

of finback whales led to the Adopt-a-Whale research support program at Allied Whale, a marine mammal research program initiated in 1972 by Steve Katona at the College of the Atlantic in Bar Harbour. Contributions to this program support research on whale's habitat requirements, calving areas, and mortality rates. (adapted from "Turning the Tide" 2(3) Autumn, 1990)

The Friends of Bill Mason are offering copies of this master's videos for sale for \$49.99 + GST each. They can be contacted at Box 3587, Station C, Ottawa, Ontario K1Y 4J7.

Ontario soft drink companies have six months to comply with the regulation requiring that they sell at least 30% of their products in refillable containers. (excerpted from Toronto Field Naturalist # 416, December 1990)

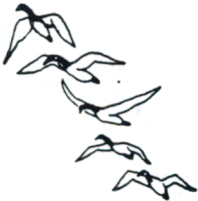
NATIONAL WILDLIFE POLICY APPROVED

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Three years in the making, a national wildlife policy for Canada has finally been approved. The policy was prepared by a task force of officials of federal and provincial wildlife agencies and national conservation organizations, including the Canadian Nature Federation (CNF). It was approved at the annual meeting of the Wildlife Minister's Council in late September.

...Some of its major recommendations include:

- defining wildlife to be "any species of wild organism";
- providing for conservation of biodiversity in policies and legislation on resources and the environment;
- providing financial incentives for activities that enhance wildlife habitat;
- severely limiting lethal control programs for problem wildlife.



"The recommendations in this policy are not restricted to wildlife management agencies," says Paul Griss, Executive Director of the CNF. "They apply to all government departments, non-government organizations, aboriginal groups, private sector corporations and individuals whose activities affect wildlife or wildlife habitat." As a measure of its commitment to the policy, the Wildlife Ministers' Council has agreed to review implementation at the Council's annual meeting and to perform a comprehensive five-year evaluation of the policy based on an independent audit of progress.

The National Wildlife Policy for Canada will be published shortly and will be available from provincial or territorial wildlife departments or the Canadian Wildlife Service.

ANNUAL SLIDE COMPETITION

by Marion Copleston

This year's slide show and competition will be held at the May 7th meeting of the Society. Start dusting off your slides or get your camera and film ready for some dashing winter and spring slides. This year, in addition to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place prizes of \$15, 10 and 5, there will be a special category for the best picture of a bird. It is hoped that the addition of this special category will encourage photographers to take more pictures of birds and possibly help to fill some of the gaps in the Society's teaching slide collection. This collection is to be used for educational purposes throughout the Island. Slides on native wildlife, plants, and natural habitats are needed to complete this collection of several hundred slides. If you have slides you would like to