New Brunswick Wildlife Federation Annual General Meeting April 2, 2022

In Attendance

Dan Byers Dave Dunn Luc Rioux Paul Poitras Mark Currie Gerry Williamson Nathan Wilbur Kim MacRae Kevin Sabean Mike McDermott Eric Bouchard Ron Cybulski Jim Sinclair Jeremy Page Nadine Lardler Iim Marriner Frank Layton

Gilles Sonier John MacDonald Nathalie Michaud Dean Toole

Mathieu Allard

Guy Vezina

Mario Cyr Gerry Pheby

Proxies: Ron Whitehead Roland Michaud Rod Currie

Rod Currie Grand Digue

New Brunswick Deer Association Sackville Rod and Gun Club Restigouche Trappers Council

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Minutes

1. President, Nathalie Michaud, called the meeting to order at 10:30 am and welcomed the delegates.

Representing

Adopt A Stream Shediac Bay

Salmon River Association Club chasse et Peche St. Andre

Muskies Canada, Inc.

Petitcodiac Sportsmen's Club Fredericton Fish and Game Odell Collectors and Shooters Fredericton Fish and Game Havelock Sportsmen's Club Edmundston Trappers NBWF Treasurer

Fish Committee Member South East Zone VP

Albert County Hunters Association Life Member; Committee Chair

Shepody Fish & Game St. Leonard Fish and Game

Moncton Fish and Game Association Club Chasse et Peche de la Grande Riviere

Tracadie

Northeast Zone VP; Life member Fundraising and Merchandise Chair

President; BOW Chair

1st Vice President: President Sussex Fish

and Game Association
Canadian Wildlife Federation

- 2. Credentials Report:
 - 15 Clubs
 - 4 Proxies for clubs
 - 6 Executive Members
 - 3 Proxies for Executives
 - 4 Committee Chairs

Total of 70 which was a quorum.

- 3. **Minutes Of The Last Annual Meeting**: Nathalie motioned for approval of the minutes from the last AGM, April 14, 2019. Seconded by Mario Cyr. Carried.
- 4. **Report of The Last Board of Director's Meeting:** Last BOD meeting held April 1, 2022. Minutes to be distributed. Nathalie provided a brief summary of the highlights of the meeting.
- 5. **President's Report**: President's report was circulated (attached). Nathalie motioned for approval of her report. Seconded by Ron Cybulski. Carried.
- 6. Treasurer's Report: Ron Cybulski summarized his report that was included in the handouts (attached). He confirmed that we had changed financial institutions to National Bank of Canada. He stated that fund raising is a priority due to the state of our finances. He indicated that he has additional NBWF membership cards and pins available. Also AIL Insurance application forms. He moved that his report be approved. Seconded by Jim Marriner. Carried.
- 7. Executive Committee Report: Nathalie reported that we had moved to National Bank as a non-profit. Clover is the credit card handling company that we will use to process credit card payments. We have one credit/debit machine that will be taken to various fundraising events.
- 8. Report of Zone VPs: Gilles Sonier reported that he has three clubs in his area. Club activity is starting to pick up as Covid restrictions are removed. Areas on the Tracadie Range are being leased by the province for growing blueberries. There is a lot of opposition to this in the local area. There is a historical significance to many sites on the Tracadie Range. Gilles motioned for approval of his report. Seconded by Luc Rioux. Carried. South east report: Jeremy Page stated that clubs in his area are just starting to get active once again. Nothing further to report. He motioned for approval of his report. Seconded by Matheau Allard. Carried.
- 9. Report of Active Committees: Nathalie reported that there would not be a BOW this year due to Covid restrictions that have delayed planning. Expect things to be back on schedule next year. She motioned that her report be approved. Seconded by Nadine Lardler. Carried.

Jim Marriner provided an update on activities within the various committees that he chairs: Crown Reserve Report; NBWF Resolutions Report; Larry's Gulch Trip Committee Report; Constitution Committee Report and Life Member's Report. Summaries are attached. Jim motioned that his reports be approved. Seconded by Jeremy Page. Carried.

Jim Marriner, on behalf of the Life members, presented an award to Havelock Fish and Game for greatest increased membership in 2020.

Adopt A Stream: Dan Byers provided an update on last year's projects. We had seven clubs that actively participated in the program. Budget submitted to the Wildlife Trust Fund for 2022 has been approved. He motioned that his report be approved. Seconded by Eric Bouchard. Carried.

Minister Mike Holland joined our meeting and stayed for lunch. He addressed the group and focused on accomplishments over the last several years and emphasized that we still have lots to accomplish. He challenged the delegates to assist him in this.

Fisheries Committee: Dave Dunn's report was included in the handouts (attached). He provided a brief summary of his report. Fish committee met earlier in the day and agreed to focus on the following priorities:

- Recovery strategies for brook trout.
- Strategy for striped bass.
- Major gap between science and policy at DFO.

Dave motioned that his report be approved. Seconded by Gerry Williamson. Carried.

10. Unfinished business:

Rafflebox Company was discussed and it was decided that this is a good opportunity worth exploring.

Dave Dunn moved that we further explore the relationship with Rafflebox Company and initiate a fund raising project. Seconded by Eric Bouchard. Carried.

Bass Pro Project Funding: We need to finalize a work plan with a focus on activities for women and youth. A request will be sent out to all affiliate clubs encouraging them to submit proposals which will be considered for allocation of these funds.

A brief discussion was had on the Kedgewick Public Library proposal. They will be contacted and encouraged to submit a proposal for consideration of funding along with the club proposals.

Moose tag fundraiser: Proposal has proceeded through public review by the province recently. Nathalie has a meeting later today with Minister Holland to discuss status.

We are seeking a new representative from within the NB Wildlife Federation to sit on the NB Wildlife Trust Fund Committee as Jim Marriner's term is coming to an end soon.

11. Election of Officers:

Treasurer - Sharon MacDougal has expressed an interest but wasn't in attendance to confirm willingness to let her name stand for nomination. Ron Cybulski agreed to remain in the position and was declared elected. Secretary – Mathieu Allard was nominated for the position and declared elected.

Second Vice President - Gerry Pheby was nominated for the position and declared elected.

1st Vice President - Dean Toole was nominated for the position and declared elected.

President – Nathalie Michaud was nominated for the position and declared elected.

12. Resolutions:

Jim Marriner introduced and led the vote on each of the 2021 General Resolutions. The results are as follows:

Resolution G-2021-1: Removal of Resolution # (1981-10) Open Season on Unicorns. Submitted by Nathalie Michaud.

Passed in committee. Vote results: 59 votes in favor. Passed

Resolution G-2021-2: Amendment to Resolution# (1988-07) Restrict Indian Nets. Submitted by Nathalie Michaud. Passed in committee. Motion to amend resolution to include 1985-7. Moved by Nathalie Michaud. Seconded by Dean Toole. Vote results: 57 votes in favor. Carried. Vote results on amended resolution: 47 votes in favor, 1 vote opposed. Passed.

Dean Toole introduced and led the vote on the 2021 and 2022 Wildlife Resolutions. The results are as follows:

Resolution W-2021-01 - Using moose and deer scraps for bait. Submitted by Restigouche Trappers Council. Passed in committee. Vote results: 61 votes in favor, 4 votes opposed. Passed.

Resolution W- 2021-02 – Live trapping of black bears by licensed nuisance control officers. Submitted by Restigouche Trappers Council. Passed in committee. Vote results: 42 votes in favor, 11 votes opposed. 4 votes abstained. Passed.

Resolution W-2021-03 - Fish and Wildlife Act - Posting of Signs on Land Regulations (89-106). Submitted by Sussex Fish and Game Association

Defeated in committee. Vote results: 8 votes in favor, 47 votes opposed, 4 votes abstained. Defeated.

Resolution W-2021-04 – Muzzleloader Hunting Season Extension for Whitetail Deer. Submitted by Fredericton Fish and Game. Passed in committee. Vote results: 41 votes in favor, 22 votes opposed, 3 votes abstained. Passed.

Resolution W-2021-5 – Minimize hunting age for big game hunting. Submitted by QDMA Northern NB Branch. Passed in committee. Vote results: 27 votes in favor, 29 votes opposed, 9 votes abstained. Defeated.

Resolution W-2021-6 – Trespassing. Submitted by QDMA Northern NB Branch. Defeated in committee. Vote results: 3 votes in favor. 63 votes opposed. Defeated.

Resolution W-2021-7 – Resolution to move whitetail deer season. Submitted by Shepody Fish and Game. Vote tied in committee. Vote results: 41 votes in favor, 25 votes opposed, 3 votes abstained. Passed.

Resolutions of the Wildlife Committee for 2022:

Resolution W-2022-01 – Extend the Annual Deer Season. Submitted by Grande Digue Hunting and Fishing Club. Defeated in Committee. Vote results: 40 votes in favor, 25 votes opposed, I vote abstained. Passed

Resolution W-2022-02 – Postpone the Opening of the Annual Moose Hunt. Submitted by Grand Digue Hunting and Fishing Club. Defeated in Committee. Vote results: 26 votes in favor, 40 votes opposed. Defeated.

Resolution W-2022-03 – Lengthening Fall Black Bear Season. Submitted by Sackville Rod and Gun Club. Passed in committee. Vote results: 58 votes for, 6 votes opposed. Passed.

13. New Business:

AGM 2023. Nathalie asked if any of the member clubs have an interest in hosting the NBWF AGM for 2023. No volunteers came forward at this time. Will be addressed at the next BOD meeting.

14.Adjournment:

Meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm.

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April 1st & 2nd, 2022

Fredericton Inn, Fredericton, N.B.

Welcome to the 98th AGM of the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation!

It certainly was a very long 2 years and the uncertainties of Covid 19 were a real challenge. I'm extremely glad that we are finally able to have an in-person AGM this year.

Even though we have not been able to have an AGM for 2 years, it doesn't mean that our Federation has been on standby. We have all worked hard to accomplish what we had set out to do, but we still have a lot to accomplish.

The warmest welcome to you all!

Nathalie Michaud President NBWF

1e et 2 Avril 2022

Bienvenue à la 98ième Réunion Annuelle Générale de la Fédération de la Faune du Nouveau-Brunswick!

Ce fut certainement un long 2 ans et les incertitudes de la Covid 19 furent un vrai défi. Je suis extrêmement contente que nous puissions finalement avoir une réunion en personne cette année.

Même si nous n'étions pas capable d'avoir une RAG depuis 2 ans, celà ne veut pas dire que notre Fédération était en mode nul. Nous avons tous travaillé très fort pour accomplir ce que nous voulions faire, mais nous avons encore beaucoup de travail à faire.

Un bienvenue très chaleureux à vous tous!

Nathalie Michaud Présidente FFNB

PRESIDENT'S REPORT AGM NBWF APRIL 1 & 2, 2022 FREDERICTON, N.B.

Hi everyone,

Here is a resume of 2021:

- A zoom meeting was organized with the NBWF, Richard Bragdon and Mel Arnold. Letter was sent to the shadow Minister of DFO Richard Bragdon identifying a few fisheries issues we have in NB and asking for their help.
- Letter was sent to Mireille Chiasson from DFO concerning DFO's Precautionary Approach to Atlantic salmon.
- Letter received from Minister Holland about the proposed conservation areas-letter is vague
 and one line mentions that "the parcels will be assessed to see if hunting, fishing, and trapping
 will still be permitted in some areas due to the sensitivity of the area. This is something we want
 clarification on.
- Zoom meeting was organized with Public Safety. Superintendent Rick Nash was present, as well as the investigation teams from all regions of NB. We discussed issues with poaching, not seeing enough officers in the woods, and some issues about their duties (at borders during COVID). They mentioned they now have 78 active officers but are having problems with recruitment-they need more bilingual officers. Rick mentioned that sometimes they are not as "visible" due to the nature of the investigation. Certain investigations required them to be undercover, so they will not use the PS vehicles.
- Letter received from DNRED wanting our input on the proposed changes in hunting times
 (sunset and sunrise) and deer registration going to an on-line system. We responded that we
 were in favor of the sunrise/sunset times and in favor of on-line registration for deer BUT with
 some concerns. These concerns are possible increase in poaching and low data return for
 biologists to be able to evaluate the population.
- Appointment to the Provincial Advisory Committee: Jim Marriner is the representative on that
 committee to represent hunters, anglers, and trappers. Jim's mandate finished last year, but
 due to delays in government due to COVID and not being able to nominate someone else to go
 through the process, Jim will remain on the committee until the start of 2022. Richard Debow
 will be nominated at that time to replace Jim. **UPDATE: Richard's nomination was accepted by
 government but no meeting yet.
- We are looking at changes in our financial institution. CIBC has not been very helpful to our treasurer when we needed something set up to accept e transfers for fundraising, and due to the limited number of locations, it makes it hard for the executive if changes need to be done to the account. We have approached the National Bank and have received information from them.
 We will also check with BMO. ** UPDATE: the CIBC account has been closed and we now have a business non-profit account with the National Bank.

- We have had several meetings and correspondence with Minister Johnson about the Tracadie Range blueberry developments. They have issued 2 tenders which will close on March 3rd, 2022. They are basing their information and future developments on a study and consultations which was done over 20 years ago. The Grande Riviere Tracadie Hunting and fishing club has been very active on this file. More meetings and consultations to come.
- We have met with Minister Holland in person in May and September of 2021 to discuss conservation areas (Canada Pathway Target 1), crown lands, provincial advisory committee, crown reserve, deer study with Graham Forbes (results of this study should be available spring 2022), elimination of deer farms, land posting review for landowners and deer management issues.
- Peter Stoddart is a consultant who was hired by the Tourism Department to develop a growth strategy for the Hunt & Fish sector in NB named "Untapped potential, Unlimited Opportunities: A vision for the future of angling and hunting in New Brunswick". This document has been divided in "milestones", indicating from year 2021 to 2031 what the results could be from year to year. Although this is a very good document, we have found that it is too focused on outfitters and guides opportunities, instead of being focused on bringing the NB population back outside to practice our heritage sports. *This document is not yet available to the public and is to be kept confidential for the moment. We need to plan a meeting with Peter and the Tourism Dept. to address these concerns.

Respectfully,

Nathalie Michaud

President

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NBWF FINANCIAL 2021

<u>Chairman – Danny Byers</u> <u>Updated as of March 30, 2022</u>

General Points:

- 2022 budget
- Award one club with the "best clean-up"
- Confirmed prize for the winning club will be \$250 in pizza
- New this year we have funding for a lunch when out on the clean up

This refers to your application for the "Adopt-A-Stream" project. Your project was approved at full funding

Revised Proposed Budget Breakdown	<u>:</u>
25 Signs at	\$ 193.75
80 Shirts	\$ 860.00
Postage, ink boxes and paper	\$ 300.00
Trophy and Prize	\$300.00
Mileage To deliver Item and clubs	\$ 799.91
Office Supplies	\$200.00
Box Lunch for 80 Volunteers	\$1200.00
AGM	\$450.00
Total:	\$4,303.66
<u>Labor (In-Kind):</u> 6 Clubs x 5 Volunteers/club for 3 hour 80 Volunteer 5 Hours @ \$12/hour	\$ 4,800.00
Coordinator Volunteer Hours @ \$12/	hour \$ 750.00
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Total Proposed Budget:	\$9,853.66
We get %50	\$2,150.00
%40 after presentation of invoices	\$1,720.00
% 10 Final payment	\$430.00
TOTAL	\$4,300.00

ADOPT-A -STREAM 2022 - Club Sign-up Sheet

CLUB

CONTACT NAME

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CROWN RESERVE COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE NBWF AGM APRIL 2ND, 2022

The Provincial Crown Reserve Committee continues to remain in abeyance. In a recent discussion with Kevin Case, Director of Fish & Wildlife, he indicated he expected the Committee would become active once COVID restrictions have been modified.

Subsequently, I met with Minister Mike Holland with regard to N.B. Wildlife Trust Fund affairs and I took the opportunity to raise my concern with regard to the dormant Crown Reserve Committee. He advised he would follow up on my concern, which he also shared.

Once activated, the Committee will have a number of issues for discussion.

Respectfully submitted:

James Marriner Chair, Crown Reserve Committee

NBWF RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE NBWF AGM APRIL 2ND, 2022

The deadline for receipt of resolutions for 2022 was November 15th, 2021.

Three resolutions were received by that date and the English versions were forwarded to those on the NBWF e-mail list (Directors) on January 28th, 2022. The French translations were received and were forwarded on February 23rd, 2022.

At this year's AGM, the 2021 and 2022 resolutions will be debated and voted on.

Respectfully submitted:

James Marriner, Chair, NBWF Resolutions Committee

LARRY'S GULCH TRIP COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE NBWF AGM APRIL 2ND, 2022

For 2022, the NBWF received four trips to Larry's Gulch from the N.B. Department of Tourism, Heritage and Culture. The trips are for the dates of June $6^{th}-8^{th}$, 2022. Seven NBWF branches submitted their names for our draw. Subsequently, five of these Branches received Larry's Gulch trips from the N.B. Salmon Council and therefore became ineligible to receive a NBWF trip. The remaining two branches, the Albert County Hunters and the Grande Digue Hunting & Fishing Club, received trips and the remaining two trips will be auctioned or sold.

As there is always a possibility that if COVID-19 became an issue, the Department could change the status of the trips from being "shared" to being "single" it was decided to protect our two Branches and not sell or auction these remaining two trips prior to May 1st, 2022. If prior to that date, the NBWF is advised by the Department that the "rod" status has been changed to "single", each of the two Branches will receive an additional trip at no charge from the NBWF.

Respectfully submitted,

James Marriner Chair, NBWF Larry's Gulch Trip Committee

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE NBWF AGM APRIL 2ND, 2022

In 2021, the Constitution Committee was called upon to draft amendments to Articles 9A and 91.

Notice of motion was sent to the members of the Board of Directors on January 31st, 2021. The amendments were voted on and passed at the May 2nd, 2021 Board of Directors' Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

James Marriner
Chair, Constitution Committee

LIFE MEMBERS COMMITTEE REPORT TO THE NBWF AGM APRIL 2ND, 2022

Again, this year the NBWF Life Members will not be presenting plaques to the Branches and Zone VP's. As most Branches have not been holding meetings or been otherwise busy with programs and projects, it is felt it is best to delay the presentation of the merit awards until next year.

The Life Members have been asked to prepare and submit write-ups with regard to late NBWF Board Members who have made significant contributions towards wildlife conservation. At this point, write-ups have been submitted and can be seen on the NBWF website in memory of Dan Fowler, Tony Langen, Fred Wheaton, with Vincent Comeau soon to be added.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the NBWF Life Members: Ron Whitehead, Rod Currie, Roland Michaud, Richard DeBow, Gilles Sonier, Charlie LeBlanc and Jim Marriner.

James Marriner, Life Members Committee

Fisheries Committee Report NBSC AGM 2022

Committee Members: Peter Cronin (Chair), Kevin Davidson, John Bagnall, Jim Marriner, Charlie LeBlanc, Arnold Boer and Danny Bird

ISSUE: Eradication of Smallmouth Bass from the Miramichi Watershed

HISTORY:

- WG Members: consists of seven Indigenous and NGO conservation organizations
- The project was planned for implementation in August and September, 2021 with 100s of volunteers and paid professionals on site at considerable costs
- However, it was obstructed by 20-30 protesters from Maliseet Indigenous communities, assisted by Miramichi Lake cottage owners,
- Rescheduled for 2022
- See previous detailed reports provided to NBSC Directors

CURRENT STATUS:

- Communication
 - o John Bagnall is NBSC representative on the WG Communications Committee
 - Meetings held with MP Bragdon and MP Stewart
 - o Contact with Grandmothers (Indigenous Women of the Wabanaki Territories)
 - Meetings with Maliseet key players
 - o Meetings scheduled with key Municipalities
 - Bi-weekly meetings with WG, DFO and NB government
- Financial
 - o 2022 cost is \$527,000 plus \$155,000 overrun from 2021
 - Based on secured funding to date there will be a \$373,000 shortfall
- Enforcement
 - Province reviewing Acts and Regulations to determine legal options for enforcement
 - DFO, Justice and Public Safety and RCMP discussing the issue
 - Legal opinion contracted and due shortly
- Operations
 - Personnel and equipment requested from DNR
 - Operational planning including staffing, equipment and logistics being updated
 - Recruiting of additional volunteers required
 - Major permits received with a few minor permits to follow

CONCLUSIONS and RECOMMENDATIONS

- Need to resolve the situation if protesters return and determine evidence of increase in SMB distribution
- Major decision required by Mid May on whether to proceed
- Seek additional financial support

Fisheries Committee Report NBSC AGM 2022

ISSUE: Proposed Alternative Model for Striped Bass by challenging DFO's Limit Reference and Upper Stock Reference Points

HISTORY:

- Over the past year, DFO has started to explore the management of striped bass via a process known as the Precautionary Approach (PA).
- The exercise is to identify the point (the Limit Reference Point or LRP) at which there should be no directed harvest of the species being managed.
- The number they came up with is 330,000 spawners.
- DFO's modelling exercises used too many assumptions to estimate equilibrium abundance of ages 3 to 15+ striped bass in the absence of fishing to be 3 to 5 million fish, 2 to 3 million spawners
- Refer to John Bagnall's documents previously submitted to Directors that clearly support the general statements provided in this brief summary

CURRENT STATUS:

- The estimate that by flattening of the population trajectory at ~300 400K would indicate we are near the equilibrium abundance (carrying capacity) now.
- From our point-of-view, their numbers cause unacceptably high predation.
- There is obvious evidence that striped bass have a negative influence on the river's salmon populations.

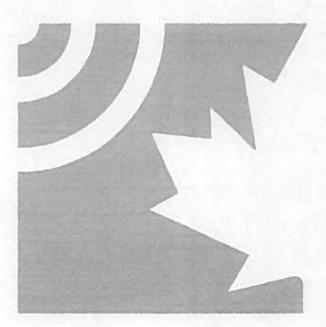
CONCLUSION and RECOMMENDATIONS

- The precipitous drop in salmon returns to the Protection Barrier on the NW Miramichi are not apparent in a near-by river, the Cascapedia, which has few striped bass present at the time of the salmon smolt run
- In summary, the salmon of the greater Miramichi system have been depleted by an
 over-abundance of predatory striped bass. The Food, Social and Ceremonial and
 recreational fishermen have frustratingly experienced a decade of disappointing salmon
 catches because of this. It's time to try to address this situation by expanding the
 harvest of striped bass through increasing the commercial catch targets and liberalizing
 the rules regulating the recreational bass fishery.
- Together with other key Conservation Organizations, we have challenged DFO's analysis and requested more reasonable lower Limit Reference and Upper Stock Reference Points
- The empirical data and field experience would suggest a more reasonable LRP value



National Range Day Participation Request

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Dear Club Executives,

We are writing to you today to enlist your help with a very important public relations project - National Range Day.

It's going to be vital to gain large participation in this project in order for it to be successful and we hope we can count on your support.

Every gun owner knows that the key to changing public perception about guns and their owners, is to take them shooting.



Here's the idea: There are 2.3M Canadians who legally and safely own and use firearms in this country. That deserves to be celebrated, but we can't wait for participate in events happening in almost every community across the country. Sport shooters, collectors, recreational shooters and hunters alike will host the

Here's the ask: We're asking you to host, promote and carry out an event at your club on Saturday June 4th. The type of event is up to you, but we suggest a it on your social channels and your local radio or newspaper community events section. Consider inviting your local municipal, provincial and federal elected n

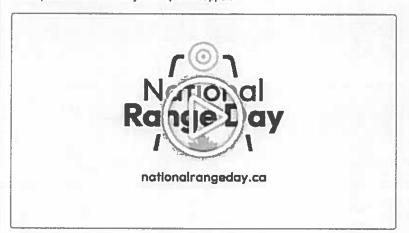
Opening the doors to our gun clubs can help open the minds of the general public.

You'll be able to register your event and details on national rangeday ca and download resources like logos and promotional videos - free for you to use and st

If you've got questions or concerns you can reach out at info@nationalrangeday.ca

Every year this event will grow and become more mainstream.

We hope we can count on your help and support!



An important message from our CEO, Rod Giltaca:

Friends,

The CCFR and its supporters are kickstarting this national effort and it's important that you know what our intent is.

The only way this day becomes a national tradition that media of governments can't take away from us, is if everyone participates in it, in any way they can. O set aside for one day a year.

To encourage this, the CCFR is creating and managing the coordination, infrastructure, and intellectual property with absolutely no branding connection to the

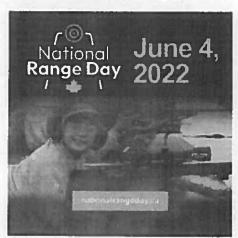
The CCFR has trademarked the logos to protect them from misuse and issues free licenses to everyone. Anyone can make t-shirts, merchandise or any other other, is that we all participate in it.

At national ranged ay.ca, you will find many resources that we've created and we will continue to create more. Commercials, images, logo source files, social m to fundraise.

Government and the media want our community gone, it's as simple as that. This can be the most significant public relations effort our community has ever lai

Thank you in advance,

Rod Giltaca CEO & Executive Director Canadian Coalition for Firearm Rights



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