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We're making a difference!

Thank you to everyone who sent letters to WSA, the Ministers, and the MLA's concerned about WSA proposed drainage policy. Your efforts are making a difference!

On November 29, a delegation from CLEM, LMLSG, SAWS and other concerned stakeholders visited the legislature to be seen and heard. We were introduced in the gallery, a petition was read, and MLA Erika Ritchie introduced Bill 615 - The

Comprehensive Wetlands Conservation Act for its first reading. In the coming months we look forward to the debate of this Bill and will keep you posted.

The Bill if passed into law will establish an evidenced based, scientifically defensible, overarching, and cohesive policy and management framework for wetland stewardship and conservation. You can watch a video clip of the discussion in the legislature here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LbPm3T878>

Media coverage of that policy discussions can be read here: <https://www.saskagtoday.com/2023/11/30/back-and-forth-during-question-period-over-ag-water-stewardship-policy/>

We need wetlands more than ever as drought continues to threaten our environment and our economy. In the last 3 years Saskatchewan Crop Insurance has paid almost \$6 billion in drought payments! In Alberta Bow River stream flows are at a record low and there is historic glacial melt recorded in Rockies. “These rivers enter Lake Diefenbaker which, in Saskatchewan, provide water for over 60 per cent of the province’s population,” said Dr. John Pomeroy. “It is now three metres below normal.” You can read the full article here: <https://globalnews.ca/news/9981315/stream-flows-bow-river-record-low-historic-glacial-melt-recorded-rockies/>

We need wetlands more than ever. Thank you for continuing to share your voice..

Happy Holidays and a Happy New Year

If you would like to join CLEM or LMLSG please call 306 539 6903



CLEM is working with the Last Mountain Lake Stewardship Group to ensure the health of our lakes in southern Saskatchewan.

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