

Province Introduces New Closed Season For Hunting And Trapping Wolves In Central And Northern Ontario

March 10, 2005 TORONTO — The Ontario government is implementing the strongest measures ever taken to conserve and protect the province's wolf population, Natural Resources Minister David Ramsay announced today. "By introducing a closed season in central and Northern Ontario, we are protecting wolves in areas that have resident wolf populations," said Ramsay. "We want to ensure that wolves continue to play a key role in Ontario's ecosystems."

Effective this year, the closed season will run from April 1 to September 14 and will cover all of central and northern Ontario, excluding the islands of Manitoulin, Cockburn and St. Joseph, which do not have resident wolf populations.

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Wolf Season Changes Part Of Bad Trend: NOSA

The Northwestern Ontario Sportsmen's Alliance is no fan of changes to the wolf hunting season in Northern Ontario. "(The changes) do more to decrease the overall quality of wildlife management in the province," president John Kaplanis said in an interview with the Thunder Bay Chronicle newspaper on March 20th.

Kaplanis said the "trend" to protect large predator populations like wolves and bears will do nothing to enhance the region's moose population and will only serve to cut into limited funding for other wildlife management.

Some Tourist outfitters are also not happy about the season changes, maintaining that the lack of a spring wolf hunt and increased predation will eventually impact moose and caribou populations. The cost of a wolf hunting licence for non-residents is also jumping "drastically" from \$87.50 to \$337.50 and Ontario hunters will pay \$10 more for a wolf licence. Ontario's wolf population has been pegged at between 8,000 and 10,000.

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NOTICES:

NEXT MEETING: Friday May 6th at Waldhof Hall 9:30 A.M.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the 2004 fall KDCA meeting can be downloaded at the KDCA web site: www.kdca.ca

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SMOKE TRAILS NEWS

From the Kenora District Camp Owners Association

*Your Local Tourism Lobby Association Representing the Federal District of Kenora.
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President's Message:

April 2005

TO: KDCA Members, Allied Members & All Interested Parties:

It will be here shortly – the spring opening of the tourism season and the ANNUAL KDCA SPRING MEETING & "Spring Fling"! Our spring meeting will take place at the Waldhof Community Hall on May 6, 2005 (doors open at 9:00 a.m.). Please be there! This is YOUR opportunity to have your voice heard and be heard.

At the spring meeting we will address critical topics that affect all of our tourism operations and the tourism industry. Issues include small water systems, NOTO convention outcomes, whitetail deer hunting, customs & immigration, currency exchange, moose tag allocation, donations/contributions, fall elections, "green zones" and many, many other topics.

After the meeting we have planned for our ANNUAL KDCA Social Dinner and Dance. Get your tickets early by calling: Pat Tygesson at 807-755- 2434. Or, fax in your ticket order at 807-755-2416. Either way, you will want to get your tickets, and get them early, because they are limited. Great food and a live band – it just does not get any better!

Remember, these "kick-off" events represent one way KDCA interacts with its membership and the surrounding communities. We will see ALL of you there!

Tickets – call Pat at 807-755-2434.

Here is to a great opening and a great 2005 season!

Harald Lohn, President

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The Big Event is Upon Us! Annual Spring Meeting & Social

Friday May 6, 2005 Waldhof Hall

Tentative Agenda

9:00 am Doors open, coffee served

9:30 am Business meeting begins

Introductions
Additions/Corrections to minutes
Approval of Fall 2004 minutes
Treasurer's report

Coffee Break

Old Business

Water Systems
Whitetail Deer Hunting (Harald)
Provincial Land Tax (Mal/Harald)
Resource Stewardship Agreements (RSA)
Moose Hunt Allocations (Gary)
Donations/Contributions (Committee:
J. Fahlgren, E. Haukeness, M. Tygesson, S. Hartle)

LUNCH

New Business

Darrell Wirch-Custom House
Global Foreign Exchange
NOTO Convention (Gary Beardsley)
NWOTA - Jerry Fisher
MNR - representative to be determined
Fall Elections

Wrap Up/Adjournment

5:00 pm Happy Hour

7:00 pm Dinner and Dance

(Tickets \$25.00 ea. Call Pat Tygesson to reserve your seat (807)755-2434)

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BACKGROUNDER REPORT ON SMALLER, PRIVATE DRINKING WATER SYSTEMS

The review of the Advisory Council on Drinking Water was initiated as part of the government's (MOE) efforts to address the concerns of municipalities, public health units and hundreds of small privately run systems across the province about having difficulties meeting the stringent requirements of Ontario Regulation 170/03, made under the Safe Drinking Water Act, 2002.

The report's 22 recommendations propose a framework for managing smaller, private drinking water systems that includes:

- * Implementing a risk-based, site-specific approach for all commercial and institutional facilities such as bed and breakfasts, churches and community centres, camps and cabins, trailer parks, seasonal operations, schools and daycares. Facilities would need to comply with the Ontario drinking water quality standards. Treatment may not be required for systems with a safe supply of water.

- * Transferring to public health units the responsibility for administering drinking water programs for all commercial and institutional systems that serve the public. Health units would evaluate risks at individual systems and develop a system-specific water protection plan to ensure compliance with the drinking water quality standards.

- * User fees, as well as additional provincial funding, would be needed to cover the costs of administering the safe drinking water program.

- * Continuing to regulate private systems that serve year-round residences such as rural subdivisions, apartments/condominiums and mobile home parks under O. Reg. 170. The council also recommends that the province and local municipalities work together to develop a framework for providing technical and financial assistance to ensure these communities have a high level of drinking water protection.

The advisory council's complete Report and Advice on Ontario Regulation 170/03, Smaller, Private Systems Review and Recommendations is available at: www.odwac.gov.on.ca/reports/020805_Reg_170_Final_Report.pdf
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NORTHWESTERN HEALTH UNIT COULD BE TAPPED BY NEW WATER REGULATIONS

The Northwestern Health Unit will be primarily responsible for monitoring and inspecting the small, private drinking water systems for bed and breakfasts, camps, trailer parks and seasonal operations not on municipal water sources, something they have already been doing for several years.

In an interview with the Kenora Miner & News, Bill Limerick, environmental health team leader at the health unit said, "We can't get them done every year, but we pick at them." He said they cover the entire Kenora-Rainy River district including the far north where several fly-in fishing camps reside. They cover over 700 facilities and currently they have eight employees trained to test water.

U.S. CUSTOMS & BORDER PROTECTION INITIATES PASSPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR ENTRY TO THE UNITED STATES.

The proposed timeline reported by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security is as follows:

- *Dec. 31 2005: requirement applied to all travel (air/sea) to or from the Caribbean, Bermuda & South America

- *Dec. 31 2006: requirement applied to all air and sea travel to or from Mexico and Canada

- *Dec. 31 2007: requirement extended to all air, sea and land border crossings.



PROCESSING TIMES AT PASSPORT CANADA ARE CURRENTLY UPWARDS OF 4 WEEKS AND ARE EXPECTED TO INCREASE WITH THIS ANNOUNCEMENT!