

**Alberta Conservation Association
2023/24 Project Summary Report**

Project Name: Conservation Magazine

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Partnerships (advertising)

Alberta Hunter Education Instructors' Association

Alberta Invasive Species Council

Alberta Professional Outfitters Society

Government of Alberta

Nature Alberta

Key Findings

- Published twice a year, the magazine is an engaging publication with high investment as an Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) flagship publication.
- The magazine is distributed free of charge to over 13,000 subscribers.
- The magazine is a key platform to communicate ACA's corporate objectives and perspectives on conservation.
- We print 15,000 copies of each edition to distribute to subscribers and distribution centres.

Details

Our *Conservation Magazine* is a free, biannual publication that highlights the projects and success we and our member groups experience in the province. It covers topical conservation issues and helps bridge understanding between the hunting and angling communities and the larger conservation community. The magazine also helps increase our profile across Alberta and

is used as a tool by some of the following program areas to reach out to potential sponsors and partners: Fisheries, Wildlife, Land Management, and Business Development. We mail the magazine to our subscribers and distribute it at trade shows and events. It is also available online: www.ab-conservation.com/publications/conservation-magazine/.

Conservation Magazine is an ongoing project within the Information, Education, and Communications Program, which is responsible for developing content and ideas for the magazine, finding and assigning writers, editing the text and coordinating the editing process, fact checking, finding imagery, designing the publication, and print management. Content development is constant, with issues in different stages of production simultaneously.

In 2023/24, we printed a combined 30,000 copies, with the total number of subscribers now exceeding 13,000. We featured various topics in both issues:

- Private land access
- Limited series: A Novice Hunter's Journey
- Irrigation districts and reservoirs
- Land securement for conservation sites
- Westslope cutthroat trout angling opportunities
- Species features: moose and bighorn sheep
- Youth hunting story
- Defining conservation
- Report A Poacher solved cases
- Pheasant release sites
- Hunter education in schools
- Invasive species: goldfish
- ABHuntLog
- Harvest Your Own recipes

Conservation Magazine continues to provide content to engage and entertain audiences interested in conservation and generate awareness of ACA resource program projects, member groups, and partnerships.

Photos



Photo 1. Front cover of the 2023 spring/summer edition of *Conservation Magazine*.

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Photo 2. Front cover of the 2023 fall/winter edition of *Conservation Magazine*.

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