

The Liberal Party of Canada (LPC) did not respond to the NFHC Election Questionnaire. This is a summary of the elements of the LPC Platform that relate to the NFHC Priorities.

1. Promotion of Outdoor Heritage and Conservation

If you form the next government, will you ensure that angling, hunting and trapping are supported by:

- developing and implementing a National Hunting, Trapping and Angling Strategy that outlines how the government will actively promote these activities, including reestablishing the Hunting and Angling Advisory Panel; and
- Dedicating a meaningful portion of the existing Goods & Services Tax (GST) collected on angling and hunting gear to a fund available to community based non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to preserve our outdoor heritage and deliver conservation outcomes?

***LPC Platform:** No reference to hunting, angling or trapping.*

2. Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD)

If you form the next government, will you:

- immediately prohibit the movement of live cervids within and between provinces/territories and across international borders; and
- phase out cervid farming with appropriate compensation to producers?

***LPC Platform:** No reference to CWD.*

3. Public Access to, and Management of Protected Areas

If you form the next government, will you:

- preserve public access to protected areas for angling, hunting and outdoor recreation activities for all Canadians who consider these activities part of their culture, tradition and heritage; and
- impose harvest restrictions, only where necessary and on all resource users when harvest threatens the long-term sustainability of a population?

LPC Platform:

- “ ... advancing the creation of at least 10 new National Parks and Marine Protected Areas ... reinforced efforts to conserve 30% of lands and waters by 2030 ...” with no accompanying reference to preserving access for all Canadians.
- “Establish a new Indigenous Climate Readiness and Adaptation Fund and support Indigenous-led conservation initiatives to safeguard forests, waterways, oceans and wildlife and to bolster disaster response activities. This ensures invaluable traditional knowledge is incorporated into how we protect nature and advances reconciliation.” implying while not explicitly referencing Indigenous Protected Areas.

4. Aquatic Invasive Species

If you form the next government, will you:

- work with provinces to establish permanent and sufficient funding for consistent, integrated, and prioritized education and outreach, early detection, and rapid response efforts to fight aquatic invasive species?

LPC Platform: No reference to Aquatic Invasive Species.

5. Firearms Policy

If you form the next government, will you:

- focus law enforcement efforts on organized crime, gangs, other illegal firearms activities and the root causes of firearms-related crime and not burden hunters and sport shooters with ineffective and unnecessary restrictions on firearms?

LPC Platform:

“A serious plan to keep our communities safe starts with responsible action to keep guns off our streets. We will continue to take action to keep assault-style firearms out of our communities, all while respecting the longstanding traditions of hunting, including among Indigenous Peoples, and sport shooting.”

A Mark Carney-led government will:

- *Continue to implement an efficient gun buyback program for assault-style firearms.*
- *Legislate a pre-authorization system that ensures that the classification of new firearm models entering the market is determined by the RCMP and not the gun industry.*
- *Automatically revoke gun licences for individuals convicted of violent offences, particularly those convicted of intimate partner violence offences, and those subject to protection orders.*
- *Increase capacity to track down guns used in crimes so we can catch those responsible by investing in the capacity of the RCMP’s National Forensic Laboratories in Ottawa and Surrey, as well as the Saskatchewan Ballistics Laboratory.*
- *Toughen oversight of firearms licensing and strengthen the enforcement of yellow and red flag requirements by bolstering the capacity of Provincial Chief Firearms Officers to fulfill their obligations.”*