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Dear Chad:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association's resolutions from the 2020 semi-annual meeting. I am pleased to provide the following response:

Resolution #3

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Ministry of Environment to require trappers to receive written permission from the landowner or livestock owner for traps or snares placed within 1,500m of a dwelling or livestock herd.

Currently, legislation requires trappers to receive consent from the owner or occupant before setting traps on their lands. As mentioned in the resolution, trappers must also have landowner consent to place traps within 500 metres of a building, stockade or corral that is occupied by persons or livestock. Further permit restrictions on the use of power snares require that all occupants of any residence or dwelling within 1.6 kilometres of a power snare set location must be notified of the use and placement of snares prior to use.

While I understand your request, the ministry would like to better understand the scope of the issue and potential impacts of your proposal. With this in mind, the ministry will be consulting with its stakeholder groups, including the Saskatchewan Stock Growers Association, prior to changes being considered. I would encourage you to discuss this subject further with Travis Williams, Provincial Fur Manager, at (306) 527-6185 or travis.williams@gov.sk.ca.

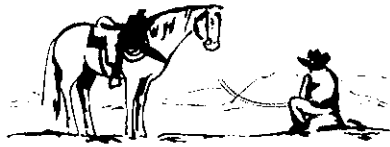
Thank you for providing us the opportunity to respond to your resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'W. Kaeding', with a long, sweeping tail.

Warren Kaeding
Minister of Environment

cc: Travis Williams, Fish, Wildlife and Lands, Ministry of Environment



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Resolution #1

WHEREAS Health Canada recently released their decision on the re-evaluation on the license of strychnine for the control of Richardson's Ground Squirrels (RGS); and

WHEREAS there is currently no equivalent or adequate alternative to strychnine as an option for controlling the overpopulation of RGS on agricultural lands.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Government of Canada to reconsider their decision to cancel the registration of strychnine for the control of RGS.

Carried

Resolution #2

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA voice its opposition to the use of the term 'meat' as a descriptive of plant based products, by partnering with other meat producing organizations such as pork, lamb, chicken and turkey and taking the opposition forward to the appropriate authorities.

Carried

Resolution #3

WHEREAS trappers are not required to receive permission for traps placed further than 500m and power snares further than 1,500m away from a dwelling, stockade or corral;

WHEREAS guardian dogs are being accidentally killed in traps and snares outside of the existing buffer area or in extensive winter-feeding fields that are not covered under the existing trapping regulations.

BE IT RESOLVED that the SSGA lobby the Ministry of Environment to require trappers to receive written permission from the landowner or livestock owner for traps or snares placed within 1,500m of a dwelling or livestock herd.

Carried