

SPECIAL RESOLUTION NUMBER SP-1-2017

AGE OF MAJORITY

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association mandate a minimum voting age of eighteen (18) years of age on all matters dealing with the by-laws, policies, procedures, and objectives of the Association; DEFEATED with less than 75% majority vote

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER EX-1-2017

RESOLUTION RESPONSES

BE IT BE RESOLVED THAT Section 5.0 Resolution, Recommendation & Policy Statement Procedures; Article 5.4 within the Alberta Fish and Game Association Operations Manual be amended to read:

...prior to the following year fall zone meeting. *The response to the resolutions from the body/agency/government that it was sent will be posted on the Alberta Fish and Game Association website and forwarded to each affiliated club, zone and the executive of the Alberta Fish and Game Association.*; CARRIED with no opposition

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER EX-2-2017

MEDIA RESPONSES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association develop a standard reply and a procedure for media requests that are out of the ordinary for all future Executives of the organization to follow; WITHDRAWN by the submitter

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION NUMBER EX-3-2017

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BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association Policy Statement 2.5 Commercial Fishing be rescinded and replaced with: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 AFGA 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 incidental catch (non-target species). Further, monitoring and research activities related to fish population should employ strategies and techniques that allow for the live release of fish and incidental species (e.g. amphibians, birds, mammals); WITHDRAWN by the submitter

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-1-2017

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; CARRIED with no opposition

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-2-2017

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 jurisdictions being brought across Alberta borders without a certificate of disinfection; CARRIED, as amended, with approximately 78.1% in favour (~125/35)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-3-2017

LAKE AERATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Canada amend Section 263(3)(a) of the criminal code to better define the as stated requirements (i.e. “adequately guard and warn publics”) for installing lake aeration devices on public waters; CARRIED with approximately 92.5% in favour (~148/12)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-4-2017

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; CARRIED with approximately 95.0% in favour (~152/8)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-5-2017

FISH AND WILDLIFE COMMISSION

BE IT BE RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association actively speak for the formation of a Fish and Wildlife Commission, made up of user groups not affiliated with the government, to set the fish and wildlife regulations for the Province of Alberta; DEFEATED with only 44.0% in favour (59/75)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-6-2017

LEGAL WEAPONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta maintain the practice of legal spear and atlatl hunting in the Province of Alberta; CARRIED with approximately 87.3% in favour (~117/17)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-7-2017

LEGAL FORMS OF HUNTING

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association support all legal forms of hunting outlined in the most current hunting regulations booklet; CARRIED with approximately 98.5% in favour (~132/2)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-8-2017

LEGAL FORMS OF FISHING

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association support all legal forms of fishing outlined in the most current fishing regulations booklet; CARRIED with approximately 98.5% in favour (~132/2)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-9-2017

WAITING PERIOD FOR NEW ALBERTA RESIDENTS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request 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; CARRIED with 60.3% in favour (70/46)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-10-2017

DEFINITION OF ALBERTA RESIDENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta change the definition of “Alberta Resident” within the Wildlife Act to require that an individual must reside within Alberta for a minimum of one year and possess a valid Alberta Health Care card in order to be eligible to participate in “Alberta Resident” hunting draws or to purchase an Alberta Resident Hunting License; DEFEATED with only 41.9% in favour (52/72)

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER G-11-2017

FIREARM NOISE SUPPRESSORS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta allow the use of noise suppressors on hunting rifles and that Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Federal Government remove restriction on Firearms Act prohibiting suppressors from being used for the purpose of hunting; CARRIED, as amended, with 62.7% in favour (84/50)

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-1-2017

UNDERUTILIZED FISH RESOURCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta develop and implement a plan endorsed by the public that increases the consumptive and/or recreational use of Alberta’s underutilized fish resources; CARRIED, as amended, with approximately 99.3% in favour (~133/1)

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-2-2017

PRIVATE FISH FARMS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta develop and implement 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; CARRIED, as amended, with no opposition

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-3-2017

NO NET LOSS OF FISH HABITAT

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

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-4-2017

ALBERTA FISH HABITAT LEGISLATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta develop fish habitat protection and compensation legislation for Alberta; CARRIED with approximately 98.5% in favour (~132/2)

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-5-2017

EXPANSION OF WINTER AERATION FOR HABITAT DEVELOPMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta and the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) increase fish habitat by installing and managing winter aeration of numerous lakes that are at risk of winter fish kills; CARRIED with approximately 97.0% in favour (~130/4)

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-6-2017

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; DEFEATED with 14.9% in favour (20/~114)

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-7-2017

YELLOW PERCH INTRODUCTIONS INTO SUITABLE FISH HABITATS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta increase angling opportunities by introducing/stocking yellow perch into the suitable fish habitat waters such as small ponds, dugouts and borrow pits; CARRIED with approximately 90.3% in favour (~121/13)

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-8-2017

AMENDMENT OF FISHERIES PROGRAM PRIORITIES TO EMPHASIZE FISH HABITAT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Alberta of Government and the Alberta Conservation Association (ACA) revise fish program priorities to emphasize the protection and development of fish habitat; CARRIED with no opposition

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-9-2017

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; CARRIED with approximately 97.8% in favour (~131/3)

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-10-2017

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; CARRIED with no opposition

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-11-2017

RESTORE COMMERCIAL FISHING OPPORTUNITIES IN ALBERTA

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta develop a plan endorsed by the public that restores the consumptive use of Alberta's underutilized fish resources with a modified commercial fishing industry in waters where no conflict with recreational or domestic fishing exists; the Resolution was tabled.

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-12-2017

IMPROVING FISH HABITAT IN WINTERKILL AND SUMMERKILL LAKES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta or the Alberta Conservation Association improve the fish habitat on lakes and ponds that experience winterkill and summerkill mortalities; CARRIED with no opposition

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-13-2017

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; CARRIED with approximately 94.8% in favour (~127/7)

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-14-2017

EARLY DISCLOSURE OF THE NUMBERS OF WALLEYE TAGS AVAILABLE IN WALLEYE LAKES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta disclose the number of Walleye tags available in each lake and each class prior to the beginning of the annual draw application process; CARRIED with no opposition

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-15-2017

WALLEYE SLOT SIZE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta adopt throughout the Province a slot size for walleye of, for example, from 43 cm to 70 cm. All walleye caught in that size slot must be immediately returned to the water from which it came. In addition, and also throughout the Province, all bodies of water that contain walleye should be opened for walleye fishing by rod and reel with a daily limit of two (2) walleye under the slot size and of which one (1) walleye may be over the slot size; DEFEATED with only 5.2% in favour (7/~127)

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-16-2017

LIVE FISH ON STRINGERS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta make it illegal to put live fish on a stringer or chain; CARRIED with 69.0% in favour (89/40)

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-17-2017

YOUTH FISHING REGULATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta compose and include a section in the Alberta Guide to Sportfishing Regulations to outline and clarify the rules and regulations regarding youth fishing; CARRIED with 71.6% in favour (83/33)

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-18-2017

NON-RESIDENT FISHING LICENSE FEES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request the Government of Alberta to adopt a fishing license fee structure for non-residents that is similar to other Canadian provinces in order to increase revenue; CARRIED with approximately 97.8% in favour (~131/3)

FISHERIES RESOLUTION NUMBER F-19-2017

WALLEYE TAG SYSTEM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta change the size limits on the walleye tag system with the following size changes:

- 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 "under 43 cm";

DEFEATED with the vast majority opposed

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-1-2017

BIGHORN SHEEP HARVEST

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that if the Government of Alberta determines that, in addition to action on predator management and habitat enhancement, it is necessary to reduce harvest of mature bighorn rams, that the option of a draw system be used as it is the fairest way to distribute the available harvest when demand exceeds supply of a limited resource; the Resolution was tabled

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-2-2017

OUTFITTER/GUIDE BIGHORN SHEEP ALLOCATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta reduce the number of non-resident trophy bighorn sheep allocations to a maximum of 10% of the allowable harvest; CARRIED with approximately 99.3% in favour (~133/1)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-3-2017

FALL COUGAR SEASON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta add a fall cougar season to all 300 series WMU's; CARRIED with no opposition

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-4-2017

RESIDENT WATERFOWL HUNTING OPPORTUNITIES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta increase resident waterfowl hunting opportunity by restricting the number of days, or the timing of the hunting season, or other means, that an outfitter may operate and in so doing, reduce the conflict and competition for receiving access to hunt on private lands; CARRIED with approximately 93.3% in favour (~125/9)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-5-2017

ELK PARTNER LICENSE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta establish a partner license for elk be established similar to the current partner license system for moose draws; CARRIED with approximately 97.0% in favour (~130/4)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-6-2017

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 downed game in the field; CARRIED with approximately 99.3% in favour (~133/1)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-7-2017

CWD BIG GAME HEAD SUBMISSIONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta introduce a policy for mandatory head submission for any ungulate harvested in a CWD zone by all harvesters; CARRIED, with the brief removed, with no opposition

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-8-2017

UPLAND GAME BIRD SEASONS

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; DEFEATED with only 37.5% in favour (54/90)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-9-2017

PHEASANT SEASONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT if the Government of Alberta will not shorten the game bird season to end November 30 that they limit the pheasant hunting extended season beyond November 30 to release sites only after that date; CARRIED with approximately 77.6% in favour (~104/30)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-10-2017

BIG GAME REGISTRATION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta implement a mandatory big game registration system for all big game. The registration system would apply to all legally licensed Alberta hunters, status Indian hunters and Métis hunters; CARRIED with 65.0% in favour (89/48)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-11-2017

ANTLERED MULE DEER ARCHERY SPECIAL LICENSE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta establish a draw for Antlered Mule Deer Archery special license similar to the one that currently exists for Antelope Archery special license in all WMUs where a bow hunter, currently is required to enter a draw system to hunt antlered mule deer; DEFEATED with only 14.2% in favour (19/~115)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-12-2017

6-POINT ELK

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta introduce a 6-point general elk season to replace the current 3-point regulation in WMUs 302-308, 400 and 402. Remaining as NON-DRAW zones; DEFEATED with only 17.9% in favour (24/~110)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-13-2017

EITHER SEX ELK SEASON

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta introduce a General Elk Either Sex season for all WMU's surrounding CFB Suffield; CARRIED with 59.1% in favour (68/47)

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-14-2017

LANDOWNER SPECIAL TAGS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta change the rules related to all Landowner Special Tags such that they be restricted to Antlerless Only for any given species; CARRIED with 72.4% in favour (89/34)

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION NUMBER E-1-2017

PEATLAND DRAINAGE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta develop and adopt a policy that confirms no peatland drainage will be permitted in Alberta unless adequate compensation (wetland policy) replaces these wetlands; CARRIED with no opposition

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION NUMBER E-2-2017

SEDIMENTATION OF WATERCOURSES - REPORTING TO THE PUBLIC

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request the Government of Alberta develop and adopt a policy that requires sedimentation incidents in public watercourses, lakes and wetlands, be reported publicly to ensure government transparency; CARRIED with no opposition

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOLUTION NUMBER E-3-2017

SEDIMENTATION OF WATERCOURSES - MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta increase the monitoring and enforcement effort on sedimentation incidents that affect public watercourses, lakes and wetlands; CARRIED with no opposition