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2018 Hunt Report AFGA Annual Convention

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- ▶ I hope you liked the previous speakers we lined up for the information session of the Hunt meeting. I would like to thank the speakers for their presentation and Travis Ripley for helping to organize today's topics and speakers!

- ▶ The main topic that I have been involved in is the recent AGPAC proceedings. We had a meeting in early December and another one just last week. You have all seen the 8 proposals as I put them in the Hunt report in the January / February 2018 issue of the Outdoor Canada. I hope most of you had a chance to reply to the AFGA survey we sent out last November to get timely & valuable feedback that I could refer to when representing the association. If you haven't already, ensure you and your fellow members go to the AFGA website and sign up for "getting the AFGA updates" email news in case we need to do the same procedure in the future!

- ▶ 1. That AGPAC recommend to AEP that Antlered Mule Deer no longer be included as an eligible animal for Landowner Special License. We voted in favor of this as per the survey we sent out HOWEVER at the 2nd meeting, additional info was made available to us! Only certain WMU's are being negatively affected by unlimited Landowner tags. Options are - status quo, get rid of the Landowner Mule buck tags, limit the #'s available in each WMU or eliminate and compensate landowners. I have had more contact on this than anything else this past year with a concern being passed on by some landowners that have stated that they will close down access if this is completely eliminated. VOTE BY SHOW OF HANDS??? (73.0% in favor)

- ▶ 2. That AGPAC recommend to AEP that Non-Resident Canadians no longer be eligible to apply for Special License Draws. IN FAVOR (70.8%)
- ▶ 3. That AGPAC recommend to AEP that new partnership licenses be created for Non-Resident Canadians for Antlered Mule Deer, Antlered Elk and Trophy Antelope. IN FAVOR (50.0 % - 34% against)
- ▶ 4. That AGPAC recommend to AEP that dedicated archery Special License Draws be created when archery harvest in a Wildlife Management Unit (WMU) exceeds 15% of allowable harvest in that WMU. IN FAVOR (54.5% - 38.3% against)

- ▶ 5. That AGPAC recommend to AEP that big game be allocated as a proportion of hunting opportunity (Outfitter Guide Allocations held and Special License Quotas available) instead of harvest, for those animal classes and WMU's on Special License Draw. For animal classes and WMU's under general license seasons, allocation will continue to be calculated as a proportion of harvest. IN FAVOR (65.6%)- fyi APOS & BEEF PRODUCERS AGAINST

- ▶ 6. That AGPAC recommend to AEP that the proportion of big game hunting opportunity allocated to the outfitted hunting industry be standardized across Alberta's WMU's as follows: Antlered Moose, Antlered Mule Deer, Antlered Elk, Antlered Whitetail Deer and Trophy Antelope - 10%. Trophy Bighorn - 20%. Cougar - 20%. Black Bear - no restriction. IN FAVOR (67.4%) - fyi APOS AGAINST

- ▶ 7. That AGPAC recommend to AEP that the spatial scale at which hunting opportunity is managed be standardized as the WMU for both recreational and outfitted hunters. IN FAVOR (81.4%) - fyi APOS AGAINST & BEEF PRODUCERS EXPRESSED RESERVATIONS
- ▶ 8. That AGPAC recommend to AEP that once an approved policy is in place, that it be implemented in a phased approach to minimize disruption to affected business operations within the outfitted hunting industry. IN FAVOR (57.5% - 26.8% against) - fyi APOS AGAINST

- ▶ Thank you for the past year especially to Doug Butler and Ian Stewart.
- ▶ I hope my computer issues are behind me and we have updated contact info on the AFGA website
- ▶ Thanks to the hunt chairs of the zones
- ▶ Thanks to the zones and hopefully I can attend more meetings as long as they are not all taking place on the same date again!

- ▶ Zone Hunting Chairs updates:
- ▶ 1 - Ian Gazeley -
- ▶ 2- Glen Dundas - not here
- ▶ 3 - No chair person yet?
- ▶ 4 - Doug Horner - not here
- ▶ 5 - Brian Rudyk -
- ▶ 6 - Rick Houweling -