

The following are the Resolutions that were passed at the Alberta Fish & Game Association's recent 84th Annual General Meeting held on February 23rd in Red Deer, Alberta

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER E-1-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association Operations manual, specifically sections 3.4.1 (Environment Committee Chairperson); 3.4.2 (Fishing Committee Chairperson); 3.4.3 (Hunting Committee Chairperson); and 3.4.4 (Programs Committee Chairperson) under the heading of APPOINTMENT, be amended to include the following:

May recommend for approval by the Senior Executive, a Vice-Chairperson who would be willing to work with the Elected Chairperson in the fulfilling of the role and responsibilities of the position and would have the same voting and representation authorities as the Chairperson in their absence; **CARRIED**

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-1-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Ministry of Justice and Solicitor General increase the number of Fish and Wildlife officers within the province of Alberta; **CARRIED**

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-1-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to change the general provincial daily retention limit for Northern Pike to 3 fish with no size limit restriction; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that lakes requiring special Northern Pike limits be established when specific biological information supports either relaxed or more restrictive regulations.

Moved

To split into two resolutions; **CARRIED**

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-1a-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to change the general provincial daily retention limit for Northern Pike to 3 fish with no size limit restriction; and

Amendment

To replace the words "change the general provincial daily retention limit for Northern Pike to 3 fish with no size limit restriction; and" with "regulate the majority of Northern Pike population with the current provincial standard of 3 fish with no size limit for purposes of regulation simplification" Amendment **CARRIED**

Amended Resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to regulate the majority of Northern Pike population with the current provincial standard of 3 fish with no size limit for purposes of regulation simplification; **CARRIED** as amended

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-1b-2013

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that lakes requiring special Northern Pike limits be established when specific biological information supports either relaxed or more restrictive regulations.

Amendment

To delete the word “further” and insert the words “water courses” between lakes and requiring;
CARRIED

Amended Resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED that lakes and water courses requiring special Northern Pike limits be established when specific biological information supports either relaxed or more restrictive regulations; **CARRIED** as amended

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-2-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to change the general provincial daily retention limit for Yellow Perch to 15 fish with no size limit restriction, and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that lakes requiring special Yellow Perch limits be established when specific biological information supports either relaxed or more restrictive regulations.

To split into two resolutions and edit accordingly; **CARRIED**

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-2a-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to change the general provincial daily retention limit for Yellow Perch to 15 fish with no size limit restriction; **CARRIED** with 79 in favour and 59 opposed

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-2b-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT lakes requiring special Yellow Perch limits be established when specific biological information supports either relaxed or more restrictive regulations; **CARRIED**

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-3-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to only change Lake Sturgeon angling restrictions after additional public consultation; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if restrictions are required, they only influence angling methods used to catch Lake Sturgeon and should not restrict angling of other fish species.

Moved To split into two resolutions and edited accordingly; **CARRIED**

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-3a-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to only change Lake Sturgeon angling restrictions after additional public consultation; CARRIED

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-3b-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT if restrictions are required, they only influence angling methods used to catch Lake Sturgeon and should not restrict angling of other fish species; CARRIED

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-4-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request the Fisheries Management Branch (FMB) of Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development open up water bodies for catch and keep fishing using other methods than just the “Tag” system; CARRIED

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-5-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development initiates a limited harvest for bull trout in watersheds that can sustain a harvest; CARRIED

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-6-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development increase fishing licence fees for Non- resident Canadians reflecting similar fees charged in neighbouring provinces such as British Columbia; CARRIED

RESOLUTION NUMBER F-7-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to allow a harvest of Walleye from Sylvan Lake; CARRIED

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-1-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to require that in addition to identifying themselves as guides and/or outfitters when requesting permission from private landowners or leaseholders, the guide and/or outfitter must also obtain that permission in writing from the landowner or leaseholder and carry that written permission with them while guiding or outfitting on said properties; CARRIED

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-2-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development and the Alberta Government take the

necessary steps to change legislation so that non-resident aliens convicted of an offense under the Alberta Wildlife Act receive a lifetime ban from hunting in Alberta;

Amendment

Moved To replace the words “an offense” with “a major offense”; CARRIED

Amended Resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development and the Alberta Government take the necessary steps to change legislation so that non-resident aliens convicted of a major offense under the Alberta Wildlife Act receive a lifetime ban from hunting in Alberta; CARRIED as amended

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-4-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development create an archery only cougar season (without dogs) prior to the existing fall general cougar season as shown on page 59 of the 2012 Alberta Hunting Regulations; CARRIED

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-5-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to change the hunting regulations to allow a big game hunter to use a dog on a leash to track a wounded or downed big game animal; CARRIED with 79 in favour and 73 opposed

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-8-2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development that the current regulations restricting the use of ATV's be changed to allow hunters who are paraplegic or quadriplegic, or have permanent spinal injuries that confine them to a wheel chair, to hunt any big game throughout the non-motorized Forest Land Use Zones (FLUZ's) along the East Slopes Region of Alberta with the use of a “side-by-side” ATV; CARRIED with 70 in favour and 66 opposed

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-10-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development remove the current regulations restricting the use of off-highway vehicles from Alberta's Hunting Regulations; CARRIED

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-12-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta fish and game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development reinstate the Chronic Wasting Disease quota tags in WMU's of Chronic Wasting Disease management control; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development that the Chronic Wasting Disease management culls be reinstated when a positive is confirmed.

Moved To split into two resolutions; CARRIED

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-12a-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta fish and game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development reinstate the Chronic Wasting Disease quota tags in WMU's of Chronic Wasting Disease management control;

Amendment

To amend the resolution by striking the words "quota tags in WMU's of Chronic Wasting Disease" and to replace "control; and" with "program"; CARRIED

Amended Resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta fish and game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development reinstate the Chronic Wasting Disease management program; CARRIED as amended

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-12b-2013

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development that the Chronic Wasting Disease management culls be reinstated when a positive is confirmed.

Amendment

To delete the word "further" and to replace the words "cull be reinstated" with "program have an action plan"; CARRIED

Amended Resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development that the Chronic Wasting Disease management program have an action plan when a positive is confirmed; CARRIED as amended

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-13-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development include crossbows in all archery seasons; CARRIED

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-14-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development reinstate the Grizzly Bear season with tags available where there is a harvestable population; CARRIED

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-15-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development open a Sandhill Crane season province-wide in conjunction with the other migratory bird seasons; CARRIED

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-16-2012

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to re-instate the baiting for hunting of Black Bears in those portions of Wildlife Management Units 320, 324 and 526 as it formerly was; CARRIED

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-17-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to re-instate the Primitive Weapon season for the last two weeks of October for all Whitetail and Mule deer in all Wildlife Management Units that have mandatory deer head submission; CARRIED

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-18-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development; establish within the Province of Alberta, grizzly bear management units similar to those that are currently established for cougars, whereby those units that have an excessive number of grizzly bears present or have grizzly bears present in units that they are not desired to be in, that a limited entry hunt, for Alberta Residents only, be established to assist with the management of the grizzly bears in those respective units. CARRIED

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-19-2013

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environmental and Sustainable Resource Development raise the bag limit for grouse (ruffed, blue, spruce) to 10 daily; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the combined limit be restricted to two spruce and five blue grouse.**

Amendment

To insert the words “aggregate limit” after daily; CARRIED

Amended Resolution now reads:

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environmental and Sustainable Resource Development raise the bag limit for grouse (ruffed, blue, spruce) to 10 daily aggregate limit; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the combined limit be restricted to two spruce and five blue grouse; CARRIED as amended**

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-20-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, in cooperation with the Alberta Trappers Association, initiate a wolf control/harvest incentive program to decrease the wolf population; CARRIED

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-21-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT that the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development create a Partner Licence for Antlered Elk and for Antlerless Elk Special Licence the same as that which is now available for Moose Special Licences; **CARRIED**

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-22-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development open a moose draw for muzzleloader, shotgun and archery tackle in the portion of Leduc County falling within the boundaries of WMU 248; **CARRIED**

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-23-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development abolish the “no carrying of a weapon on an ATV from one hour before sunrise till the following noon” in all 300, 400, and 500 series WMUs; **CARRIED**

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-26-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to open a Trophy, and an Archery special licence Antelope draw and a Non-trophy Antelope special licence draw when populations warrant in the combined area of Wildlife Management Units, 200 and 234, east of Range Road 50.

Amendment

To insert the words “for residents only” between draw and when; **CARRIED**

Amended Resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to open a Trophy, and an Archery special licence Antelope draw and a Non-trophy Antelope special licence draw for residents only when populations warrant in the combined area of Wildlife Management Units, 200 and 234, east of Range Road 50; **CARRIED as amended**

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-27-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Government fund depredation losses to agriculture from sources other than sportsmen’s contributions; **CARRIED**

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-28-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development release to the public an annual summary of all Non-resident Canadian and Non-resident Alien licence and certificate sales by WMU.

Amendment

To insert the words “and landowner permits,” after sales; CARRIED

Amended Resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development release to the public an annual summary of all Non-resident Canadian and Non-resident Alien licence and certificate sales and landowner permits, by WMU; CARRIED as amended

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-29-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development release to the public an annual summary of all big game outfitter licence allocations, by WMU, for all big game species;

Amendment #1

To replace WMU with SMA and insert the words “and a breakdown of WMUs included in each SMA” after the word species; CARRIED

Amendment #2

To insert the words “and harvest results” after allocations; CARRIED

Amended Resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development release to the public an annual summary of all big game outfitter licence allocations and harvest results, by SMA, for all big game species and a breakdown of WMUs included in each SMA; CARRIED as amended

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-30-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development develop a Mourning Dove season in Alberta.

Amendment

To add a second sentence to read “This must be with the cooperation of the migratory bird regulation, through the federal and international partners.”; CARRIED

Amended Resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development develop a Mourning Dove season in Alberta. This must be with the cooperation of the migratory bird regulation, through the federal and international partners.; CARRIED as amended

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-37-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable resource Development align the number of moose special licence draws issued in

Wildlife Management Units (WMU) 352, 353 and 355 to the adjacent WMU's 354 and 356 until a complete caribou recovery strategy has been developed; CARRIED

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER ENV-1-2013

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Government to implement cross-ministry support for riparian and wetland management in the Land Use Framework; CARRIED

Moved

THAT the AFGA request/insist/demand that the Provincial Government and its respective involved departments immediately freeze or suspend all big game allocations held by outfitters in Alberta until the current outdated Big Game Outfitter Guide Policy is reviewed and rewritten by a committee made up of AFGA, APOS and government representatives and until the current allocation review process is completed or is at least well underway and making positive progress; CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

b) Recommendations

It was noted that the recommendations were included in the conference package as information and have been forwarded to the applicable Chairs for review and appropriate action.

RECOMMENDATION NUMBER RW-1-2013

BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to allow black bear baiting in WMU 511.

RECOMMENDATION NUMBER RF-2-2013

BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resources to undertake an independent arm's length study of Muriel Lake Drainage Basin to determine why Muriel Lake water level has declined to the point where it no longer supports a sport, domestic or commercial fishery.

RECOMMENDATION NUMBER RF-3-2013

BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to test Bolloque Lake for oxygen levels in the winter to see if the levels would be adequate for the stocking of Yellow Perch in the lake.

RECOMMENDATION NUMBER RW-4-2013

BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development remove the bait ban that was put into effect in 2012 on the Oldman Reservoir.

RECOMMENDATION NUMBER RW-5-2013

BE IT RECOMMENDED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development reinstate the mandatory registration of elk in WMU's 400 and 402.