

## The Alberta Fish & Game Association – Leadership Candidate Questionnaire

- 1. Do you support the continued sale of our public lands? Would you support legislation that severely restricts the sale of any public lands in the future?**

I do not support the continued sale of our public lands. I would support a moratorium on the sale of public land until a full public consultation process can be conducted to determine the proper balance between a sustainable environment and economic development.

- 2. Do you support the elimination of the long gun registry?**

The long gun registry is a federal issue so I will reserve comment on that topic as I am running for the leadership of the Alberta Liberal Party.

- 3. Would you support legislation that would eliminate game farming to better protect wildlife resources and their habitats from diseases such as chronic wasting disease? What action would you take to make the necessary changes?**

Yes I would support legislation that eliminates game farming in Alberta.

- 4. Do you support further restrictions on the use of fresh water by petro-chemical energy as needed to ensure instream flows for natural resources? What action would you take to make the necessary changes?**

Yes I would introduce regulatory and compliance measures to restrict the use of fresh water by the petro-chemical industry in Alberta.

- 5. Do you feel more money should go to the Sustainable Resource Development (SRD) budget or funds be re-assigned to SRD to enhance and improve management of our wildlife and fish resources?**

Yes. Enhancing and improving our wildlife and fish resources should be a priority that is reflected by a budget increase for SRD.

- 6. Do you believe hunting is a necessary tool to manage wildlife populations?**

I believe that there are some cases where hunting is a necessary tool to manage wildlife but any decision made must take into account the delicate balance of the ecosystem in question.

- 7. Should Alberta re-instate the grizzly bear hunting season in areas where populations warrant as there is general agreement that regulated hunting does not have a detrimental effect on overall bear numbers?**

No I do not think Alberta should re-instate the grizzly bear hunting season. We should list the grizzly as a threatened species and suspend the grizzly bear hunt indefinitely.

- 8. In the wake of the Interim Métis Harvesting Agreement and the charges laid against several individuals do you support a provincial agreement that extends Métis hunting and fishing rights?**

Yes I support a provincial agreement that extends Métis hunting and fishing rights.

- 9. Are you aware of current OHV management process, and how do you feel it is succeeding?**

I am aware of Alberta SRD's Off-Highway Vehicle guidelines and I think it is an effective means of communicating to Albertans the damage that can be caused to natural environments by "motorized recreation."

- 10. Recent attempts to draft management plans for Wildland Parks (e.g.: Caribou Mountain) have precluded input from the hunting, trapping and motorized recreation sectors aimed at maintaining reasonable levels of these traditional activities. Do you agree the development of any new protected areas (e.g.: Andy Russell Wildland Park) should be suspended until these issues have been resolved?**

While I respect the need to maintain reasonable levels of recreational activities, I do not think we should suspend the development of new protected areas on that basis alone. We have a responsibility to protect our natural spaces and I would like to review existing legislation to strengthen Alberta's parks and protected areas.