

NDP Response: National Fishing and Hunting Collaborative Questionnaire

NFHC Ask: We are seeking a commitment to develop and implement a National Hunting , Trapping and Fishing Strategy that outlines how the government can actively promote these activities, including re-establishing the Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel AND government support to elevate the status of National Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day.

New Democrats recognize the importance of hunting, trapping and fishing to countless communities in Canada as a way to put food on the table, pass on valuable skills and knowledge to young people, and enjoy our country's natural beauty and wild areas. We would develop and implement a National Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Strategy, re-establish the Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel and elevate the status of National Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day.

NFHC Ask: We are seeking a commitment to take a strong position and action on organized crime, gangs, other illegal firearms activities and the associated root causes of firearms-related crime, AND not implement any general bans on firearms.

New Democrats believe that the best way to address crime is to address the root causes of crime. We would focus on a preventive approach, as well as tackling gun smuggling and organized crime, and making sure communities have access to funding for anti-gang projects. We believe that any regulations on firearms should be evidence-based.

NFHC Ask: We are seeking a commitment to prohibit the movement of live cervids within and between provinces/territories and across international borders AND phase out cervid farming with appropriate compensation for producers.

New Democrats know that chronic wasting disease poses a serious health risk and would take immediate action to address it by prohibiting movement of live cervids, and would examine further options, such as the phase-out of cervid farming with compensation, if scientific and medical evidence demonstrated a clear need for them.

NFHC Ask: We are seeking a commitment to create and invest in fish and wildlife enhancement funding programs, AND explore new models for long-term revenue generation strategies to support fish and wildlife conservation.

New Democrats recognize the importance of conservation to the long-term sustainability of our wilderness. We will ensure that 30% of our land, freshwater and oceans are protected by 2030 and back those protections with funding and enforcement, as well as ensure that funding is for the long term.

NFHC Ask: We are seeking a commitment to establish permanent and sufficient funding for consistent, integrated, and prioritized education and outreach, early detection, and rapid response efforts to fight aquatic invasive species.

New Democrats understand that aquatic invasive species pose a serious threat to Canadian waterways and irreplaceable biodiversity of ecosystems. We will work with the provinces to develop appropriately funded responses to invasive species, including education, detection and response efforts.