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Dear Caroline Ladanowski,

On behalf of thousands of hunters, trappers and conservationists across Canada, we are writing to you today in response to the Migratory Birds Regulatory Report that was recently published.

The Proposals to Amend the Canadian Migratory Birds Regulations Hunting seasons (2026–2027 and 2027–2028) document is robust and we want to thank the Canadian Wildlife Service for their continued efforts to enhance waterfowl hunting across Canada.

At a time when hunter recruitment, retention and reactivation is at the forefront, we were excited to see several proposals that echo the requests of waterfowl hunters. These proposals will increase hunting opportunities, thereby increasing hunter satisfaction and participation.

The introduction of a Sandhill Crane hunting season in Quebec and Ontario is something that has been advocated for and thoroughly discussed for a long time. The proposal to implement a late winter 7-day Canada goose hunting season in specific wildlife management units in the southern district of Ontario greatly expands goose hunting opportunities that had been lost due to the implementation of Sunday gun hunting, and the proposal to increase the daily bag limit for Canada Geese in Wildlife Management Unit 65 will be celebrated.

The delayed start of the general Canada Goose season in Nova Scotia Zone 2 is a direct result of Nova Scotians asking for the closure to align with the end of duck season.

Finally, the signal for potential new hunting opportunities for Tundra Swan and Mourning Doves in the Prairie Provinces and the expansion of Sandhill Crane seasons into the Northwest Territories and Nunavut is welcomed. We look forward to continuing dialogue on these possible seasons with you over the next year.

Once again, we the undersigned thank you for your efforts in bringing forward these regulatory proposals and we look forward to their final approval.

Sincerely,

Alberta Professional Outfitters Society
BC Trappers Association
Big Game Records Club of British Columbia
Born to Hunt, It's a Lifestyle
Canadian Coalition for Firearms Rights
Canadian Wild Turkey Federation
Delta Waterfowl
Fur Institute of Canada

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Manitoba Wildlife Federation
North American Falconers Association
Northwestern Ontario Sportsmen's Alliance
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