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Subject: Cap Tourmente

Dear Caroline,

On behalf of thousands of hunters, trappers and conservationists across Canada, we are writing to you today in response to the recent posting in the Canada Gazette regarding the controlled Greater Snow Goose (GSG) hunting opportunities in the Cap Tourmente National Wildlife Area (NWA).

We are disappointed to see the recommendation for the closure of this hunting opportunity. For decades, waterfowl hunters have been harvesting GSG in the Cap Tourmente NWA's program run by the Canadian Wildlife Service, dating back to the early 1970s.

Having access to public hunting grounds is becoming increasingly more difficult to find, given the challenges hunters face when trying to obtain permission on private land. The importance of this hunting opportunity cannot be undervalued. With 8 blinds permitting 4 hunters per blind, this area represents a whopping 3,424 hunter days of opportunity for the fall season alone.

While we understand there may be budget constraints for managing the hunting program, there are other viable options to explore that could keep this important area open for hunting.

If this drastic closure occurs, there are other considerations as well. Should the geese return in big numbers due to lack of hunting pressure or population growth, the bulrush may become imperilled once again. You will have removed hunting as a management tool and it may be quite difficult to bring it back.

Given Cap Tourmente's long hunting tradition we do not support its closure, and we urge you to consider alternative options that would see this great opportunity continue.

Sincerely,

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British Columbia Trappers Association
Delta Waterfowl
Hunters for British Columbia
Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters Association

Safari Club International – Canada
The Veteran Hunters
Wild Origins Canada
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