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The "TAP" logo consists of a large letter 'T' containing a fish, a large letter 'A' containing a tree, and a large letter 'P' containing a moose. To the right of the text is a large, faint silhouette of a moose head.

TURN IN POACHERS



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# TURN IN POACHERS

Protecting Saskatchewan's fisheries, wildlife and environment is everyone's responsibility. Since 1986 when the province's Turn In Poachers Program (TIP) began, Saskatchewan citizens have annually reported an average of over 1000 fisheries, wildlife, forestry and environmental violations to conservation officers through a toll-free TIP line at **1-800-667-7561**.

Callers can remain anonymous and all reports are investigated. Calls regarding ongoing violations and emergency calls are forwarded to local conservation officers within minutes. Calls of a less pressing nature are assigned to a conservation officer during regular working hours.

## Illegal Commercialization of Fish and Wildlife

Poaching can take many forms, including someone offering a few 'extra fish' for sale to exporting trophy deer antlers to the United States. In most cases, the only contact a member of the public may have with fish or wildlife traffickers is an offer to sell or buy fish, wildlife or parts of fish and wildlife.

## Offences to Watch For

- environmental damage
- overlimit angling
- fishing in closed spawning areas
- wastage of game
- fishing with illegal nets, fish traps or snares
- hunting in closed season
- unauthorized removal of aquatic plants
- hunting at night with lights
- beach construction that could destroy fisheries habitat
- trafficking in wildlife
- illegal or unsafe hunting practices
- illegal fish sales - no receipts
- Illegal harvest of trees



## Things to Remember

For a TIP report to be of maximum assistance to investigating conservation officers, try to call as soon as possible and remember the following information: the date, time, location, vehicle licence number, vehicle description, description of persons involved and the details of the suspected violation. If an aircraft is involved: try to obtain its call letters; note its color; what type of landing gear it has; and the position of the wings (high wing, low wing, etc.)

It is important to write down all of the above information as soon as possible to ensure the most accurate and useful report possible. In many instances, a minor detail may lead to a successful conviction.

## SACO SaskTIP Program Compliments Provincial TIP Line

Operated by the Saskatchewan Association of Conservation Officers (SACO), SaskTIP is an independent, charitable, non-profit program that encourages use of the province's TIP line and administers a cash rewards program. Provincial TIP line callers who provide information that leads to a resources or environmental conviction may be eligible for a SaskTIP cash reward.

## TIP Line Support

Poaching is a serious problem in Saskatchewan. Along with habitat loss, wildlife managers recognize poaching as devastating to wildlife and fisheries populations. The province's TIP line is also used to report suspected forestry abuses or environmental damage.

With over 65 million hectares of land in Saskatchewan to cover, conservation officers cannot possibly be aware of everything that happens on the landscape. Public support is essential. If you know of, or suspect a wildlife, fisheries, forestry or environmental violation, call the province's TIP line toll-free 1-800-667-7561 or contact your nearest conservation officer.

