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The hunter's role in conservation

August 1st marks an important date for waterfowl hunters. The Migratory Game Bird Hunting (MGBH) permit is now available for purchase for the 2017-2018 hunting season. The permit, along with **The Canadian Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp** (*also known as the Canadian Duck Stamp*), is required to hunt waterfowl and migratory game birds in Canada. Funds from these sales are earmarked for WHC to allocate to conservation projects, a unique agreement with Environment and Climate Change Canada since 1985.

Additional information on the [Migratory Bird Convention Act, 1994 and regulations](#) is available on Environment and Climate Change Canada's website or can be obtained via their Inquiry Centre (1-800-668-6767). Permits can be purchased **online** using Environment and Climate Change Canada's [e-permitting system](#), at Canada Post outlets and through some [independent vendors](#).

As the impacts of climate change continue to affect wetland habitats and species at risk, participation of waterfowl hunters in this process is increasingly important. WHC works to ensure that funds received from the Stamp are designated for habitat restoration, enhancement and education purposes.

Since 1985, WHC has invested over \$50 million in support of more than 1,500 conservation projects across Canada.

Without habitat, there is no wildlife ... it's that simple!

Permit Launch Event:

WHC would like to recognize the important role of waterfowl hunters as conservationists. WHC and Cabela's Outfitters store in Ottawa (3065 Palladium, Kanata) will co-host a conservation event. Representatives from Environment and Climate Change Canada will be on-site to assist folks in the purchase of their MGBH e-permit. Participants with a valid permit will receive a \$20 voucher for the store and a chance to win various draw prizes. Grantees and hunting experts will also be on site to share stories and exchange tips.

Event Details:

When: August 19th: 10am – 3pm

Where: Cabela's Outfitters store – 3065 Palladium Dr.

What: Presentations and discussions include:

- Wildlife Habitat Canada,
- Environment and Climate Change Canada,
- Ontario Federation of Anglers and Hunters,
- Ducks Unlimited,
- The Land Between,
- A goose call tutorial

Ask the experts:

- Steve Ecklund - The Edge TV Host and hunter
- Andrew Rochon - World renown chef
- Ron Ferguson - Fishing expert
- Cara Carmichael – Expert angler



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Wildlife Habitat Canada is a national, not-for-profit, non-governmental conservation organization established in 1984. Our objectives are to: 1) provide funding for wildlife conservation programs in Canada; 2) conserve, restore and enhance wildlife habitat; 3) foster coordination and leadership in the conservation community; and, 4) promote the conservation contributions of waterfowl hunters and encourage participation in waterfowl hunting.

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