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AFGA applauds Provincial Hunting Day!

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(Edmonton September 19, 2007)... Alberta's largest conservation group, **the Alberta Fish & Game Association (AFGA)**, heartily commends the Alberta Government on the proclamation of September 22 as Provincial Hunting Day to increase the awareness of hunting as an acceptable and highly important part of environment and wildlife management not to mention a reminder of our provincial heritage.

Hunters and anglers of this province are a driving force in conserving Alberta's wild environs; whether it is through the licensing fees they pay, the donations they make to conservation organizations to secure critical habitat, or the labour they willingly provide to land reclamation or enhancement projects. Without these activities there would be much less of our province to enjoy in a natural state.

"Too often, a negative image is cast upon those who hunt and the act of hunting," said Maurice Nadeau, President of the AFGA.

"As our society becomes a more and more on-line, urbanized culture, the detachment between people and land becomes greater and greater, to the point where many no longer make the conscious connection between the meat on their plate and its origin." The AFGA is encouraged that the Government of Alberta has taken this step to help reverse this trend."

The AFGA believes; if more people became involved in hunting and the taking of game, they would in turn gain more respect for the wild and for the animals that provide them sustenance. The age old argument that hunting is cruel no longer holds water, if it ever did, as dispatching a deer with a bullet or arrow is much more humane than what nature has in store. Very few, if any, animals die peacefully of old age in the wilderness ---the lives of the old and weak usually end traumatically in the jaws of a predator!

The Alberta Fish and Game Association is a not-for-profit volunteer organization proud to serve Albertans in the promotion of the wise use of our fish and wildlife resources and the conservation of their habitats. Celebrating its 99th anniversary the AFGA has been active since 1908 in working towards these goals. It has a province-wide membership of almost 15,000 individuals spread among 100+ Clubs.

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