

**ALBERTA FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION
2015 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
PASSED RESOLUTIONS
FEBRUARY 21, 2015**

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-1-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development permit the use of crossbows during the regular archery season; CARRIED, as submitted, with 61.2% in favour (93/59)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-2-2015

BE IT RESOLVED 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; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 97% in favour (~147/5)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-3-2015

Amended resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to amend the definition of Resident to:

Resident – a person who either:

- has his or her only or primary residence in Alberta for a minimum of 12 consecutive months and
 - is a Canadian citizen or is admitted to permanent residence in Canada, or
 - has lived in Canada for 24 consecutive months immediately preceding the relevant date; or
- is on full-time service with the Armed Forces of Canada and would, if an election were held under the Elections Act (Canada), be eligible to vote in Alberta under that Act;

CARRIED, as amended, by approximately 96% in favour (~148/6)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-4-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association change the foot access only on Wildlife Trust Fund properties, as well as petition other land-owning stakeholder groups to allow ATV usage for the purpose of Big Game retrieval. Conditions could say "via the shortest route" and "no weapon on board during this process"; DEFEATED, as submitted, by 91.4% opposed (13/139)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-5-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Alberta Government/ Parks reclassify the designation of the Wainwright Dunes Ecological Reserve to the "Wainwright Dunes Heritage Rangeland" as per the Wilderness Areas, Ecological Reserves, Natural Areas and Heritage Rangelands Act: CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 93% in favour (~142/10)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-6-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development implement a policy that prior to applying in any of the limited entry harvest (LEH) draws, a Wildlife Certificate must first be purchased by any Alberta resident hunter applying in the draw; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 80% in favour (~122/30)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-7-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development implement a policy that in any WMU where any particular species is on a limited entry harvest (LEH) draw for any type of hunting, then it be on a (LEH) draw for all types of hunting for that species for wildlife management purposes in that WMU; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 89% in favour (~135/17)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-8-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development put pressure on the Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA) to take a stronger stance on the fight against Chronic Wasting Disease; CARRIED, as submitted, with no opposition

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-9-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development require that outfitters and guides vehicles, while being used for outfitting or guiding purposes, must have signs on the outside of their vehicles (both sides and back) clearly identifying the vehicle with the outfitting name in bold easily readable letters; CARRIED, as submitted, by 70.9% in favour (107/44)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-10-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT game ranches in Alberta with ranched elk and/or deer are required to double fence their game ranching operations in order to protect their ranched elk and deer from coming in contact with wild ungulates and possibly contracting Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD); Motion CARRIED with one opposition.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-11-2015

Amended resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development require all non-resident alien hunters to enter the draw system to obtain a license to hunt big game in any WMU where residents are required to do so and that the allotment for non-resident aliens and non-residents be restricted to 10% or less of the resident allocation on a per WMU basis for each limited entry draw; DEFEATED, as amended, by approximately 88% opposed (18/~133)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-12-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta make changes to the Petty Trespass Act, or other appropriate legislation, that would allow owners and leaseholders of deeded lands to set access conditions to such lands, to enable the prosecution of individuals who violate those access conditions; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 88% in favour (~133/18)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-13-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development implement the requirement to purchase the Wildlife Certificate prior to entering Wildlife draws. Also, if applicants are successful in being drawn, the tag cost will automatically be issued to the successful candidate; DEFEATED, as submitted, with approximately 98% in opposition (3/~148)

FISHING RESOLUTION NUMBER F-1-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association request Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development to change the size ranges on the walleye tag system with the following:

- Change the "A" Class tags from "over 50 cm" to "Any size"
- Change the "B" Class tags from "43 to 50 cm" to "50 cm and under"
- Leave "C" Class tags at 43 cm and under

CARRIED, as submitted, with 59.9% in favour (82/55)

FISHING RESOLUTION NUMBER F-2-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development (AESRD) and the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) increase fish habitat in Alberta installing and managing winter aeration of numerous lakes that are at risk of winter fish kills; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 96% in favour (~132/5)

FISHING RESOLUTION NUMBER F-3-2015

Amended resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development amend Alberta Fishery Regulations to permit the stocking of yellow perch, obtained from private fish farms or from stable natural populations by permit, into the waters totally enclosed within private lands with no connection to natural waterways; CARRIED, as amended, by approximately 85% in favour (~117/20)

FISHING RESOLUTION NUMBER F-4-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request the Alberta Government to increase angling opportunities by introducing yellow perch into the suitable fish habitat waters such as small ponds, dugouts and borrow pits; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 88% in favour (~121/16)

FISHING RESOLUTION NUMBER F-5-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development and the Alberta Conservation Association revise fish program priorities to emphasize the protection, enhancement and development of fish habitat; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 99% in favour (~136/1)

FISHING RESOLUTION NUMBER F-6-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development reinstate a walleye stocking program in our lakes and reservoirs; CARRIED, as submitted, with no opposition

FISHING RESOLUTION NUMBER F-7-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development simplify the angling regulation by making the possession and size limits in Southern Alberta reservoirs the same; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 82% in favour (~112/25)

FISHING RESOLUTION NUMBER F-8-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development identify lakes and reservoirs for stocking perch; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 96% in favour (~131/6)

FISHING RESOLUTION NUMBER F-9-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development allow harvest of rainbow trout in flowing waters of ES1 that are currently closed to harvest; CARRIED, as submitted, by 67.5% in favour (79/38)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-1-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development permit the baiting of Black Bears in WMU's 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, where recent reported sightings of Grizzly Bears have not been noted; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 96% in favour (~112/5)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-2-2015

Amended resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Alberta Government through the departments of Parks and Environment and Sustainable Resource Development, establish a predator control program for all lands where no such program currently exists and which are currently under Provincial Parks management; CARRIED, as amended, by approximately 95% in favour (~111/6)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-3-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development change policy so that an applicant may apply in either Antelope Archery (Draw Code 10) or Trophy Antelope (Draw Code 12), but not both. An applicant can still apply in either of the above plus Non-trophy Antelope (Draw Code 11) as per present conditions; CARRIED, as submitted, by 57.7% in favour (82/60)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-4-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development establish a draw for Antlered Mule Deer Archery special license similar to the one that currently exists for Antelope Archery special license in all WMU's where currently a bow hunter is required to enter the draw system to hunt antlered mule deer; DEFEATED, as submitted, by 82% opposed (25/~117)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-5-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development establish a limited entry hunt for grizzly bear in any portion of the province where a population exists to sustain a harvest; CARRIED, as submitted, with no opposition

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-8-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development complete development of a Wild Turkey Management and Enhancement Strategy Plan; CARRIED, as submitted, with no opposition

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-9-2015

Amended resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development immediately reinstate the number of Wild Turkey licenses available in the Special License Draw back to maximum sustainable harvest; CARRIED, as amended, with no opposition

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-10-2015

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 license and certificate sales, including special license sales by draw code, species, class and WMU; CARRIED, as submitted, with no opposition

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-11-2015

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 landowner permits, including species, class, and WMU; CARRIED, as submitted, with no opposition

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-12-2015

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 license allocations and harvest results, by Species Management Area, for all big game species and a breakdown by WMUs included in each SMA; CARRIED, as submitted, with no opposition

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-13-2015

Amended resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development limit the number of Waterfowl Outfitters allowed to operate in any given WMU to four, and the number of guides be limited to four per outfitter and that in WMUs surrounding major urban centres, or in areas where resident access to lands is being restricted or reduced by Outfitter activity, the number of Waterfowl Outfitters be limited to two, and the number of guides be limited to two per outfitter; DEFEATED, as amended, by 51.4% in opposition (67/71)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-14-2015

Amended resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development develop regulations that increase resident waterfowl hunting opportunities by restricting the number of days or the timing of the hunting seasons that an outfitter may operate or NRAs can hunt and in so doing, reduce the conflict and competition for receiving access to hunt on private lands; CARRIED, as amended, by 69.8% in favour (90/39)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-15-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development develop a Cougar "Pursuit Only" season to commence the day following the harvest closure of any Cougar Species Management Area until March 31, immediately following the harvest closure. The carrying of firearms (weapons) during a pursuit only season would be prohibited; DEFEATED, as submitted

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-16-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development increase the Cougar Harvest Quotas in many, if not all, Cougar Management Areas; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 98% in favour (~126/3)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-17-2015

Amended resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development immediately adjust the number of tags the outfitters of Alberta possess, when there is a catastrophic event that reduces the number of tags the residents have to draw for; CARRIED, as amended, by approximately 95% in favour (~123/6)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-18-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development lengthen the general non-hound cougar season and incorporate an archery season. It is suggested that the new season dates be Archery Only from September 1 – October 31, followed by a general season from November 1 – February 28; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 88% in favour (~113/16)

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-1-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Alberta Government develop and adopt a policy that confirms no muskeg drainage will be permitted in Alberta unless adequate compensation (wetland policy) replaces these wetlands; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 98% in favour (~127/2)

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-2-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request the Alberta Government develop and adopt a policy that requires sedimentation incidents in public watercourses, lakes and wetlands be reported publicly to ensure government transparency; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 98% in favour (~127/2)

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-3-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Alberta Government increase the monitoring and enforcement effort on sedimentation incidents that affect public watercourses, lakes and wetlands; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 98% in favour (~127/2)

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-4-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Alberta Government develop and adopt a policy that confirms “no net loss of fish habitat” for Alberta; CARRIED, as submitted, with no opposition

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-5-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Alberta Government develop fish habitat protection and compensation legislation for Alberta; CARRIED, as submitted, with no opposition

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-6-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Alberta Government put into legislation the requirement for conservation (habitat) offsets as a condition for development approval of all infrastructure, industrial, urban and agriculture expansion in the province; CARRIED, as submitted, by approximately 99% in favour (~128/1)

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-7-2015

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Alberta Government put into legislation that development in the riparian and littoral habitat zones be restricted to current zoning or development that is for the common good that further must incorporate the highest environmental standards including offsets; CARRIED, as submitted, with no opposition

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION NUMBER E-8-2015

Amended resolution now reads:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Alberta Government put into legislation a maximum threshold for linear disturbance on crown (public) lands in Alberta consistent with numerous science based criteria that show that exceeding this threshold leads to rapid decline in productivity of both land and aquatic ecosystems and that in the event there is a need to exceed this threshold there would be the requirement for a full environmental assessment process with resulting conditions before development could take place; CARRIED, as amended, with no opposition