

**THE ALBERTA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION**  
**RESOLUTIONS 2018**

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		<i>Submitted by</i>	<i>Drafted By</i>
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**EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER EX-1-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 4

DRAFTED BY ZONE 4 EXECUTIVE

**ELECTION PREREQUISITE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** every officer outlined in Article 4.1 of the Alberta Fish and Game Association’s existing bylaws must be an active, card carrying member of an affiliated Alberta Fish and Game club. To seek election at the annual Alberta Fish and Game Association Annual General Meeting this prerequisite must be followed. This addition would be added to the bylaws under Section 4 Officers – (Election and Terms) and would be an addition, article 4.17

**BRIEF:**

This addition would exclude life members, or the finance chair whose duties are outlined in articles 4.6 and 4.8 in Section 4.

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**EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER EX-2-2018**

SUBMITTED BY AFGA EXECUTIVE

DRAFTED BY AFGA EXECUTIVE

**COMMERCIAL FISHING POLICY**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association Policy Statement 2.5 Commercial Fishing be rescinded and replaced with:

2.5 Selective Harvest of Fish

2.5.1 The Alberta Fish and Game Association recognizes that fish are an important source of food for mankind. The harvest of fish must be done in ways that allows for the successful live release of non-target fish species; target fish species that fall within protected size ranges or other overlying restrictions; and incidental species such as amphibians, birds and mammals. In addition, monitoring and research activities related to fish populations should employ strategies and techniques that allow for the live release of fish rather than current lethal sampling protocols.

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**GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-1-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 3

DRAFTED BY RED DEER FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**DAMAGED ROAD SIGNS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that a study be done to determine the cost incurred annually to replace these shot signs by the Municipalities. This study would then be used by the government to determine if an extra fee on the firearms PAL card could be used to cover the cost associated with this negative activity by unethical firearm owners. This would do much to remove the negative attitude when ethical hunters ask permission for hunting access.

**BRIEF:** Whereas all Alberta municipalities have traffic, safety and other signage on country maintained roads that are damaged by unethical firearm operators, and every single day these signs are in full view of the ratepayers of those municipalities and reflect and portray a negative image of firearm owners and hunters.

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**GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-2-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

DRAFTED BY ZONE 5

**CHECK-OFF**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta establish an annual check-off of \$1.00 from existing fees, on each wildlife certificate and angling license, payable to the Alberta Fish and Game Association.

**BRIEF:** The AFGA believes that our organization, established in 1908, is unique in representing a large number of both hunters and anglers throughout the Province. With over 80 clubs and 6 zones spread across Alberta the AFGA truly represents grassroots citizens throughout the province. The provincial, zone, and club executives and AFGA members represent the concerns and interests of these Albertans in numerous government, industry, and varied agency task groups, committees, and requests. The AFGA provides this unique service for all Albertans. AFGA manages large numbers of lands that have been acquired for fish and wildlife conservation and does conduct some habitat programs and projects. Additionally, our role of advocacy is of utmost importance to all Albertans in securing these natural resources in the future.

We believe our organization is unique in Alberta in delivering such a necessary role for Albertans. With 25,000 members across all parts of Alberta, we represent both fish and wildlife interests and thus are unique. Additionally, as Alberta's representative to the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF), the AFGA serves the Province in national issues and interests associated with hunting, angling and conservation. These are unique contributions to the long-term natural resource conservation interests of Albertans. AFGA believe that there are numerous precedents for establishing such a financial plan and our proposal describes some of those other check-off agreements or grants. Organizations such as the Alberta Professional Outfitters Association, the previous Commercial Fisherman's Association and the Alberta Trapper's Association receive annual funds from either license fees or grants. We believe our Association should also receive such consideration.

AFGA has proposed a \$1.00 contribution to the AFGA from each wildlife certificate and each angling license on an annual basis. Such a fee could certainly be taken from the existing fees and no increases to license fees would be required.

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**GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-3-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 1

DRAFTED BY MEDICINE HAT FISH AND GAME

**HEIGHTENED AWARENESS OF AFGA**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Parks provide a check box on the draw application form, WIN application and other points of direct contact with the hunting and fishing population where they may indicate willingness to be contacted by or receive information about the Alberta Fish and Game Association or other approved organizations.

**BRIEF:** The proportion of citizens that hunt and fish in the province of Alberta is quite small. This small group is responsible for a large amount of funding for the management of wildlife in the province through license purchases. There is no effective way for stakeholder organizations to identify the hunting and fishing population in order to make them aware of issues and opportunities to express their wishes and so to improve representation of this group. Increasing the awareness of the hunting and fishing public regarding the activities of these stakeholder groups will encourage membership and bring better awareness and more participation resulting in increased funding for AEP programs. Voluntary agreement on a draw application or other point of contact would then allow AEP to provide contact information to a selected organization.

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**GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-4-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 1

DRAFTED BY MEDICINE HAT FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**PRIVATE LANDS REGISTRY**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association requests the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) and relevant departments of the provincial government to develop and operate a website to coordinate access to private land by interested hunters, trappers, fishers etc.

**BRIEF:** There is no effective way for hunters to identify and contact landowners, who would allow access to private land for hunting etc., for permission of access. Recent comments in the press and presented at the Rural Municipalities Association annual meeting by the M.D. of Greenview No. 16 and Mountain View County indicated that severe impacts on agricultural operations were occurring in various areas of the province as a result of elk predation. It was also reported that the success of hunters holding licenses to hunt elk was in the range of 20%. A significant obstacle to hunter success is the availability of landowner contact information for the purpose of obtaining permission to access potential hunting areas on private land.

This resolution envisages a system very similar to the process for Recreational Access to Agricultural Lease lands. A similar solution has been developed for several areas in the USA. Land owners could indicate hunting opportunities and relevant contact information. Hunters could get contact information for landowners without the arduous task of searching county maps and struggling through often outdated contact information based on county landowner registry and telephone directories. Initial responses from The ACA and the counties of Greenview and Mountain View have been positive. Some initial action has been initiated by ACA however continued development and support by AFGA, AEP and ACA are required for full implementation of this process.

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**GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-5-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

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**DOUBLE CRESTED CORMORANT CONTROL**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta develop a control program that would reduce the number of Double Crested Cormorants.

**BRIEF:** Double Crested Cormorants have a major impact on fish availability in many Alberta lakes. The large number of cormorants reduce the amount of fish available to anglers as they consume up to two pounds of fish daily. Cormorant numbers are significant on many Alberta lakes and could be reduced. A 10-year cormorant control program in Lac La Biche reduced the population from over 16,000 to 2,500. Similar programs should be developed in other areas. As well Wildlife Damage Permits could be issued to reduce the cormorant numbers. Cormorant control efforts are occurring in other provinces and northern states and in so doing allowing more fish for human consumers.

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**GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-6-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 2

DRAFTED BY CALGARY FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**USE OF NOISE SUPPRESSORS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association requests that the Government of Alberta allow the use of noise suppressors; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association requests that the Federal Government removes restrictions on Firearms Act prohibiting suppressors.

**BRIEF:** Suppressors are devices which help reduce the noise of gunfire to hearing safe levels when attached to the end of a firearm's barrel. They have been proven to help mitigate the risk of hearing loss and noise pollution which is beneficial to both firearm users and the surrounding community. Using suppressors can make shooting firearms safer, more enjoyable and help make shooting ranges more neighborly. It is noted that any exposure to noise of more than 140 dB causes immediate and irreparable hearing loss

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**GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-7-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 1  
DRAFTED BY MEDICINE HAT FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**HUNTER HARVEST DATA**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Parks modify the presentation of the Hunter Harvest data to include the estimated hunter success for each hunt rather than for each WMU as is now provided.

**BRIEF:** This data is collected according to a survey which can or does provide the draw code where defining where and when the harvest takes place. In some cases, there are 3 draw codes defining separate hunting periods within a single WMU for a single species. The historical harvest success in the various time periods is useful information in choosing a draw code when completing an application and will assist an applicant to make a draw choice.

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**GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-8-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 2  
DRAFTED BY CALGARY FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**WAIT PERIOD**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association requests that the Government of Alberta create a waiting period for new residents of Alberta before they are able to apply for their hunting license and tags.

**BRIEF:** There is currently no waiting period for new residents of Alberta, as there are in other provinces, to apply for hunting licenses and tags. Unlike other provinces, Alberta currently does not have a waiting period for new residents seeking a license. Examples of provincial waiting periods are given as follows:

- In order to obtain an Alberta Health Care card, one must reside in Alberta for a minimum of 183 days within a 12-month period.
- In order to qualify for a license in the province of British Columbia, individuals who are permanent residents or citizens of Canada must have maintained a principle residence within the province for a minimum of 6 calendar months within the 12 months immediately preceding the license application.
- To hunt in Saskatchewan, one must be a Canadian resident whose principal residence is in Saskatchewan, who has been living in the province for three months prior to applying for a license and possesses a valid Saskatchewan Health Services Card.
- In order to qualify for a license in the province of Ontario, individuals who are permanent residents or citizens of Canada must have maintained a principle residence within the province for a minimum of 6 calendar months within the 12 months immediately preceding the license application.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-1-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 4

DRAFTED BY EDMONTON TROUT FISHING CLUB

**STOCKING OF MULTIPLE SPECIES OF TROUT**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Parks Department consider stocking of multiple species of trout in more pothole lakes that are now just stocked with one species. (Usually just rainbows)

**BRIEF:** Area lakes around Edmonton and other urban areas that have been stocked with more than one species have shown great success. Muir Lake west of Edmonton is one example.

With the future on some trout streams being shut down in the near future, it would be a good exercise in enhancing some fisheries to stock them with multiple species of trout. At one time, Spring Lake (Stony Plain) was considered for Tiger or Brown Trout. Perhaps now would be an excellent time to reconsider this stocking idea for more pothole lakes in the province now that some areas of trout fishing might become closed to angling activities.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-2-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

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**UNDERUTILIZED FISH RESOURCE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta develop a plan endorsed by the public that increases the consumptive and/or recreational use of Alberta's underutilized fish resources.

**BRIEF:** Some of Alberta's fish resources are currently underutilized and with reduced or changing economic conditions in Alberta, diversification of the employment opportunities is needed to keep Alberta children working at home. There are a number of waters and fish species that are currently not being used as food items. Developing a plan that protects existing users and especially the health of the fish resource could provide economic diversity and also increase the value and importance of fish resources and fish habitat to all Albertans. By increasing the value and use of fish resources, it is expected that the protection of fish habitat will become more important to government and the general public.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-3-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

DRAFTED BY ZONE 5

**PRIVATE FISH FARMS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta develop a plan endorsed by the public that increases the availability of tiger trout and splake to the list of fish species permitted for aquaculture on private fish farms.

**BRIEF:** Some fish species such a tiger trout and splake are available from fish hatcheries and such species could be added to the list of fish species that could be stocked and utilized in private fish farms at no risk to native fish stocks. By increasing the production of special species in private fish farms for food or recreation would potentially reduce the pressure on fish stocks in public waters but also increase the interest in fish and fish habitat. Increased fishing opportunities in any available waters in Alberta, is considered a plus. By increasing the value and use of fish resources, it is expected that the protection of fish habitat will become more important to government and the general public.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-4-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

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**INCREASE FISH HARVESTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SPECIFIC LAKES**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta revise angling regulations to allow for the harvest of walleye and northern pike in underutilized Alberta waters including 40 to 50 lakes in NE Alberta that have had zero walleye catch and keep limits for over 20 years.

**BRIEF:** Alberta anglers are generally not certified professional biologists; however, they collectively conduct a census of fish stocks through angling, through fish cameras and through site specific frequent visits to specific lakes. Further, Alberta anglers are aware of the regulations that restrict harvest with zero catch limits, size restrictions, and likely low harvest on several specific lakes. Meetings of large numbers of stakeholders including MLA's, Mayors, Reeves and various community groups and individual people have expressed the need for change in the current angling regulations that would allow for consumptive use but would allow for sustained and healthy fish stocks.

With insufficient numbers of government biologists, numerous lakes will never be monitored effectively in a reasonable time and in so doing restrictions will never be adjusted to allow for a fish harvest. Underutilized fish stocks will remain.

With the elimination of commercial fishing and the continued restrictions on anglers and the inability for government biologists to monitor and assess all the lakes and the fish populations, there is a need to develop angling regulations that will lead to safe harvests. Several options should be considered to establish simplified fish harvests in all Alberta lakes. Several methods should be considered including limiting numbers of fish kept on daily basis, catch seasons restricted to a number of days, catch and keep days limited by groups of lakes and numerous other methods that could simplify the regulations and still allow a safe and reasonable sustained harvest of perch, pike and walleye.

Some of Alberta's fish resources are currently underutilized and with reduced or changing economic conditions in Alberta, diversification of the employment opportunities is needed to keep Albertans working at home. There are a number of waters and fish species that are currently not being used as food items. Developing a plan that protects existing users and especially the health of the fish resources could provide economic diversity and also increase the value and importance of fish resources and fish habitat to all Albertans.

By increasing the value and use of fish resources, it is expected that the protection of fish habitat will become more important to government and the general public.

Numerous lakes have been identified and include but not limited to the following: Lac La Biche, Heart Lake, Kehiwin Lake, Winefred Lake, Wabamun Lake, Lac Ste Anne, Lac Bellevue, Wolf Lake, Calling Lake, Whitefish Lake, Goodfish Lake, Seibert Lake, Lac Bellevue, Bangs Lake, Barnes Lake, Gull Lake, Ethel Lake, May Lake, Bourque Lake, Gregoire Lake, Ironwood Lake, Hilda Lake, Marie Lake, Touchwood Lake, etc.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-5-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

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**YELLOW PERCH INTRODUCTION INTO PRIVATE LAKES AND DUGOUTS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta amend Alberta Fishery Regulations to permit the stocking of yellow perch, obtained from private fish farms or from approved government locations by permit, into the waters totally enclosed within private lands with no connection to natural waterways.

**BRIEF:** The change in this legislation would allow for self-sustaining yellow perch populations on private ponds and in so doing would improve provincial angling opportunities and reduce the angling pressure on public waters. Yellow perch are suited for small ponds and are more tolerant of low dissolved oxygen when compared to salmonids. The source of the yellow perch will require specific regulations that allow specific locations to be acceptable sources of yellow perch. Provincial fish hatcheries were at one time considering the production of yellow perch for stocking, for sale to other jurisdictions, and possibly for sale to licensed fish farms.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-6-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

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**DEEP POOL FISH HABITAT ENHANCEMENT WITH ROAD CONSTRUCTION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta promote and require deep pool fish habitat be developed in fish-bearing watercourses in conjunction with watercourse crossings and road development.

**BRIEF:** The development of roads that cross fish-bearing watercourses has the potential for harming fish and fish habitat. For minor costs and specified designs useful fish habitats can be created. The deep pool fish habitats that may occur on the downstream side of culverts are well-known by anglers to provide useful fish habitats. The hydraulic factors associated with road crossing could provide useful flows for the development and maintenance of such deep pool fish habitats. Care must be taken to ensure for fish passage at such crossings.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-7-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

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**WABAMUN LAKE FISH HARVEST REGULATIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta change the fishing regulations to allow Alberta residents to harvest northern pike, lake whitefish, yellow perch, burbot and walleye in Wabamun Lake.

**BRIEF:** Wabamun Lake allowable harvest of fish has been prohibited for all fish species since 2005 (oil and pentachlorophenol spill from railway accident). As well no commercial fishing allocation has occurred since 2003. Several catch and release anglers have indicated that numbers of lake whitefish, northern pike and yellow perch are present and could be harvested. Some anglers are reporting thin (i.e. poor condition) pike are now evident as are the newly introduced walleye.

FWIN testing in 2007, 2010, and 2013 indicate that these fish populations appear to be similar to many Alberta lakes that currently have allowable catch limits for these fish species. Discussions on the fish populations have been occurring with Government of Alberta biologists. Reports are still unavailable on the website.

The contaminant levels of the fish tissues have been examined by the Government of Alberta and only large-sized northern pike (great than 7 pounds) have a guideline on the number of servings per week. All other contaminants are no longer at risk as indicated by the Government of Alberta.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-8-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

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**FISH MANAGEMENT WEBSITE SURVEYS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta develop stakeholder fisheries management surveys and a public communication plan that includes input from the various conservation organizations, public meetings and the public, including those that are not using computer communications.

**BRIEF:** The recent use of the government websites to address fisheries management issues and concerns have caused concern from a large number of the users and interested public and Alberta Fish and Game members. Many of the people were simply not aware of the surveys and many people who tried to use the surveys were unable to submit their answers. As well, many persons who reviewed the survey questions indicated that the questions were misleading and leading/biased. Questions were forcing answers that the government wanted.

A need for an effective communications plan without biased and misleading information is necessary. The resolutions presented by the AFGA (greater than 25,000 members across Alberta) should play a key role in the decision-making associated with fish and wildlife management in Alberta.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-9-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

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**FISH HABITAT PROTECTION AND DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta develop fisheries management objectives that place fish habitat protection and development, and supplemental fish stocking as priorities.

**BRIEF:** Instead of the Government regularly closing and restricting fisheries in Alberta, more priority should be placed upon maintaining fish habitats, developing more fish habitats and increased supplemental stocking. Many Albertans seek more consumptive use as a way of ensuring that fish productivity is maintained or increased. Fisheries management efforts should be placed on extending the resource use opportunities rather than increasing regulatory restrictions on use.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-10-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

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**LAKE TROUT ANGLING REGULATIONS IN COLD LAKE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta revise the Sportfishing Regulations for Cold Lake to provide the harvest of one lake trout in a slot size that sustains the lake trout population and may also reduce the catch and release mortality.

**BRIEF:** The current angling regulations allow in possession one Lake Trout greater than 75 cm in total length. Numerous anglers are currently catching large numbers of Lake Trout with almost zero fish greater than 75 cm in total length. The angling is occurring in relatively deep waters and anglers are catching and releasing large numbers of trout. In so doing, some anglers claim considerable mortalities are occurring as anglers try to catch a fish greater than 75cm in total length. Many anglers indicate that most anglers would be satisfied to catch a single Lake Trout and then would stop angling rather than continuing to catch and release with a higher risk to increased mortality and wasting fish.

Some anglers claim that large numbers of dead trout are observed at ice out. By allowing a smaller slot-size it is expected that less fish will be caught trying to catch a size that is not present.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-11-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

DRAFTED BY ATHABASCA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**SPEARFISHING**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Parks allow spearfishing/bow fishing of northern pike in water bodies where there are no size limit restrictions on northern pike.

**BRIEF:** For many years there has been limited opportunity for spearfishing and bow fishing in Alberta. Limitations on this type of fishing were initiated due to size limit restrictions being put in place on many species of fish including the northern pike. Allowing spearfishing/bow fishing of northern pike in water bodies where there are no size limit restrictions on Northern Pike will create additional recreational fishing opportunities via different fishing techniques.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION F-12-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

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**WALLEYE ANGLING REGULATIONS IN LAC BELLEVUE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta revise the Sportfishing Regulations for Lac Bellevue to provide the harvest of one walleye in a slot size that sustains the walleye population and also may reduce the catch and release mortality.

**BRIEF:** The current angling regulations allow for a zero catch and keep limit except for a special walleye draw of tags. In 2017, 2500 Class B (43-50 cm total length) walleye tags were assigned. Many anglers were currently catching large numbers of walleye with almost zero Class B walleye between 43-50 cm in total length. The majority of the walleye were just under 43 cm. Walleye greater than 50 cm appeared to be in very poor condition with large heads and small bodies. The Government of Alberta walleye population density information from 2017 was at a Catch per Unit (CUE) level of 74.3 which was the highest recorded in Alberta or any other lake being sampled by these methods (FWIN).

Many anglers indicate that most anglers would be satisfied to catch a single walleye and then would stop angling rather than continuing to catch and release with a higher risk to increased mortality and wasting fish. By allowing a smaller slot-size it is expected that less fish will be caught trying to catch a size that is not present.

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**FISHERIES RESOLUTION F-13-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 3

DRAFTED BY CAMROSE AND DISTRICT FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**WALLEYE TAGGING**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta introduce a new tagging system for Walleye that is user friendly and fool proof. A suggestion would be to go to a numbered plastic ty wrap or similar locking device to be attached through the mouth and gill. The number on the tag is to be transferred to the licence holder.

**BRIEF:** Whereas the present system for tagging walleye is very inadequate and has resulted in many charges for improperly or untagged fish and is very unpopular with fisher men and women.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-1-2018**

SUBMITTED BY AFGA EXECUTIVE

DRAFTED BY AFGA EXECUTIVE

**OUTFITTER / GUIDE ALLOCATION POLICY GUIDELINES**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association recommends to Alberta Environment and Parks that when the next outfitter/guide allocation policy is finalized the following guidelines are used:

- The previous policy stated that allocations shall not exceed 10% of the harvest goal, which was only an absolute ceiling. That got turned around in many cases to be interpreted as the outfitters get 10%. That clause should be changed to read: Outfitter/guide allocations shall never exceed 10% of the harvest goal for any species in any WMU. This to include bighorn sheep in WMUs for any species that resident tags are on a draw, that number be reduced to never exceed 5%. In WMUs for any species that resident wait times reach 5 years, that number be reduced to never exceeding 3%. In WMUs for any species that resident wait times reach 10 years, outfitter allocation cease to exist.
- In addition, this same condition applies for Antelope but also have a ceiling of 55 permits, although as this turns into a once in a lifetime draw for residents it is possible the allocations should start to be phased out.
- In addition, there shall be no allocations for moose or elk in 100 and 200 series WMUs.
- In addition, there shall be no allocations for special hunts such as Camp Wainwright, Suffield, bison, goats, etc.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-2-2018**

SUBMITTED BY AFGA EXECUTIVE

DRAFTED BY AFGA EXECUTIVE

**SEPARATE DRAW CODES**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association recommends to Alberta Environment and Parks that if separate draw codes are to be used for archery and general seasons in areas where all hunting is on a draw, then the proportion of tags available in each draw code be directly proportionate to the number of applicants in each draw choice.

**BRIEF:** Management should be by opportunity so the wait times and hunting opportunity for all Alberta residents should be equal, regardless of their choice of hunting style or season. Example, once AEP has the harvest goal set, and the expected success rate set, then the number of available tags can be determined. If we wanted 100 tags available in a particular WMU which had separate archery and general draw codes, the number of each be determined from the number of applicants in each. If 100 hunters applied in the archery season and 900 applied in the general season, then the tags drawn would be 10 in the archery season and 90 in the general season. This would give the same percentage chance of being drawn and the same wait times for all applicants.

- At the 2017 Big Game Awards, almost half the awards were Archery kills, including both mule deer categories, moose, wolf and black bear.
- Resolution stating the above and/or for keeping a common draw code and overwhelmingly carried at each of the past 4 AFGA Conferences.
- Resolutions asking for different draw codes have also been strongly defeated during this same period.
- Resolutions to include Crossbows in Archery seasons have also been carried strongly over the past 7 conferences.
- Resolutions have also carried to have all hunting on a draw for any species in any area if any hunting is to be on a draw.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-3-2018**

SUBMITTED BY AFGA EXECUTIVE

DRAFTED BY AFGA EXECUTIVE

**LIMITED ENTRY HARVEST DRAWS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association recommends to Alberta Environment and Parks to continue to allow Non-Resident Canadians to enter the Limited Entry Harvest Draws under current conditions.

**BRIEF:** There are other options which show a greater benefit than removing Non-Resident Canadians, which represent less than 1% of the resident opportunities.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-4-2018**

SUBMITTED BY AFGA EXECUTIVE

DRAFTED BY AFGA EXECUTIVE

**GAME HARVEST SURVEYS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Parks make mandatory completion of all Game Harvest surveys.

**BRIEF:** Proper scientific management of our game animals, birds, and fish require this information to make proper and sound management practices.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-5-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 1

DRAFTED BY MEDICINE HAT FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**LAND OWNER SPECIAL LICENSES**

**BE IT RESOLVED** that Alberta Fish and Game Association put forward a request to the Government of Alberta that all land owner special licenses be restricted to antlerless (females) only for any given species in order to allow consistent treatment with all species while providing better control of problematic herd numbers and helping to open land access for respectful hunters.

**BRIEF:** In 1991, the landowner mule deer special license was created for landowners that were denied on their first-choice draw application in a specific wildlife management area (WMU). It was initially designed to benefit the landowner by reducing depredation of feed stocks and over population of ungulate species. The policy and procedures allow any given landowner with 160 acres or more of deeded land the chance of obtaining a mule buck license every year. The property owner simply must show proof of title or a property tax notice to support the ownership requirement.

Currently in Alberta we have observed many landowners who create companies for income tax benefits. This allows different family members who are shareholders (father, mother, grandpa, grandma, son, daughter etc.) to apply to obtain multiple special landowner mule deer tags within a WMU. On paper the landowner special license is to be used for land designated on the license, but far more than not is used for all the land the landowner has, including lease land, which is common in the southern part of the province. Furthermore, landowners with landowner special licenses have, in some cases, been known to abuse the licenses by hunting off their own land base and with the lack of officer presence goes undetected for the most part.

The harvest of antlerless animals would be a more common-sense practice to the herd management approach as designed in the elk special license landowner draw. Lastly, by giving the landowner antlered mule deer special licenses each year, it restricts access as opposed to more open access as landowners, in some cases, are denying permission to access in order to harvest trophy class mule deer themselves.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-6-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 1

DRAFTED BY MEDICINE HAT FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**EXTENDED ELK SEASON**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Alberta Fish and Game Association put forward a request to the Government of Alberta that an extended season either sex elk license for all WMUs surrounding the military training base be opened in order to reduce, or alleviate, nearby landowner concerns with crop and livestock feed depredation and fencing problems while at the same time, helping to control the resident elk population at an established level as developed in a proper herd management plan for the Suffield military base.

**BRIEF:** For some time now, the Suffield elk herd population growth has been a big problem for adjacent landholders who have been subjected to a constant battery of damage by elk to crops, feed stacks, fences, and equipment. More and more elk are leaving the base where they are finding better feed and water supplies. For the last ten years, seasons outside the base have been opened for limited numbers of bulls and cows on a draw basis. Land owners are still frustrated as bull hunters come out dreaming of taking huge bulls and are reluctant or refuse to harvest any of the many immature bulls that are encountered. On top of this the hunts taking place within the base are forcing more elk to leave the base to avoid the extreme pressure within. Opening a general season either sex hunt for WMUs surrounding the base running from September 1 to January 31 would serve to help keep the herd within the confines of the base where the herd size can be better controlled with hunts therein.

Benefits derived from this would be:

- Land owner's damage from elk herd would be minimized.
- Friction arising between Native and non-native hunting groups would be reduced as everyone would have the same opportunity to participate. Better measurement of herd size and ability to control it with on the base hunts as determined in an established Herd Management Plan.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-7-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

DRAFTED BY ST PAUL FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**BLACK BEAR BAITING**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta permit the baiting of black bears in WMUs 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 252, 254, 256, 258, and 260 where recent reported sightings of grizzly bears have not been noted.

**BRIEF:** In responding to the 2013 resolution W-16-2013 that the AFGA sent to SRD, Shannon Flint, Assistant Deputy Minister at the time, noted that SRD wants to avoid conflicts between grizzly bears and humans through the baiting of black bears. Yet Alberta Fish and Wildlife has several publications including the SRD's "Alberta Grizzly Bear Recovery Plan 2008-2013" in which they clearly indicate in print and on maps that when the recovery plan was completed they expect the grizzly bear range to be west and mostly north of Edmonton occupying mountain ranges and the foothills. Furthermore, if you overlay the maps of Alberta's WMUs on top of that of the expected grizzly bear range at the end of the recovery period, and the map of those WMUs within the grizzly bear range that have permitted the baiting of black bears for several years, you will find that there are 21 WMUs that in whole or in part where the baiting of black bears is permitted, one will find it very difficult to understand the reasoning behind SRD's response and the current Alberta Fish and Wildlife's policy on the matter.

Also, for the past few years, the number of black bears reported by landowners in the WMUs indicated has increased dramatically. Many landowners report that these black bears show little or no fear of their farm equipment and has been reported as one of the reasons for high calf mortality during and following the calving season. This resolution was submitted and approved at the 86th conference in Lethbridge.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-8-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

DRAFTED BY ST PAUL FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**CROSSBOWS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta permit the use of cross bows during the regular archery seasons.

**BRIEF:** When I inquired at the AFGA Conference in 2014 in Fort McMurray as to why crossbows were not allowed during the regular archery season, the response given me was that "in an internet survey conducted following the past couple of hunting seasons, a majority of Alberta's hunters rejected the use of crossbows during the archery season". The AFGA has since agreed that this survey was not conducted in a proper manner. I submit that most of the hunters responding to the survey were rifle hunters and naturally, the response was negative. It's all in who you ask and how you ask in these surveys. Weather the game is taken using a rifle, bow and arrow or crossbow and bolt, it is still only one animal. The AFGA is all about not limiting hunting or fishing. This resolution was submitted and approved at the 86th conference in Lethbridge.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-9-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 2

DRAFTED BY CALGARY FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**MANDATORY HEAD SUBMISSION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association requests that the Government of Alberta introduce a policy for mandatory head submission for any ungulate harvested in a CWD zone by all harvesters.

**BRIEF:** The mandatory submission of harvested ungulates would provide for accurate counts on harvested animals as well as allow for the continual monitoring of the ungulate's health within these zones.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-10-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 2

DRAFTED BY CALGARY FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**TRACKING DOGS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta amend legislation to allow hunters to use leashed dogs to track and recover big game in the field.

**BRIEF:** Alberta government legislation currently prohibits the use of dogs in the field; however, the legislation is poorly worded and should be amended in order to allow a dog and/or tracking dogs to accompany hunters or recover downed game, in particular, on multi-day hunts. Dogs used in this manner are not intended to pursue game. The use of dogs will allow for more game to be recovered. We therefore, request a review and revision to existing legislation prohibiting the use of dogs to recover downed game. The recommendation above was passed at the 2017 AGM conference and was put forward to the provincial government by AFGA. We would like to follow up on the Alberta government's response (listed below) to this recommendation.

*"During the consultation portion of the Regulation Amendment (Wildlife Act) in 2015, it was expressed quite strongly that the use of dogs while hunting big game was not supported. There was, however, more tolerance for the use of dogs while tracking wounded*

game. Overall, the use of dogs in the field to recover big game is a proposal requiring considerable support from the hunting public with training standards, regulation for leash requirements, handler requirements, and other elements to ensure public and wildlife safety. If there is enough public support on this issue on a provincial basis, however, we will revisit this proposal in the future.”

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-11-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 2  
DRAFTED BY CALGARY FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION  
**PHEASANT, GROUSE AND PARTRIDGE SEASON**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta shorten the pheasant, grouse and partridge seasons back to November 30th.

**BRIEF:** Current seasons vary by region, with the majority running into the months of December and January. The extended bird hunting season places stress on bird populations and therefore have a negative impact on conservation efforts conducted throughout the province. Over harvesting and stress from the cold can cause high mortality and the extended hunting season also diminishes the effectiveness of bird release programs funded and managed by fish and game clubs like the Calgary Fish and Game Association. The extended season also creates greater stress on landowners.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-12-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 2  
DRAFTED BY CALGARY FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION  
**PHEASANT HUNTING EXTENDED SEASON LIMITATION**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that if the Government of Alberta will not shorten the game bird season to end November 30th, that they limit the pheasant hunting extended season beyond November 30th to release sites only (after that date).

**BRIEF:** The extended bird hunting season places stress on bird populations and therefore have a negative impact on conservation efforts conducted throughout the province. Over harvesting and stress from the cold can cause high mortality and the extended hunting season also diminishes the effectiveness of bird release programs funded and managed by fish and game clubs like the Calgary Fish and Game Association. The extended season also creates greater stress on landowners

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-13-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 2  
DRAFTED BY SARCEE FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION  
**BLACK BEAR HARVEST REGULATIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta change the current harvest regulations of Black Bears to enable the harvest of Black Bears for skin or meat or both.

**BRIEF:** Currently the Government of Alberta mandates through regulations that only the skin of all black bears harvested must be salvaged by classifying it as a fur bearing animal. Many Albertans would like to harvest black bears for the meat and do not want or need a bear hide that they would be forced to salvage. A taxidermist's charge for tanning is cost prohibitive for hunters to simply tan

a hide so that they can harvest and eat the meat. Taxidermists have also refused hides that have been offered to them from hunters that simply want the meat. Current regulations dictate as per below:

*"1. Allow the skin of any bear or cougar to be wasted, destroyed, spoiled or abandoned. See exception for salvaging skin - Access for Control of Livestock Predation.*

*\* It is not legally necessary to salvage pelts of fur bearing animals (includes coyote and wolf) or black bear taken in accordance with regulations authorizing the control of problem wildlife set out in this part ..."*

This forces hunters to only salvage the hides and heads of Black Bears with the exception of problem wildlife animals harvested. What we are asking for is the option to hunt just for the meat.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-14-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 3

DRAFTED BY RED DEER FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**FEDERAL MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING REGULATIONS**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Alberta Government enter into discussion with the federal government to clarify the migratory bird hunting regulations with respect to using archery equipment to hunt waterfowl.

**BRIEF:** The federal migratory regulations prohibit the use of crossbows for waterfowl hunting. The confusion comes from the archery community that uses long bows, recurves, and compound bows, as long as they purchase the bow hunting permit. There is no regulation of the arrow tip, or type of arrow that is legal. This forces a lot of bird hunter's frustration, trying to find out if it is okay to use bows and shoot at birds coming into decoys in fields. A clearer definition would help to understand what the regulation is saving.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-15-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

DRAFTED BY ATHABASCA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**SHARPTAIL GROUSE**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Parks develop a sharp-tailed grouse recovery strategy to return sharp-tailed grouse numbers to a sustainable, harvestable level in WMUs where harvest has been prohibited and to maintain healthy populations in those where it is currently allowed.

**BRIEF:** Sharp-tailed grouse numbers have deemed to have dropped to levels unable to support harvest of this species in many WMUs in Alberta. There needs to be a strategy developed to return these numbers to a sustainable, harvestable number and to maintain healthy populations throughout the province so that the sharp-tailed grouse do not join other species which have declined in numbers and remain closed to harvest in Alberta.

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**WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-16-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 4

DRAFTED BY WHITECOURT FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**BIG GAME REGISTRATION SYSTEM**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta's department of Environment and Parks implement a mandatory big game registration system for all big game. The registration system would apply to all licensed, status Indian and Métis hunters.



**BRIEF:** A significant number of big game animals that are harvested each year by licensed, status Indian and Métis hunters are not accounted for. This results in wildlife biologists implementing big game management actions using estimates without the benefit of this catchable data.

- Currently some big game animals (i.e. cougar and trophy sheep) are subject to mandatory registration by all aforementioned hunting groups.
- This resolution would allow for an expansion of an already existing system.
- A user-friendly system whereby registrations could be completed would need to be developed (i.e. online, toll free telephone number) at Alberta Environment and Parks offices, at Band offices or at other locations or by other means deemed appropriate.
- Alberta Environment and Parks should further implement a system, whereby licensed hunters would not be able to participate in the draw system or purchase new big game licenses until required registration information had been completed for big game in any applicable previous years.
- Alberta Environment and Parks could further implement an educational initiative for licensed hunters, status Indians and Metis whereby the principles of the province's big game management plans and the benefits of a mandatory registration process would be explained.
- Applying big game mandatory registration requirements to status Indians or Metis is not an infringement on their hunting rights as the registration occurs after the hunting has occurred.
- Mandatory big game registration for all big game hunters would greatly assist in the development of big game management plans.

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**ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-1-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 1

DRAFTED BY MEDICINE HAT FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION

**RESTORATION OF DISTURBED LAND**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association requests that Alberta Environment and Parks implement a requirement that the granting of surface use or access permits on public land be offset with reclamation or reforestation requirements of an area 2 to 5 times the area impacted.

**BRIEF:** Roads and linear disturbance which are the consequence of human activity represents a significant and increasing footprint on public land. An offsetting formula as a condition of development approval that leads to reclamation, restoration or reforestation of both ongoing and past habitat deficits is required.

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**GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER E-2-2018**

SUBMITTED BY ZONE 5

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**INVASIVE AQUATIC SPECIES ON BOATS ENTERING ALBERTA**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta develop regulations that prohibit transportation of all boats from high risk invasive species waters being brought across Alberta borders.

**BRIEF:** The large number of boats being brought into Alberta from waters that have unwanted invasive species (i.e. zebra mussels) pose a high risk that would likely lead to such harmful aquatic life inhabiting Alberta's waters. By prohibiting all boat entry, the risk would be minimized. Persons wanting to use boats in other jurisdictions would need to use local boats and leave their boats at home.

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