



**Animal Alliance
of Canada**



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Dear Friend,

In October of 2010, I wrote to you about a proposal by the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources (OMNR) to hunt a tiny population of 467 elk in the Bancroft/North Hastings area, not far from Algonquin Park.

No decision has been made to date but internal ministry leaks suggest that the hunt will be approved. Therefore we need to apply pressure on the Minister, Linda Jeffrey, urging her to stop the hunt.

Although elk were widespread across North America, by the 1800s human settlement and overhunting totally wiped them out. The OMNR undertook an elk restoration programme and 10 years ago released 443 western elk from Elk Island National Park in Alberta to four locations in Ontario.

Of the 443, 104 were released in Lake of the Woods, 47 in Lake Huron North Shore, 172 in Nipissing/French River and 120 in Bancroft/North Hastings. Only the Bancroft/North Hastings herds have had any significant increase from 120 individuals in 2000 to 467 in 2010.

Because of intense pressure from hunting and agricultural interests, the OMNR staff are proposing a hunt of the tiny Bancroft/North Hastings elk population even though under any other circumstances these elk would be considered endangered.

In addition, OMNR staff will consider allowing farmers to hire agents to shoot any elk who are impacting agricultural property.

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We need your help to stop this proposed hunt. Please sign the enclosed letter to Minister Jeffrey and let her know you want the elk protected. Urge friends and family to do the same. The OMNR must protect these vulnerable populations from the hunting lobby.

Thank you for helping us save the elk.

Sincerely,

Liz White