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**National Hunting and Fishing Day Partners with Ducks Unlimited for 2015**

**SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (August 7, 2015)** — Hunters and shooters have paid more than \$5 billion in excise taxes since 1939, benefitting conservation efforts around the nation. With great investment comes great reward. Ducks Unlimited is once again investing in a partnership with National Hunting and Fishing Day (NHF Day.) This annual celebration is set to take place Sept. 26.

With events taking place nation wide, NHF Day festivities are set to provide hunters, shooters and anglers a chance to celebrate the efforts of conservation-minded sportsmen.

“It is amazing to see the dedication to conservation that Ducks Unlimited displays,” said Misty Mitchell, National Hunting and Fishing Day Coordinator. “They are consistent in their goals and objections without falter. NHF Day greatly appreciates their devotion and dedication to honor sportsmen and accomplish their important wetlands and waterfowl conservation mission.”

Each year sportsmen and women are funding more projects that provide increased hunting opportunities and better habitat for wildlife. National Hunting and Fishing Day is dedicated to celebrating those efforts. In fiscal year 2014 (July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2015), DU's volunteer-driven fundraising system held more than 4,300 events and raised more than \$50 million for important conservation efforts across North America. During the same period, the organization conducted conservation work on more than 209,000 acres, bringing DU's total to more than 13.4 acres conserved since 1937.

“The conservation commitment of Bass Pro Shops founder Johnny Morris and the dedicated leadership at Wonders of Wildlife make this year's National Hunting and Fishing Day another great celebration of conservation and our shared hunting heritage,” said DU CEO Dale Hall. “Ducks Unlimited's success wouldn't be possible without DU's team of volunteers – the vast majority of whom are hunters, anglers and outdoorsmen – banding together for waterfowl and wetlands conservation. We are honored and proud to celebrate their contributions to America's economy and outdoor heritage.”

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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