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Heritage Hunting and Fishing Act, 2002

[S.O. 2002, Chapter 10](https://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/s02010)

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Preamble

Recreational hunting and fishing have played important roles in shaping Ontario’s social, cultural and economic heritage. Recreational hunters and anglers have made im­portant contributions to the understanding, conservation, restoration and management of Ontario’s fish and wildlife resources. The best traditions of recreational hunting and fishing should be valued by future generations.

Therefore, Her Majesty, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of the Province of Ontario, enacts as follows:

Definition

**0.1**In this Act,

“Minister” means the Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry or the minister of the Crown to whom the powers and duties under this Act are assigned or transferred under the Executive Council Act. 2017, c. 34, Sched. 46, s. 18 (1).

**Section Amendments with date in force (d/m/y)**

[2017, c. 34, Sched. 46, s. 18 (1)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S17034" \l "sched46s18s1) - 01/01/2018

Right to hunt and fish

**1** (1)  A person has a right to hunt and fish in accordance with the law. 2002, c. 10, s. 1 (1).

Same

(2)  The reference to the law in subsection (1) includes the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*, the *Fisheries Act* (Canada), the *Migratory Birds Convention Act, 1994* (Canada) and the regulations made under those Acts. 2002, c. 10, s. 1 (2).

Fish and Wildlife Heritage Commission

**2** (1)  A commission is hereby established to be known in English as the Fish and Wildlife Heritage Com­mission and in French as Commission du patrimoine chasse et pêche. 2002, c. 10, s. 2 (1).

Composition

(2)  The Commission shall be composed of such number of members as may be appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, one of whom shall be designated by the Lieutenant Governor in Council as the chair of the Commission. 2002, c. 10, s. 2 (2).

Responsibilities

(3)  On the request of the Minister, the Commission shall consider and make recommendations to the Minister on the following matters:

1. The promotion of practices that will contribute to recreational hunting and fishing being valued by future generations.

2. The promotion of public participation in fish and wildlife conservation programs.

3. The promotion of youth participation in hunting, fishing and other fish and wildlife activities.

4. The promotion of tourism related to hunting, fishing and other fish and wildlife activities.

5. The promotion of new opportunities for hunting, fishing and other fish and wildlife activities.

6. Any other matter referred to the Commission by the Minister.

7. The design and establishment of a mechanism to finance matters referred to in paragraphs 1 to 6.

8. The operation of the separate account referred to in section 85 of the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*. 2002, c. 10, s. 2 (3); 2017, c. 34, Sched. 46, s. 18 (2).

Annual report

(4)  The Commission shall prepare an annual report, provide it to the Minister and make it available to the public. 2017, c. 34, Sched. 46, s. 18 (3).

Same

(4.1)  The Commission shall include such content in the annual report as the Minister may require. 2017, c. 34, Sched. 46, s. 18 (3).

Tabling of annual report

(4.2)  The Minister shall table the Commission’s annual report in the Assembly. 2017, c. 34, Sched. 46, s. 18 (3).

Application of subs. 85 (4) of *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*

(5)  The Commission shall be deemed to be an advisory committee established by the Minister for the purpose of subsection 85 (4) of the *Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, 1997*. 2002, c. 10, s. 2 (5).

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[2017, c. 34, Sched. 46, s. 18 (2, 3)](http://www.ontario.ca/laws/statute/S17034" \l "sched46s18s2) - 01/01/2018

**3** Omitted (provides for coming into force of provisions of this Act). 2002, c. 10, s. 3.

**4** Omitted (enacts short title of this Act). 2002, c. 10, s. 4.

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