of providing key programs have risen and the levy increase will go toward those programs, as well as provide the opportunity to increase fisheries, land management and wildlife activities. Starting April 1, 2008, prices will increase by \$0.20 to \$3.20 for Alberta resident licences and \$0.20 to \$5.97 for non-resident. The slight adjustment means Albertans will still enjoy similar or lower fees than surrounding jurisdictions.

For example, for Alberta residents, this will mean an increase for the following licences:

Game Bird - \$0.34

Black Bear - \$0.40

Elk - \$1.20

Sportfishing - \$2.55

Moose - \$3.20

Whitetail and mule deer - \$3.20

With this increase in levy revenue, the ACA can more effectively focus on key program areas that benefit fish and wildlife and their habitats. These programs include projects such as aerial ungulate surveys; fish stock assessment and monitoring, lake aeration for enhanced fishing opportunities and habitat securement. In addition, well-known programs such as Report A Poacher and predator compensation will be continued.

In addition, revenue is applied to necessary support areas such as health and safety training for ACA staff who are involved in field work; improved information technology for geographic information systems (GIS) in the field; and communications, which is used to promote the conservation ethic in the general public, as well as the retention and recruitment of hunters and anglers. In 2008-09, ACA plans to spend 90 per cent of its collected levy fees on fish, wildlife and land programs.

The efforts and contributions of hunters, anglers and a growing number of partners help to conserve, protect and enhance fish, wildlife and habitat for all Albertans to enjoy, value and use. ACA plays a key role conducting conservation work for Alberta Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) as a

delegated administrative organization. We work closely with SRD to ensure provincial fish and wildlife resources are available for future generations to enjoy.

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For more information on Alberta Conservation Association and the levy increase please go to [www.ab-conservation.ca](http://www.ab-conservation.ca), or call Lisa Monsees, Manager of Communications (780) 410-1994.

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