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Welcome To Point Pelee National Park But Please Don't Come Back

Toronto – On Sunday May 18, 2008 The Peaceful Parks will hold the first of a series of “Action Days” to encourage visitors to Point Pelee National Park to boycott the park.

The Harper government and Parks Canada have decided to shoot thousands of nesting Double-crested Cormorants at Middle Island, Point Pelee National Park. They plan to reduce the vibrant and historical colonial waterbird colony by 90%, destabilizing the ecological integrity of both the island and the Lake Erie aquatic ecosystem. Thousands of birds will be shot.

Parks Canada works in partnership with other government agencies such as the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service whose mandate is to actively kill cormorants throughout the bird's nesting habitat and migration route -leaving no place safe for these birds anywhere.

The ‘Action Day’ is intended to dialogue with members of the public encouraging them to support our campaign to protect Double-crested Cormorants. A strong rejection of park policy by supporters could halt the shooting of cormorants scheduled for the next five years.

WHERE: Point Pelee National Park, Rondeau Provincial Park and Ward's Island Toronto

WHEN: Sunday May 18, 2008 Victoria Day long weekend

TIME: 11 am - Point Pelee National Park and Ward's Island. 3pm - Rondeau Provincial Park

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Note to the Editor: Rondeau is being canvassed later in the day to dialogue with campers leaving the the park.

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