



## **Safari Club International – CANADA**

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## **Background**

For the first time, SCI is making a significant investment to increase its presence in Canada. Since March of this year, a full-time professional Canadian Director has been appointed, in addition to the field coordinator who has been in place for some time. An office has since been opened in downtown Ottawa, Canada's capital, just three blocks from Parliament Hill. New Canadian promotional material is being produced in English and in French and an informative SCI-Canada website is under construction.

Currently, we have several very active chapters across the country. In fact our Northern Alberta Chapter, with over 450 members, recently won SCI's prestigious *International Chapter of the Year Award* for its outstanding record of activity.

We work with all levels of government, governmental and non-governmental agencies and in partnership with other conservation and hunter organizations, to advance our mission here.

At present, SCI/F is engaged in several important wildlife conservation projects in Canada including an unprecedented study of woodland caribou in Newfoundland & Labrador, and the re-introduction of a herd of woodland bison in Alaska from Alberta, Canada.

## **Government**

Our prime objective is to preserve Canada's proud heritage of hunting. To do so, the SCI-Canada office in Ottawa is dedicated to representing and advancing the interests of hunters on a wide range of issues. We are committed to monitor developments at all levels of government in Canada and to work proactively to ensure that policy development recognizes the rights of hunters and the important contribution they make to conservation and to the economy.

## **Membership**

SCI-Canada is working to build a presence and an identity in Canada that will enhance SCI's ability to carry out its mission here and to increase SCI membership, develop chapters and consequent sources of revenues available to SCI in Canada.

