

Fact Sheet

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Ministry of Natural Resources

Ministère des Richesses naturelles

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HERITAGE HUNTING AND FISHING ACT, 2002 FACT SHEET

The *Heritage Hunting and Fishing Act (HHFA)* recognizes the right to hunt and fish recreationally in accordance with the law. It emphasizes that properly regulated hunting and fishing are legitimate and appropriate activities that Ontarians have enjoyed for generations.

Future Hunting and Fishing Opportunities

The government wants to help ensure that future generations of Ontarians have continued opportunities to participate in recreational hunting and fishing. The government will continue to regulate hunting and fishing activities in accordance with the law and manage fish and wildlife resources in a sound, sustainable manner.

Recreational hunting and fishing create thousands of jobs across Ontario

Hunting and fishing and other fish and wildlife related activities play an important economic role in many regions of Ontario. These outdoor activities contribute \$3.5 billion to the provincial economy annually and support more than 30,000 jobs. Every year, more than 2.4 million people participate in hunting and fishing in Ontario.

New Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission

The *HHFA* will create the Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission, which will provide advice to the Minister of Natural Resources on hunting, fishing and other fish and wildlife related activities and initiatives. It will be an advocate for recreational hunting and fishing by promoting outreach programs for youth, tourism opportunities and greater participation in fish and wildlife conservation programs. The Lieutenant Governor in Council will appoint members to the commission.

Aboriginal and Treaty Rights

The Ontario government continues to recognize aboriginal and treaty rights to hunt and fish. The legislation does not affect aboriginal rights.

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