

1. Promotion of Outdoor Heritage and Conservation

If you form the next government, will you ensure that angling, hunting and trapping are supported by:

- developing and implementing a National Hunting, Trapping and Angling Strategy that outlines how the government will actively promote these activities, including reestablishing the Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel; and
- Dedicating a meaningful portion of the existing Goods & Services Tax (GST) collected on angling and hunting gear to a fund available to community based non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to preserve our outdoor heritage and deliver conservation outcomes?

Conservative Party of Canada (CPC) Response:

Canada First Conservatives have always recognized the contributions that licensed anglers, hunters and trappers make to conservation and the wise use of our natural resources.

Under the leadership of Pierre Poilievre, Canada first Conservatives will develop a National Hunting, Trapping and Angling Strategy and re-establish the Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel that was abolished by the Carney-Trudeau Liberals. We will ensure that the panel represents a range of views across the outdoor community.

2. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

If you form the next government, will you:

- immediately prohibit the movement of live cervids within and between provinces/territories and across international borders; and
- phase out cervid farming with appropriate compensation to producers?

CPC Response:

Canada First Conservatives recognize the serious risks associated with CWD. Under the leadership of Pierre Poilievre, we will work with the provincial Ministers responsible for wildlife on appropriate limits of the movement of live captive cervids.

3. Public Access to, and Management of Protected Areas

If you form the next government, will you:

- preserve public access to protected areas for angling, hunting and outdoor recreation activities for all Canadians who consider these activities part of their culture, tradition and heritage; and
- impose harvest restrictions, only where necessary and on all resource users when harvest threatens the long-term sustainability of a population?

CPC Response:

Canada First Conservatives recognize the importance of Canada's beautiful outdoors heritage. It is vitally important to maintain access to these spaces for all Canadians. Equally important is the proper stewardship of our fish and wildlife resources. Under the leadership of Pierre Poilievre, we will preserve public access to public lands for licensed hunting, angling and outdoor recreational activities for all Canadians; and ensure restrictions or limitations on harvest are science based.

4. Aquatic Invasive Species

If you form the next government, will you:

- work with provinces 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?

CPC Response:

Canada First Conservatives recognize the serious risks associated with aquatic invasive species, and the important federal role in addressing the interprovincial and international movement of these species. Under the leadership of Pierre Poilievre, we will work with provinces to tackle this important issue.

5. Firearms Policy

If you form the next government, will you:

- focus law enforcement efforts on organized crime, gangs, other illegal firearms activities and the root causes of firearms-related crime and not burden hunters and sport shooters with ineffective and unnecessary restrictions on firearms?

CPC Response:

Everyone knows that the guns that are used in violent crimes are not owned by lawful licenced hunters and sports shooters. They're being brought in by smugglers and criminals. Canada first Conservatives are going to invest in 2000 more CBSA officers. We'll scan the shipping containers, and we'll put big watch towers along the length of our borders to

interrupt the smugglers bringing guns into Canada. And we are going to pay for all this by cancelling the wasteful multi-billion-dollar gun grab. Conservatives will respect our lawful, licenced firearms owners. To be very clear with you, if the Liberals get elected, they will ban your hunting rifle. There will be no more hunting rifles allowed in this country if the Liberals are back in, but Conservatives won't let them do that. We want to protect Canadians from criminals, not turkeys from hunters.