



Government Affairs & Policy

Government Affairs & Policy provides support for a wide range of OFAH programs, policies and departments at the local, provincial and federal level. This includes appearing before municipal councils, provincial and federal standing committees; membership on key advisory groups; working with clubs, zones, provincial, national and international partners in the outdoor community; and providing advice to OFAH members on a variety of issues.

Algonquin Land Claim

The Algonquin Land Claim continued to occupy a great deal of our time and attention in 2011.

Despite public announcements at the Committee of External Advisors in January indicating that an Agreement-in-Principle (AIP) would not be achievable in 2011, we received information that negotiations on several chapters of the AIP, including the harvest chapter, were continuing at the direction of the Premier, and that a tentative final draft of the harvesting chapter could soon be reached and the promised public workshops were not likely to occur.

The OFAH immediately wrote to the provincial Minister of Aboriginal Affairs to protest this action and request an update on what was currently being negotiated. A subsequent phone call from the Minister's staff denied the rumors and maintained that a public consultation process would be followed. However, the Minister responded that "once an AIP is reached and then ratified by all three parties, much effort will be required thereafter, including extensive public engagement, to infill the detail of what will be contained in a final settlement agreement." We wrote to the Minister in July, expressing our profound dissatisfaction over the process and the absence of public consultation before the AIP is signed and ratified, as promised previously by staff and the Chief Provincial Negotiator. The federal Minister continued to maintain that public consultation must occur before the AIP is signed.

In January, we met with senior MNR staff assigned to the land claim to receive an update on the file and pass along our concerns about the province's insistence on settling the AIP by spring 2011. At that time, we were informed that the province was backing away from its commitment to meet a spring deadline, and was now focused on achieving an AIP some time in 2012, which is good

news. It brings the province in line with the federal government's timeline, and provides a better opportunity for full consultation with affected parties.

In February, the Committee of External Advisors (CEA) met in Pembroke for an update on the land claim, and had it officially reaffirmed that the province had changed its timeline. The federal negotiator also reaffirmed the federal government's commitment to full consultation and their belief in fair sharing as the underpinning of any agreement. Indications at the time were that the CEA would be utilized more fully in the year ahead, as more comprehensive consultations occur; although neither government made it clear how they intend to consult.

The OFAH met with Brian Crane, Chief Negotiator for Ontario, who offered to facilitate a meeting between the OFAH, the Algonquin Principal Negotiator Bob Potts, and Chief Kirby Duckworth of the Algonquin. We also met for the second time with Chris Bentley, Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, and thanked him for his assistance in delaying the AIP, and left him with a series of questions that needed answering.

In March, we met with senior MNR staff for a comprehensive two-hour meeting on the claim. Several major issues were discussed and we left questions for them to answer.

The OFAH and the Canadian Sportfishing Industry Association presented a joint briefing to the members of the federal Conservative Northern and Eastern Caucus in Ottawa. A similar briefing for Conservative MPP's at Queen's Park took place in April.

Throughout the summer and fall we met with several parties, including the full Algonquin Band Council, Chief Federal Negotiator/Chief Provincial Negotiator, Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs Negotiations Branch, the Algonquin negotiator, and Committee of External Advisors.

In June, the federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs appointed Ron Doering as the new federal chief negotiator on the Algonquin claim. Unlike previous chief negotiators, Mr. Doering, an Ottawa lawyer, is not a civil servant and reports directly to the Minister.

In late fall, there was significant change at the Committee of External Advisors (CEA) with the sudden retirement of the Chair of the CEA, and the Natural Resources Advisor to the Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs. The government also tendered the contract for the Chief Provincial Negotiator, and Brian Crane, who has been the Chief Provincial Negotiator since 1997, was required to reapply for his position. This is likely to be resolved in 2012.

In November, the OFAH was told that a draft of the harvest chapter of the AIP was ready. At the request of the federal Minister of Aboriginal Affairs, we anticipate that we will be consulted on the harvest chapter before the federal negotiator and Minister agree to sign off. We have been told that a significant amount of Crown land is included in discussions with the Algonquin, plus a significant amount of money. The lands under discussion are broken down into any smaller parcels throughout the claim area.

Both the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs continued to promise public meetings, but nothing had transpired before the end of the year. The OFAH pushed for the promised consultations in the new year.

The Government of Ontario appears to be resistant to including designated species in the AIP, even though many other AIP's contain very specific numbers for each species. Recent information indicates that the MNR wants to determine what the Algonquin want, and will then try to sell it to nonaboriginal stakeholders.

At year's end, there was no indication from the Ontario negotiator about what the public interests are and how these will be represented at the table. This may result in an accusation of bad faith being filed against the province during the EA process. There remains a serious need for detailed discussions to occur for the process to work. The federal government is pushing the province hard on these issues, but Ontario continues to remind them that natural resources are a provincial jurisdiction. This ignores the fact that unless the federal minister and chief federal negotiator are prepared to sign the AIP, there will be no deal.

According to the Chief Federal Negotiator Ron Doering, some of the materials produced by the OFAH in the past have been captured in the documents being discussed. The federal government also continues to insist that the OFAH and others be consulted before the process goes forward. Mr. Doering also informed us that the Appeal Court overturned the lower court ruling in favor of the Ardoch First Nation, and denied their request for funding to mount a challenge against the province, the claim process itself and the application by the MNR of the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act*.

It is expected that the pace of negotiations will accelerate in 2012.

Bill C-19 An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act (Ending the Long-gun Registry Act)

The firearms community was profoundly disappointed with the loss of Bill C-391 in late 2010, due to last minute defections of several opposition members who previously supported the bill.

With the election of a majority federal Conservative government on May 6, the expectations of the firearms community across the country increased. Several groups pressured the government to scrap all of C-68, while others issued a list of demands that stopped short of that position, but included a number of changes to the Firearms Act and Criminal Code beyond the scrapping of the long gun registry that was promised by the government during the election and contained in the Speech from the Throne.

The Outdoor Network held a conference call in May to discuss go-forward positions on the firearms file. The members of the network, including those whose demands far exceed what the government has committed to, agreed to funnel their requests through the Canadian Firearms Advisory Committee (CFAC), of which the OFAH is a member, and to refrain from touting their cause through the media and other public channels.

In July, the CFAC held a conference call with Candice Hoepfner, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Public Safety and National Security. Ms. Hoepfner, author of the previously defeated Bill C-391, was given the lead on developing government legislation to scrap the long gun registry.

A key addition to any new bill would be the destruction of the registry records. If not destroyed and accessed by a provincial government, it would be relatively easy and inexpensive for a provincial registry to be established. Quebec, Ontario and British Columbia indicated some interest in creating a provincial registry if the federal government moves forward with its plan to scrap the long gun registry. The destruction of the records would make the establishment of a provincial registry cost prohibitive (\$6 billion), and result in an incomplete registry that only accounts for a portion of the firearms in private hands across Canada.

On October 25, 2011 the federal Minister of Public Safety and National Security introduced Bill C-19, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code and the Firearms Act (Ending the Long-gun Registry Act)*, legislation designed to scrap the long gun registry



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and provide for the destruction of all data associated with that system. The OFAH was asked to emcee the media announcement of the bill at a farm outside of Ottawa, along with the Minister of Public Safety, the Minister of Small Business, Candice Hooppner, Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister and the local MP. Several stakeholder representatives, including one from the OFAH, spoke at the media launch, which was covered live by all national media, including Global, CBC and CTV.

The bill received Second Reading on November 1, and was sent to committee for hearings which occurred the second and third week of November. The OFAH appeared as a witness before the committee on November 15, and the bill was reported back to the House of Commons on November 30 with no amendments.

The government signaled its intention to move forward quickly with the bill once the House returned.

National Fish and Wildlife Advisory Panel

In November, the OFAH was invited to meet with the Director General of the Canadian Wildlife Service to provide input and advice to the government around the creation of the National Fish and Wildlife Advisory Panel. The initiative was originally proposed as the Wildlife and Hunting Panel, however we believe that our recommendation to move to include fish in the scope of the panel has been accepted.

The panel, which was announced by the Prime Minister during the last federal election campaign, was initiated by the OFAH. We are one of only two stakeholders consulted on the panel to date, and continue to be the organization most heavily involved in the creation of this body.

Bill C-261, An Act Respecting a National Hunting, Trapping and Fishing Heritage Day

Conservative MP Rick Norlock (Northumberland-Quinte) is the author of this bill, which has been introduced in the House on previous occasions. Bill C-465 was approved by the House of Commons in December 2010, but the dissolution of Parliament meant that all legislation died. Bill C-261 was introduced in June, 2011. This private members bill enjoyed all party support in the House and it is hoped the bill will pass and be given Royal Assent before the end of 2012.

Federal Animal Cruelty Legislation (Bills C-229 and C-230)

In anticipation of the federal election, the Humane Society and World Society for the Protection of Animals (WSPA) sent surveys

to all MP's seeking support for MP Mark Holland's two private member's bills which had been sitting on the Order Paper for almost two years. Both bills sought to expand the fines and punishments for animal cruelty, similar to several Liberal government bills that we worked to defeat from 1998 to 2008. Holland's bills died once Parliament was dissolved and the election was called.

The OFAH supports increased fines and penalties for animal cruelty that do not impact on hunting, fishing, trapping, farming, or medical research. This balance was achieved through our work on Bill S-203 in 2008.

Federal Animal Cruelty Legislation (Bill 232)

On June 16, 2011, Peggy Nash, NDP MP Parkdale-High Park, introduced Bill C-232, *An Act to amend the Criminal Code (cruelty to animals)*. Although the bill omits much of the offensive language and requirements of previous Liberal and NDP private member's bills, it contains a number of clauses that cause us concern. Ms. Nash's bill is expected to come before the House of Commons for Second Reading debate some time in 2014. The animal use community is fully engaged on this legislation, and is prepared, as before, to fight for this bill, which the OFAH will oppose.

Explosives Act

The OFAH attended a meeting with senior staff at the Explosives Branch, Department of Natural Resources, to discuss changes to the *Explosives Act* impacting on ammunition.

The proposed amendments, which have since been enacted, will loosen the restrictions on hand loading regulations and stored materials, and are broadly supported in the firearms community. The OFAH sent the federal Minister of Natural Resources a letter of support, as did the Saskatchewan Wildlife Federation, the British Columbia Wildlife Federation, and the Canadian Shooting Sports Association.

Meeting with Department of Fisheries and Oceans (DFO) Assistant Deputy Minister

In October, the OFAH met with the DFO Assistant Deputy Minister to discuss the National Alien Invasive Species Strategy, our role around invasive species, shortcomings in the act, suggestions for change, and the OFAH funding proposal for a National Invasive Species Outreach and Public Education Program. Since 2003, we have been pushing the federal government to fund a national program under the aegis of the OFAH, who would develop the material and coordinate the delivery of the program with our fish and wildlife affiliates across the country.

In 2003, 2005 and 2007, we submitted a budget to the federal government for the national program. In 2003 and 2005, the Standing Committee on Fisheries and Oceans recommended to Parliament that the program be funded for \$1.4 million per year for five years. In the 2010-2015 work plan, we requested funding of \$333,000 per year for five years in matching funding. None of these larger requests have been met, even though DFO is providing funding of \$30,000 per year for five years, and funding is being received from Environment Canada. It is hoped that this meeting will help to move the funding request forward and finally result in substantial dollars for the OFAH national program.

Meeting with the Minister of Fisheries and Oceans

Acting on a commitment made by the Minister's staff in May 2011, the Honourable Keith Ashfield, the newly appointed Minister of Fisheries and Oceans, met with the OFAH in October. Topics covered included the Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement, Sea Lamprey control, the OFAH national invasive species proposal, federal regulations on Asian Carp, fish passage, fish habitat protection, amendments to the Fisheries Act, the federal Species at Risk Act (SARA), and Canada's national framework of Marine Protected Areas.

The Minister made no commitments, but promised future meetings and consideration of our funding requests.

Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs – Negotiations Workshop

In September, the OFAH, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Georgian Bay Association participated in a panel discussion at the Ontario Ministry of Aboriginal Affairs. The audience included all senior staff in the Negotiations Branch of the Ministry who were seeking stakeholder feedback on the negotiation process itself, with particular concern for shortcomings or gaps. The OFAH addressed major themes including conservation and resource sustainability, fair sharing, harvest allocations, definition of conservation, enforcement, designated versus nondesignated species, access, public lands transfer and major court decisions.

Municipal Discharge Bylaws and Sunday Gun Hunting

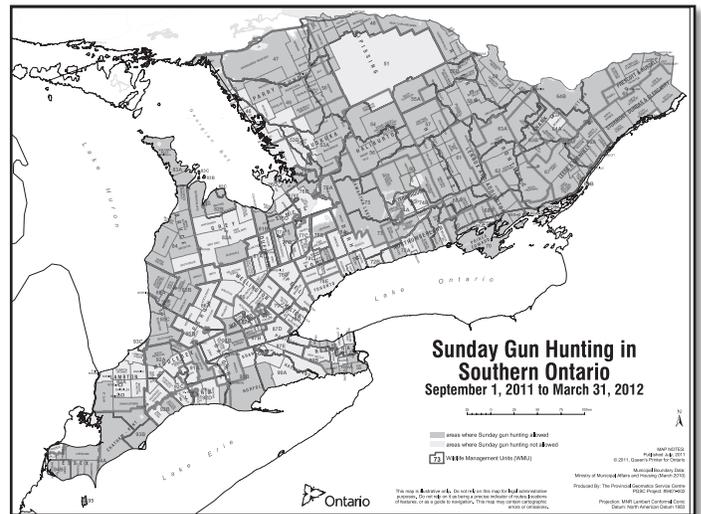
In March, the **Township of Severn** approved Sunday gun hunting, which resulted after an OFAH-generated petition garnered over 500 signatures in the area. We also provided two presentations to Council.

The **County of Brant** continued to make changes to its proposed discharge bylaw. OFAH head office and OFAH Zone J had the opportunity to play a role in the process. Senior staff at the municipality worked in good faith to try to accommodate our concerns. While the discharge bylaw that emerged was not perfect, it is substantially changed from the one that was first presented to Council, contains language that we can accept, and will not impact in a meaningful way on the ability to hunt and discharge firearms in the County of Brant.

The **Townships of Loyalist, Brockton and Machar** all approved Sunday gun hunting and were added to the provincial list effective September 2011. We also created petitions for circulation in several municipalities southwest of Parry Sound, where it is anticipated that public meetings on adopting Sunday gun hunting will occur in the future.

In **Beckwith Township**, Council indicated that the issue was brought to them by local hunters too late to consider for the fall hunting season. They commissioned a poll for the fall and committed to making a decision either way on Sunday gun hunting before Christmas, however this did not occur. It is expected that the issue will come before Council in 2012.

Zorra Township Council initiated changes to their noise bylaw that could have a significant negative impact on the Tavistock Rod



& Gun Club, an OFAH member club with 186 members. Despite efforts by the club to reach a compromise with local neighbors and municipal officials, the threat of court action by the municipality remains a possibility. At the core of the dispute is the attempt by Council to apply provincial noise level standards to the club.

The **Municipality of Clarington** approved a new noise bylaw, which impacted two non-OFAH shooting clubs by imposing new curfews and decibel levels. At the request of the Orono Rod & Gun Club we wrote to Council outlining the club's long history in the area. To comply with the new bylaw, the Orono club has installed a new berm and noise baffles, which have reduced the sound considerably, and brought it in line with the new local standard.

The **Township of West Lincoln** was asked to revisit the issue of Sunday gun hunting in May, but voted against doing so at that time.

In the spring, members living in the area of La Salle approached us for assistance in achieving a bow hunt for deer. The municipality currently does not allow hunting with firearms, and only allows the use of bows and crossbows for target practice on private lands, despite having an increasing problem with an overabundance of deer. In July, the OFAH Zone J Chair spoke in support of the request, however Council rejected a bows only deer hunt on private land.

Prior to the last municipal elections, the **Township of Springwater** introduced two draft bylaws; one relating to the discharge of firearms and the second a draft noise bylaw. These documents were the focus of a large public meeting, at which the OFAH, the Canadian Shooting Sports Association (CSSA), and others spoke in opposition. Council agreed that the bylaws were flawed and would be withdrawn.

The new Springwater Council continued to look at the issue, and in spring 2011, released two new noise/discharge of firearms draft bylaws for public consideration and consultation. The OFAH sent support materials to the Barrie District Hunters and Anglers Conservation Club, an OFAH member club, and the OFAH Zone H Chair met with municipal officials. The discharge portion of the proposed bylaw was dropped, but Council continues to pursue changes to the noise bylaw.

In September 2011, the OFAH Zone J Chair appeared before **Southwest Oxford** Council to make a presentation on Sunday gun hunting. The Council subsequently approved a motion to accept Sunday gun hunting, which will be added to the regulations in time for the 2012 spring hunting season.

In September, the OFAH received information from the **Town of Penetanguishene** with respect to a review of their current discharge bylaw and proposed changes. Both the OFAH Zone H Chair and head office reviewed the proposed bylaw. We informed the town that we have no objections to the changes, given the exemptions in place for hunting and recreational sport shooting. However, the bylaw does include a buffer zone of 300 meters around public property, which we have recommended that they reduce significantly, or eliminate altogether. Failure to do so would cause some limitations on land abutting municipal property. Based on discussions with the Clerk, it is expected that they will reduce the buffer to no more than 100 meters, if not eliminate it entirely. The bylaw went before a public meeting in November.

Township of West Elgin – At a recent Council meeting, the Township has received deputations from the OFAH Zone J Chair, in support of Sunday gun hunting. The Council was to have the item on the agenda at their next meeting in November. A follow-up letter to Members of Council was sent, reminding them of the impact that deer/car collisions have on residents, the importance of hunting to the agricultural community with regard to predation, and the benefits of Sunday gun hunting in terms of wildlife population control. It is expected that Council will approve Sunday gun hunting.

City of Sarnia – In view of complaints to Council about “stray gunshots,” the municipality has decided to review its discharge bylaw, which was last amended in 2000.

The OFAH spoke to the Solicitor/Clerk, who informed us that a report went to Council along with a draft bylaw for consideration; however, that would not occur until a public meeting was held at the end of November. They sent the OFAH Zone J Chair and the OFAH copies of the report and the draft bylaw, and invited us to meet with them at our convenience to discuss our concerns. The Zone J Chair appeared at Council before the end of the year to outline OFAH concerns with the proposed bylaw changes, including Council’s attempt to exert authority over areas not within their legal jurisdiction. At year’s end, the municipality was reviewing all of the comments received by the public before proceeding in the new year.

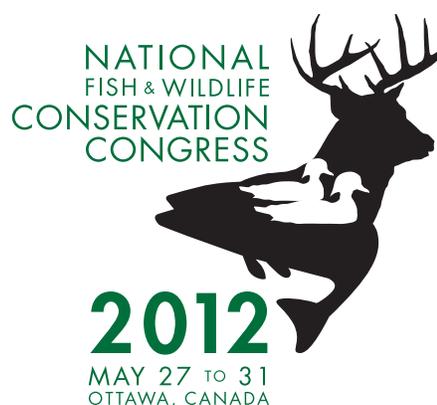
A number of other municipalities, including **Brant County, South West Oxford, Wellesley, Central Elgin and Brooke-Alvinston** are expected to vote on Sunday gun hunting in the near future.



New Bowhunting Opportunities in the North

For over two years, the OFAH, led by OFAH Zone B, was in discussions with the **City of Thunder Bay**, the Thunder Bay Police Service, and the MNR, regarding an expansion of bowhunting within city limits. Several tracts of land within the municipal boundaries are not occupied and offer additional hunting opportunities, which is important in the context of burgeoning deer populations and calls by the public for municipal action. The bylaw department is moving to ban the feeding of deer because this has a direct relation to car/deer collisions. The number of car/deer collisions has continued to increase, with upward of 847 deer/car collisions in the last year (including 42 human injuries), making Thunder Bay one of the top two areas in the province. Baiting will still be allowed from October 15 to December 15.

The **City of Kenora** implemented a trial hunt in the fall based on the Thunder Bay model.



National Fish & Wildlife Conservation Congress

The OFAH has taken a lead role in organizing the first ever National Fish & Wildlife Conservation Congress (NFWCC). This event will bring together leading fish and wildlife scientists, government leaders, federal, provincial, state and local fish and wildlife agencies, conservation organizations and anglers and hunters to participate in plenary sessions, workshops, discussions and debates about the future of fish and wildlife resources in North America.

Planning for the NFWCC, which will be held in Ottawa from May 27-31, 2012, continued throughout 2011.

The call for abstracts was issued in the spring and many submissions were received, from which a tentative program was developed and shared on the NFWCC website.

NFWCC has already attracted international sponsor and partner support, and new sponsors are anticipated in the coming months. Organizations across North America have agreed to host plenaries, workshops and present papers. The Prime Minister has been formally invited to give the keynote speech, and high ranking government and agency representatives from Canada and the U.S. have agreed to speak. For complete details, visit www.nfwcc.com.



Communications

The OFAH uses a wide range of media to reach a broad audience with positive hunting, fishing and conservation messaging. We share the latest news and views with the outdoor community through media releases, PSAs and print materials, the Internet and social media, Ontario OUT OF DOORS magazine, Angler & Hunter Radio and Angler & Hunter Television. Federation members and member clubs also play an important role as OFAH ambassadors in their communities.

In the News

In 2011, we issued more than 60 media releases, primarily through Marketwire, a newswire service. To further broaden our reach, we made use of our extensive web presence, including social media, which encompassed Facebook, Twitter and YouTube. We also provided an OFAH e-news service and an RSS feed to enable followers to automatically receive OFAH media releases and other updates electronically.

Unquestionably, our biggest 2011 news draw was OFAH support for scrapping the long gun registry. Our manager of government affairs and policy appeared on several politically themed television shows and the OFAH was quoted in radio and print media, including CBC, the Toronto Star, and other news sources.

The OFAH role in the restoration of Ontario elk, leading to the first hunt in the 21st century, also drew considerable interest from journalists.

Other programs that are led or supported by the OFAH also received communications support, including the Invading Species Awareness Program, Bring Back the Salmon, Community Stream Steward Program, Ontario Invasive Plant Council, Ontario Family Fishing Events and OFAH TackleShare. Program teams worked collaboratively to increase their public profile and showcase their efforts. Media releases, workshops, onsite event support and newsletters are examples of the efforts undertaken to promote these important conservation and outreach programs.

Angler & Hunter HOTLINE

If it is of interest or concern to OFAH members, chances are you can read about it in the members-only section of *Ontario OUT OF DOORS* (OOD) magazine. Advocacy issues, upcoming events,

OFAH member and member club news, and more is featured in this 16-page insert to OOD, the outdoors enthusiast's favorite magazine.

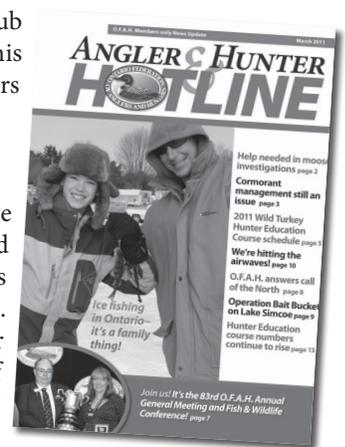
Internet Presence

Universally, the Internet has become an integral part of the way the world communicates, and the OFAH is keeping pace with that change. Over the course of the year, our web team handled nearly 1,000 staff requests for web service. The OFAH maintains 14 websites, several Facebook and Twitter accounts, YouTube channels, an RSS feed and an e-news service.

The OFAH corporate website underwent a complete design overhaul in 2011, although it did not go live before the end of the year. The new site features a user-friendly interface and more interactivity. Several other OFAH-hosted websites also got facelifts.

OFAH web staff also manage the busy *Ontario OUT OF DOORS* website (www.ontariooutofdoors.com) and forum (www.oodmag.com), with the assistance of hardworking volunteer forum moderators. The forum saw over 110,000 visitors exchange ideas related to fishing and hunting in 2011, and in total, generated over 1,283,000 visits and nearly 11,000,000 page views. Six OFAH zones (OFAH Zones C, E, F, G, H, and J) maintain zone websites provided at no cost on the OFAH domain ([www.ofah.org/zone"x](http://www.ofah.org/zone)) and Zone B is working toward launching their site. OFAH zone representatives administer the sites in order to keep zone members updated on upcoming meetings, events and local issues. The OFAH web team is eager to help the remaining zones establish their own website, with technical assistance available to zone "webmasters."

Throughout 2011, we were pleased to work with the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership (OTMP) to promote hunting and fishing tourism in Northern Ontario through the OTMP website, www.northernontario.travel. This was our second year of managing the web content for the site, which featured stories and photos provided by writers well known in the outdoors industry. Travel adventures, itineraries and vacation ideas are included on



the site, with links to resorts, outfitters, accommodations and more. It is a must-visit site for those planning a northern outdoors getaway.

In collaboration with the Victoria Stewardship Council and the Ontario Stewardship Council, the OFAH produced the *Ontario Crop and Livestock Wildlife Damage Assessment Manual* which was well received, and was produced in print and online.

Public Service Announcements

OFAH Public Service Announcements (PSAs) are seen, heard and read across Ontario, thanks to the generosity of television, radio, and print sources. The OFAH was able to share its ice safety, boating safety, responsible hunting and firearms safety messaging with thousands of people, a reach that we could not have afforded, had we had to pay for the valuable air time and print space we received.



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Ontario OUT OF DOORS enjoyed another highly successful year publishing one of the country's leading outdoor magazines.

Subscription numbers rose to match peak 2009 levels, providing a significant audience for the outdoors

industry, the promotion of our outdoor traditions, and the work of the OFAH.

Throughout the year the OOD team marketed the magazine with a variety of subscription offers that were enthusiastically received. "This is *Ontario OUT OF DOORS* country," the distinctive branding campaign that was launched in late 2010, continued to attract OOD subscribers with its billboards and tractor trailer that travelled hundreds of thousands of kilometers across Ontario.

Major new advertisers came onboard in 2011 to take advantage of the marketing reach of OOD. These included Canadian Tire, Valvoline, GM, Tinks and Lemigo to name a few.

Another expanding area of OOD reach was the online community forum, www.oodmag.com, which attracted well over a million hits in 2011. Discussions (threads) were as wide ranging as the long gun registry and fishing trips. Registration is instant and free and offers a whole new way to communicate with outdoor enthusiasts.



Angler & Hunter Television



2011 was a big year for *Angler & Hunter Television (AHTV)*. As filming for the 2012 season got underway, Mike Miller, a "new generation of angler and hunter," took over as host. In its 19th season, AHTV was proud to receive Wild TV's prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award, the second consecutive year the show has been honored by the network.

Mike captured some exciting fishing and hunting adventures on tape, as well as some of the OFAH's great conservation efforts, including the three millionth Atlantic Salmon release and the first elk hunt season in over 100 years.

The 2012 broadcast season will include 15 episodes airing nationally on the Global television network, as well as on pay per view and the web with Wild TV. AHTV is also available via satellite on Bell ExpressVu and Shaw Direct. Visit www.ahtv.com



AHTV has a strong supporting list of sponsors that include Mercury Outboard, Lund Boats, Browning Canada, Winchester Ammunition, Yamaha ATV's, and Shimano Canada. AHTV will welcome Canadian Tire as the official outfitter and sponsor of the show for 2012. Supporting sponsors also make a big contribution and include Berkley, Excalibur Crossbow, *Ontario OUT OF DOORS*, Minn Kota, Humminbird, G.Loomis, Burris Optics, J.J. Stewart Motors/Dodge Trucks, DT Powersports, Steiner Optics, Cannon Downriggers and Lucky Strike.

Angler & Hunter Radio

We hit the airwaves in 2011 with *Angler & Hunter Radio (AH Radio)* – the only informative outdoor radio show in Ontario!

Over the 30-episode season, veteran broadcaster and Host, Tom Otto, explored extraordinary outdoor situations and interviewed high-ranking officials on timely issues affecting Ontario hunters, anglers and other outdoor enthusiasts.

The newest OFAH media tool, *AH Radio*, was launched in March and was broadcast on nine stations on Saturdays and Sundays from Windsor to the Ottawa Valley and north to Thunder Bay. The *AH Radio* network broadcast signal covered all of Southern Ontario and could be heard worldwide via the Internet through all participating station websites. Fans could also listen via www.ahradio.ca or download the episodes as podcasts.

2011 sponsors included: Yamaha, Stoeger, Berkley and *Ontario OUT OF DOORS*.

