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## **AFGA calls on Government to increase attack on CWD!**

*(Edmonton May 11, 2007)*... **Alberta's largest conservation group, the Alberta Fish & Game Association (AFGA), encourages the Alberta Government to increase its Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD) eradication program.**

In light of the alarming and ever-increasing numbers of positive CWD cases in Alberta's deer population the AFGA recommends that:

- new dollars (not from Alberta Sustainable Resource Development's current budget) be allocated to research and control,
- Tourism, Parks, Recreation and Culture agree to conduct deer collections in the Wainwright Dunes Ecological Reserve for the purpose of CWD testing. This reserve lies within the area where several positives have been found and no hunting is allowed. It thus makes no sense to leave an island of refuge for disease which by virtue of being inaccessible to harvest will result in CWD being perpetually present.
- the Alberta Government institute head submission province-wide of harvested ungulates,
- the Alberta Government discontinue game farms. CWD was a non-issue, and indeed originated in the wild, in areas where game farming was started and continues to be practiced.

"The AFGA continues to support the ongoing monitoring and control of CWD and in fact urges the Government to intensify its efforts in this regard," said Maurice Nadeau, AFGA President, "Doing nothing is not an option!"

The Alberta Fish and Game Association is a not-for-profit volunteer organization proud to serve Albertans in the promotion of the wise use of our fish and wildlife resources and the conservation of their habitats. Celebrating its 99th anniversary the AFGA has been active since 1908 in working towards these goals. It has a province-wide membership of more than 14,500 individuals spread among 100+ Clubs.

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