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O.F.A.H. welcomes thrust of new legislation supporting anglers, hunters and trappers

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters (O.F.A.H.) is pleased to announce its support for Bill C-222, an Act to Recognize and Protect Canada's Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Heritage. The bill goes forward for Second Reading in the House of Commons on September 20, 2006.

The bill, introduced by Inky Mark, M.P. Dauphin-Swan River in Manitoba, mirrors provincial legislation already passed by several provinces, including Ontario, and recognizes that these activities are not only a part of our heritage but also contribute billions of dollars annually to the Canadian economy.

"We welcome Mr. Mark's recognition of these valuable heritage activities," said Mike Reader, O.F.A.H. Executive Director. "We are pleased that the bill is coming forward for second reading, and trust that during the debate, amendments which will help strengthen the legislation will be forthcoming. Hunting, fishing and trapping were the underpinnings of this country and the people who participate in these activities deserve to be recognized for the valuable contribution they make to the conservation of our natural resources and the national economy," he said.

The Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters, with 81,000 members and 640 member clubs, is the province's largest nongovernment, nonprofit fishing, hunting and conservation organization.

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