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### **AFGA Concerned over Bill C-246**

#### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

(Edmonton March 9, 2016)... Alberta's largest conservation group, the Alberta Fish & Game Association, is concerned over the first reading of Bill C-246 the [Modernizing Animal Protections Act](#) which supposedly will close animal cruelty loopholes but in reality will go far beyond that as stated in section 182.1 that

- (1) Everyone commits an offence who, wilfully or recklessly,
  - (b) kills an animal or, being the owner, permits an animal to be killed, brutally or viciously, regardless of whether the animal dies immediately;
  - and
  - (g) promotes, arranges, conducts, assists in, receives money for or takes part in any meeting, competition, exhibition, pastime, practice, display or event at or in the course of which captive animals are liberated by hand, trap, contrivance or any other means for the purpose of being shot at the moment they are liberated;

Hunting and fishing by their very nature result in the death of an animal and therefore, if this bill is passed it will make criminals out of all Canadians who participate in these heritage based, traditional activities. It will also bring an end to the billions of dollars contributed annually to the Canadian economy by the hundreds of thousands of Canadians and Canadian businesses associated with these activities.

The bill also has other far-reaching drastic implications for groups who rely on farming, hunting, trapping, angling, commercial fishing and medical research not to mention society as a whole that relies on food production.

This private member's bill has been poorly contrived by a handful of nature-disconnected politicians who have come under the spell of extreme animal rights groups who chose to ignore the very foundations upon which this country was formed. The AFGA encourages all hunters and anglers to voice their opposition to Bill C-246 to their MP and the PM. Contact information can be found on the Association's website [www.afga.org](http://www.afga.org).

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. The AFGA has been active since 1908 in working towards these goals and has a province-wide membership of more than 24,000 individuals spread among 90+ Clubs.

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