

### 92.13 Endangering Wildlife Through Poaching and Trafficking for Profit

Whereas, Poaching for profit has led to the extinction of bear and other species in many countries and is now threatening to do likewise here; and,

Whereas, The nature of poaching of wildlife is changing and becoming more organized; and,

Whereas, This poaching is linked to a lucrative trade in trophies as collectors' items and in organ and body parts for medicinal

and aphrodisiacal purposes, particularly in the Orient and Sub-Sahara Africa; therefore, be it,

RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada urge the Government of Canada to do everything in its power

to safeguard Canadian wildlife; particularly those species most at risk, such as:

1. Ensure that penalties for poaching are more severe and strictly enforced; and,

2. Increase public awareness regarding poaching and encourage such measures as the Turn in Poachers

program in Saskatchewan; and,

3. Pass legislation regulating the sale of animal organs and body parts to ensure that organs and body parts

be available for research and medicinal purposes, but not for profit; and be it further,

RESOLVED, That The National Council of Women of Canada urge the provincial and local Councils of Women to request their

respective provincial governments to take similar action.