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CONSERVATION ORGANIZATION NOW HAS A PRESENCE IN THE OKANAGAN

KELOWNA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, MARCH 27, 2020 – Safari Club International (SCI) is a well known world-wide not-for-profit organization of outdoors people whose primary missions are to protect the freedom to hunt and to promote wildlife conservation. SCI has well over **50,000** members and **180** chapters in Canada, USA and from around the world. Every member is absolutely passionate about hunting and wildlife conservation. This presence is now here in the interior of British Columbia with a newly formed Chapter based out of the Kelowna area.

Since 2000, SCI Foundation has spent over **\$60 million** for nearly **100 international projects** in conservation, wildlife, education and humanitarian services. One of Interior BC SCI's goals is to bring some of those resources to British Columbia to assist with many of our failing ungulate populations in the form of research funding, habitat restoration and public education. Interior BC SCI's President Robin Unrau states, *"We have an incredibly strong and dedicated board of life-long BC residents who want to see change and with the strong support of SCI Canada/International we are one step closer to bringing conservation back to the forefront of wildlife management"*. SCI's Vice-President Ted Bocking further states, *"It is our goal to reach out to other like-minded organizations and start forming strategic partnerships. That way we can move forward as a single-voice of concerned BC Citizens who want to see responsible wildlife management for all of our wildlands"*.

The group has identified multiple topics related to wildlife management in British Columbia that has over-time deteriorated our animal populations (<https://bcinteriorsci.ca/management-topics>). They are in the midst of developing 1, 3 and 5-year plans to address these issues both politically and via public-education. Other priorities include youth, partnerships, lobbying and research/conservation projects.

About Safari Club International (CANADA)

Safari Club International (Canada) is the Leader in protecting the freedom to hunt and in promoting wildlife conservation worldwide. Their prime objective is to preserve Canada's proud hunting heritage by dedicating to represent and advance the interests of hunters, using sound wildlife science, on a wide range of issues. SCI (Canada) monitor developments at all levels of government in Canada and work proactively to ensure that policy development recognizes the rights of hunters and the important contributions hunters make to conservation and to the



economy. SCI Canada is currently comprised of 16 hardworking chapters throughout Canada. For more information go to <https://www.safariclub.org/canada-home> or <https://www.facebook.com/SCICanada>.

About Interior British Columbia – Safari Club International Chapter

BC Interior SCI started out as a grassroots movement formerly known as the “*Hunters for BC*”. However, as time progressed the group slowly transitioned to work with Safari Club International Canada in developing a Chapter based out of the Okanagan. The inaugural board consists of long-term British Columbia residents whom have a variety of experience in hunting, biology, business, outfitting, guiding, etc. For news and information, visit <https://bcinteriorsci.ca/> or follow us on Instagram/Twitter @huntersforbc and Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Huntersforbc/>.

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