

2009 RESOLUTIONS WITH ASRD RESPONSES

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-1-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a Primitive Weapons season be brought into effect for the entire WMU 248; CARRIED

ASRD Response: Parkland County would need to change their bylaws before a primitive weapon season can be implemented.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-2-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the current regulation restricting the use of off-highway vehicles be removed from Alberta's Hunting Regulations; CARRIED

ASRD Response: There are a considerable number of stakeholders who want this restriction to remain.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-3-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Government facilitate resolution of administrative obstacles to allow game animals to be donated to all food banks where there can be demonstrated an interest in receiving these donations; CARRIED

ASRD Response: The administrative obstacles would need to be changed by Alberta Health regarding inspected meats.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-4-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request the Alberta Government to make Partner Licenses available to resident hunters for all species; CARRIED

ASRD Response: There are youth licences available for all resident draws. If we implement partner licences on mule deer, the harvest success would likely increase resulting in fewer permits being issued and a longer wait to get drawn.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-5-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all management of fish & wildlife be united under Alberta Sustainable Resource Development; CARRIED

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-6-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alberta Sustainable Resource Development change the Hunting Regulations under the heading Big Game #8 to read: *Remove the distinctive evidence of sex and species from the carcass of any big game animal until the carcass is delivered to include; a usual residence of the person who killed it, OR the animal is butchered, cut and packaged for consumption; CARRIED*

ASRD Response: We are currently proposing a regulation amendment that will allow butchering of wild game at any permanent residence.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-7-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a simple random lottery for one tag per species be provided for any draw license that is statistically impossible to draw unless the applicant is sitting at the highest available priority point level; CARRIED

ASRD Response: We are currently evaluating changes to the current draw system that will address this. We are consulting stakeholders to cap draw species at priority six.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-8-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT crossbows be legal for hunting in WMUs 212 and 248 in conjunction with all seasons; CARRIED

ASRD Response: We are currently consulting with stakeholders on the use of crossbows in general archery season.

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-1-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alberta Sustainable Resource Development – Fisheries Management Branch institute in 2010 an extension to the walleye tag system to include Lac Ste. Anne, Lac Isle, Lac La Nonne and Sylvan Lake; CARRIED

ASRD Response: SRD is extending the walleye tag system to six new lakes in 2010 based on the results from fall walleye netting inventories. Plans are to explore options for 6 more in 2011. The lakes will be announced soon.

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-1-2009

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alberta Sustainable Resource Development increase the allotment of cougar licenses for both male and female in WMU's 300, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 308, 400, and 402 and expanded to include other regions of the province where numbers warrant an increased harvest;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the cougar season remain open until both the male and female quota have been reached; CARRIED**

ASRD Response: We are reviewing our current cougar harvest strategies based on recent research and information.

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-2-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Partner license system be extended to Elk and Bison where a person wishes to participate with another hunter who has obtained one of these special licenses; CARRIED

ASRD Response: Partner licence will be extended to bison.

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-3-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT where the Trophy Sheep Special License Draw is not on Priority Draw and applicants are drawn, the applicants are not allowed to reapply in future years (once in a lifetime opportunity only) ; CARRIED

ASRD Response: We are currently evaluating changes to the current draw system that will address this. We are consulting stakeholders to cap draw species at priority six.

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-4-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Alberta Sustainable Resource Development develop a Wild Turkey management plan'; CARRIED

ASRD Response: There has been some discussion between the Wild Turkey Federation and SRD on Turkey Management. SRD will explore opportunity for improved understanding of hunters and landowners.

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-5-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT within the Alberta Hunting Draws Rules for Residents that the restriction for being only eligible to apply for only one (1) of four (4) elk draws or only one (1) of three (3) moose draws be removed and insert the restriction that a hunter may only possess 1 special license in each of the elk and moose special draws; CARRIED

ASRD Response: This will probably create a larger draw pool for each special licence and create a longer wait to get drawn.

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-8-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT a spring bearded turkey season be established within the Cypress Hills Park WMU 624 and the surrounding 2 WMU's, 118 and 119; CARRIED

ASRD Response: This will require consultation with Parks. AFGA should bring it to the provincial Alberta Game Management Advisory Group.

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-9-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT there be an additional late season Cypress Hills Elk draw for WMU's (116, 118, and 119). ; CARRIED

ASRD Response: Current seasons are meeting management goals and landowner concerns.

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-10-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association request the Minister of Alberta Sustainable Resource Development to facilitate the approval of Phase II of the collection permit of the Wolf Sterilization Research Program in the Clearwater Area; CARRIED

ASRD Response: A scientific advisory committee agreed that the research had merit, but disagreed on some of the methods and objectives of the research. Phase II did not proceed because the technique was unlikely to be used for ungulate population management in the Clearwater Area and the proposed number of manipulated packs would likely not be enough to show clear changes in ungulate populations caused by predator reduction.

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-11-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association insist to Alberta Sustainable Resource Development that the Chronic Wasting Disease border culls be reinstated next year when a positive is confirmed; CARRIED

ASRD Response: We are currently testing hunter shot heads and will provide AFGA with updated information this spring.

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-12-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association continue to support its position against the proposed Recreation Access Management Plan (RAMP); CARRIED

After a lengthy discussion, it was apparent that AFGA needs to work with the government to resolve/assist in developing a strategy to address landowner issues and habitat sustainability.

ASRD Response: The results of the first year of the pilot study will be made available to AFGA in time for the 2010 convention.

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-13-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association insist that the grizzly bear hunt be reinstated immediately; CARRIED

ASRD Response: The population status is being evaluated this spring. No decisions will be made without the status assessment.

PROGRAMS RESOLUTION NUMBER P-2-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT children up to the age 12 receive a W.I.N. card free of charge that will expire on their 12th birthday; CARRIED

ASRD Response: WIN cards are prepared with the total fee going to IBM. SRD receives none of the funds to reimburse fees.

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-1-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association ask the Alberta Government to place a land use designation, caveat or other appropriate condition on the tax recovery lands and any other lands administered by the Alberta Government where

hunting is allowed, to create or insure continued access for Hunting, Fishing and Trapping in conjunction with any other use; CARRIED

ASRD Response: The Alberta Government policy is for multiple use on all crown lands unless there is a safety issue to the public. (as occurs on some industrial leases)

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-2-2009

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta government establish the requirement for a habitat impact assessment on all lands under provincial control that are to be considered for sale or a designation that would allow for the destruction of any potential wildlife habitat and establish an economic value (\$ per hectare) in order to quantify the impact of the destruction of wildlife habitat to the assets of the citizens of Alberta; CARRIED

ASRD Response: SRD is working on the Land Use Framework which may address some of these concerns.