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Albertans invited to help guide provincial fish conservation

Edmonton... Albertans are encouraged to provide their input on Alberta's proposed fish conservation strategy.

Using an online survey, respondents can provide their opinions on proposed changes to fish management practices planned for the next five years.

"Conservation of our fish greatly depends on public education and support, and Albertans need to have a clear picture of how fish stocks are managed, now and into the future," said David Coutts, Minister of Sustainable Resource Development. "We want Albertans to know that with their support and guidance, we will be taking the right actions to keep our fisheries sustainable. Residents and visitors will continue to receive many benefits from this resource."

Provincial fisheries staff will use information from the survey to develop and complete a strategy document to help guide Alberta's fish management over the next five years: *A Fish Conservation Strategy for Alberta 2006-10*. This fish conservation strategy document is revised and updated every five years.

To view Alberta's proposed fish conservation strategies for 2006-10 and complete the online survey, visit the website of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development at www.srd.gov.ab.ca/fw/fishing. Albertans have until October 1 to participate. For additional information, there is also a link to the previous strategy document, *A Fish Conservation Strategy for Alberta 2000-05*.

About 300,000 anglers enjoy sportfishing in Alberta each year. Angling contributes approximately \$350 million annually to the provincial economy

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