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The NRA Steps in to Sponsor National Hunting and Fishing Day

NHFD set for September 26, 2015

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (September 6, 2015) — Each year, the National Rifle Association (NRA) is the first to step forward to promote responsible conservation efforts by sportsmen and women. The NRA is continuing its sponsorship of National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHF Day).

Hunting contributes more than \$38.3 billion to the economy each year, supporting more than 680,000 jobs. Hunters have provided millions of meals to those in need, by donating game meat through Hunters for the Hungry, a program started by the NRA, and similar programs. Hunting continues to rank as one of the safest outdoor activities in America, and an overwhelming majority of Americans support hunting.

The NRA supports many efforts to preserve and promote America's rich hunting heritage at the federal, state and local levels, including Right to Hunt and Fish state constitutional amendments, policies assuring no net loss of public land open to hunting, mentoring programs for new hunters, hunter safety training programs, range development programs, the use of firearm sound suppressors and the repeal of laws that prohibit hunting on Sunday.

National Hunting and Fishing Day is set-aside for sportsmen to celebrate those conservation efforts. Each year, NHF Day is set to take place on the fourth Saturday in September. This year NHF Day falls on Sept. 26.

"NRA is always there to answer the call," said Misty Mitchell, national coordinator, National Hunting and Fishing Day. "With their support and sponsorship of NHF Day sportsmen and women can be celebrated for their dedication to conserving what we all hold dear. Their support of NHF Day goes beyond what is expected. NRA is always seeking to become the leader in the conservation community."

Each year sportsmen and women are funding more projects that enable more public access areas to be open. Through license sales and excise taxes on equipment, hunters and anglers pay for most fish and wildlife conservation programs. On average, hunters spend \$1,638 every year on the sport. Portions of these funds are allocated to support conservation. NHF Day is dedicated to celebrating those efforts.

"The National Rifle Association is proud to continue our support of National Hunting and Fishing Day," said Executive Director of General Operations, Kyle Weaver. "It's critical to our outdoor traditions that we educate Americans about what hunters

contribute to conservation efforts, land management, wildlife management and the wise use of our renewable, natural resources.”

The list of sponsors for National Hunting and Fishing Day 2015 includes Wonders of Wildlife, National Shooting Sports Foundation, Yamaha, Bass Pro Shops, Realtree, Smith and Wesson, Gunbroker.com, Keep America Fishing, Ducks Unlimited, Scout, Limit Out Productions, Cabela’s, National Wild Turkey Federation, National Rifle Association and Izaak Walton League.

For more information, visit <http://www.nhfd.org>.

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