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EBR 013-1813: Request for input regarding the Recovery Strategy for the Algonquin Wolf under the Endangered Species Act, 2007

The Christian Farmers Federation of Ontario (CFFO) is an Accredited Farm Organization representing the interests of over 4,000 farm families in Ontario.

The Algonquin Wolf is listed under the Endangered Species Act 2007 as a threatened species and is a critical part of many of Ontario's unique ecosystems. As stewards of the land, farmers recognize the importance of preserving this species for ecosystem health and longevity. However, farmers must also have access to supports and tools to effectively manage the species, regarding livestock predation.

Under Objective 1, Approach to recovery 1.1, the draft states that the approach is to use existing acts and regulations to reduce and/or eliminate hunting and trapping mortality within the AWRZ. The CFFO agrees with reducing the hunting and trapping mortality but urges caution regarding eliminating hunting and trapping altogether. For farmers, there are instances where they must protect their livestock and may have to resort to hunting or trapping an Algonquin Wolf. The CFFO recommends that a system be put in place to allow requests to MNRF or to a specially licensed local hunter to remove a wolf that has become a predation problem. This would reduce the number of wolves that are hunted or trapped but would still allow farmers to protect their livestock should they need to.

Under Objective 6, Approach to Recovery 6.5, the draft states that it aims to "work with government agencies to minimize the cost of deterrents for livestock producers (e.g., materials, licenses, etc.)." The CFFO suggests that this approach include cost share funding, under the new Canadian Agricultural Partnership (CAP) program, for the installation of protective fencing and purchase and care of protective animals. This would create a new project category dedicated to animal protection from wildlife predation. This will ensure that farmers have access to effective

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means to protect their animals, lessening the need to use hunting and trapping methods to control predation.

We appreciate this opportunity to respond to this discussion paper and thank you for consideration of our comments.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Clarence Nywening".

Clarence Nywening, President
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