



## **Call to Action**

### **To All BC Wildlife Federation Members:**

Well it's March, the Olympics are over. Canada won Gold in both Men's and Women's Hockey and set a new record for the number of Gold medals by any one country ever. An early Spring is breaking out around the province and Parliament will be returning and getting back to work. Well so must we.

The Anti's have been busy during the parliamentary break working on the opposition parties, encouraging them to impose 'discipline' on their members to vote against Portage-Lisgar MP Candice Hoepfner's Private Member's Bill to Eliminate the Long-Gun Registry, C-391. We hope you have been meeting with, and writing to, local MPs as well, urging them to support Ms. Hoepfner's legislation.

The effort we expend in the next few months will be critical. With Parliament resuming on Wednesday March 3<sup>rd</sup>, the Standing Committee on Public Safety and National Security will begin sitting again as well. On the top of their agenda will be Ms. Hoepfner's Bill C-391. The Committee may be reformed with new members replacing old but it's general make-up of 6 Conservatives and 6 opposition members will remain unchanged. Because of it's simplicity, Bill C-391 is unlikely to be changed; therefore our best hope is for the Committee to review it quickly and recommend the House pass the Bill at Third Reading. They cannot kill the Bill; it must come back to the House to be voted upon.

Whether the Bill passes or not will be up to you. If every one of you were to contact your MP and make your personal opinion known, the chances of C-391 passing Third Reading increase astronomically. Politicians know that they need your vote and that unless they vote as the majority of their interested constituents' request (those who actually spend the time letting them know what they want), they risk an organized backlash. In this period of minority governments, short Parliamentary Sessions and continuous campaigning, this is a very potent threat.

Please take up this challenge. Write, telephone, or talk, to your MP. Tell them how you feel. If you have already done so, do it again. They work for you. You pay their salaries to listen and vote as you what.

The next few months are critical. BCWF's Firearms Committee has much planned for this final push but we need one more thing - we need YOU.

### **Get ACTIVE!**

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