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Pigeon Lake Management Plan AFGA Position Developed by Local Clubs, Zone and Provincial Executive

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Comments:

1. Information Requests

The AFGA would like to see scientific information that substantiates the population status classification for walleye, pike, perch, burbot and lake whitefish. Some people are disagreeing with that which is being presented by the government. The acceptance of this information forms the basis of a plan. Without the clear understanding of the facts, any plan becomes soft.

2. Walleye Recruitment Capability

This is a key factor in determining a fish management plan for walleye. The existing evidence, including historically low walleye population numbers, suggests poor recruitment capability for walleye. Based on this current understanding, the vision for sustainability cannot be supported.

3. Walleye

Cannot keep waiting for natural recruitment studies but continue with studies while allowing some level of walleye harvest.

Liberalized recreational harvest.

Open part of the lake to angling a small limit of any sized walleye (catch and keep).

Supplement walleye population with stocking program.

Closure of west side of lake to all angling.

4. Commercial Fishing

AFGA concurs with some commercial harvest of lake whitefish; however, the harvest of walleye, perch or pike is not to be allowed.

5. Northern Pike

Liberalized recreational harvest.

6. Yellow Perch

Liberalized recreational harvest.

7. Fish Habitat Development

Inject more funding for fish habitat development. Increase priorities for habitat development over regulatory management.

8. Fish Habitat Protection

Rigorously enforce the existing federal Fisheries Act and utilize the no net loss policies of Canada and Alberta.