

SUMMARY OF CONSULTATION COMMENTS RECEIVED BY WHC ON WILDLIFE HABITAT CONSERVATION STAMP

Thank you for your feedback on the Wildlife Habitat Conservation Stamp. Your response to the consultation process has been impressive, given the short consultation timeframe. Your thoughtful comments of support for the future of WHC have been heart felt, and provide a good basis for what we hope will be productive discussions with Environment Canada.

We are impressed by the broad base of support from the conservation community and waterfowl hunters, and from artists, stamp collectors and the general public!

As you can see from the table below, over 97% of those responding strongly support the continuation of the existing stamp program and 100% support continuing the financial arrangement between Environment Canada and WHC. There is very little support for the options of reallocating the funds for internally programming.

As wildlife habitat, especially wetlands, continue to disappear across the country, we hope Environment Canada and the politicians to whom it is responsible have the foresight to maintain one of Canada's great environmental success stories. We will be working to keep this issue in front of the decision makers.

Affiliation - self identified		
Artist	6	
Waterfowl hunter	4	
Conservation organization or member	16	
Combination of above	7	
Other	3	
Consultation Questions	Support	Do Not Support/non-committal
1.1 maintain existing stamp program with WHC	35/36 in favour	1 non-committal
1.2 eliminate the stamp program and still collect conservation levy	32/36 not in favour of replacing stamp with a levy	4 non-committal
2.1 continue the contribution agreement with WHC	36/36 in favour	
2.2.a) Provide the conservation revenues to habitat conservation delivery agents	31/36 not in favour	5 non-committal
2.2 b) EC conservation grant program	31/36 not in favour	5 non-committal
2.3 direct conservation revenue to EC protected areas	32/36 not in favour	4 non-committal

The following table provides additional details regarding the responses received by Wildlife Habitat Canada (WHC), as interpreted by WHC staff. It is arranged to reflect the questions and options presented in the Consultation Paper circulated by Environment Canada (http://www.cws-scf.ec.gc.ca/legislations/tim-st_con/index_e.cfm).

The final three columns reflect the questions asked at the end of that paper concerning the best return on investment of the conservation monies; the importance of minimizing disruption to ongoing habitat conservation and stewardship programs; and ensuring accountability of the funds.

Where respondents did not make a comment on a particular item, the respective box is left blank. If you have any questions, please contact [Lynn McIntyre](#) or 1.800.669.7919 ext 234.

Date	Affiliation	1.1	1.2	2.1	2.2a	2.2b	2.3	Best	Minimize	Account-
		Stamp	levy	WHC	1 NGO	EC grant	EC PA	ROI	Disruption	ability
15-Aug	former Board	y	n	y	n	n	n	WHC	WHC	WHC
17-Aug	conservation organization(s)	y	n	y	n	n	n	WHC	WHC	WHC
19-Aug	conservation community	y	n	y	n	n	n	WHC	WHC	WHC
21-Aug	conservation community	y	n	y	n	n	n	WHC	WHC	WHC
15-Sep	waterfowl hunter	y	n	y	n	n	n	WHC	WHC	WHC
15-Sep	artist	y	n	y	n	n	n	WHC	WHC	WHC
16-Aug	MP	y		y					WHC	
17-Aug	conservation organization(s)	y	n	y	n	n	n	WHC	WHC	WHC
22-Aug	conservation organization(s)	y	n	y	n	n	n	WHC	WHC	WHC
24-Aug	artist; waterfowl hunter; conservation community	y	n	y	n				WHC	need more contact with hunters
05-Sep	conservation organization(s)	y	n	y	n	n	n	WHC	WHC	WHC
05-Sep	waterfowl hunter	y	n	y	n	n	n	WHC	WHC	WHC
11-Sep	waterfowl hunter; conservation community	y	n	y	n	n	n			
25-Aug	former board; conservation community			y				WHC		
26-Jul	conservation organization(s)	y		y				WHC	WHC	WHC
14-Sep	waterfowl hunter conservation community	y	n	y	n	n	n	WHC	WHC	WHC
18-Sep	conservation organization(s)	y	n	y	n	n	n			WHC
14-Sep	conservation organization(s)	y	n	y	n	n	n	"new" WHC	WHC	WHC
07-Sep	conservation organization(s)	y	n	y	n	n	n			
20-Sep	conservation organization(s)	y	y	y	n	n	n	WHC	WHC	WHC
21-Sep	artist	y	n	y	n	n	n			
21-Sep	waterfowl hunter; artist	y	n	y	n	n	n			

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23-Sep	artist	y	n	y	n	n	n			
23-Sep	conservation organization(s)	y	n	y	n	n	n	"new" WHC		more contact with hunters
25-Sep	conservation organization(s)	y	n	y	n	n	n			
26-Sep	artist, conservation community	y	n	y	n	n	n			
26-Sep	waterfowl hunter	y	n	y	n	n	n			
27-Sep	artist	y	n	y	n	n	n			
28-Sep	stamp collector	y	n	y	n	n	n			
30-Sep	artist	y	n	y	n	n	n			
01-Oct	artist	y	n	y	n	n	n	WHC		
01-Oct	conservation organization(s)	y	n	y	n	n	n	"new" WHC	WHC	WHC
01-Oct	conservation community	y	n	y	n	n	n			
01-Oct	conservation organization(s)	y		y						
01-Oct	conservation community	y	n	y	n	n	n			
01-Oct	waterfowl hunter, stamp collector	y	n	y	n	n	n			