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**BC Wildlife Federation Supports Bill C-465 to designate September 23<sup>rd</sup> as National Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day**

**Vancouver, BC** – On behalf of its 35,000+ members across British Columbia, BC Wildlife Federation has sent accolades to MP Rick Norlock in support of his private members' bill introduced to the House of Commons earlier this week, designating the 23<sup>rd</sup> of September of every year as "National Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day".

According to Mr Norlock, hunting, trapping and fishing are activities enjoyed by millions of Canadians every year, each of whom participates in the conservation, protection and restoration of natural wildlife habitat – a fact that BC Wildlife Federation members know well. As part of Canada's national heritage, these activities have made a significant contribution to the development of our nation by traversing and mapping the prairies, forests, streams and rivers from coast to coast.

Hunters, trappers and fishermen were the first to recognize and publicize the need for conservation and billions of dollars have been raised for conservation projects through the sale of tags, licenses, stamps, tourism, and many other programs. These funds help protect our wildlife and natural habitat, in addition to the countless hours spent by these Canadians volunteering in conservation efforts across Canada.

Mr. Norlock's private member's bill will be up for debate in the House of Commons early 2010. BC Wildlife Federation encourages all its members to support this bill by writing him at Room 747 Confederation Bldg, House of Commons, Ottawa, Ontario, K1A 0A6 or by email at: [rick@ricknorlock.ca](mailto:rick@ricknorlock.ca)

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**The BCWF is a province-wide voluntary conservation organization representing over 35,000 British Columbian members whose aims are to protect, enhance and promote the wise use of the environment for the benefit of present and future generations.**

**The B.C. Wildlife Federation was incorporated under the B.C. Societies Act in 1951 and it became a registered charity in 1969. The Federation is British Columbia's largest and oldest conservation organization.**