





2020 CONFERENCE

AFGA Ladies League

- A ladies league is needed to encourage participation
- Program began 5 years ago
- Female focused workshop
- Onaway club has roughly 100 members
- Hosts 10 events a year with groups of 20-30 woman learning to use chainsaws, cross country skiing, snowshoeing, firearms and wilderness survival
- Creates opportunities for woman to learn about various aspects of the outdoors together
- They are looking to open a ladies league in Lethbridge

Hunter Education

- Field positioning .22 shooting, iron and glass sights, non restricted PAL, boaters license, archery, or can shoot out of a tree stand if chosen

Year 2-

- Shoot handguns, develop leadership skills, outdoor skills, flint fuel and knots, building lean-tos,
- Includes a written and practical test before going to the bush for 2 nights
- Must walk 2 kms to a survival site, make a lean-to and start a fire
- Learn whats edible in the forest, sculpture carving, games in the field, shooting challenges

Dr. Brad Stelfox- Focuses on the interface between human land uses and regional landscapes.

- North Raven Project- alberta's hunting, fishing, and outdoor sustainable pathway

ALCES Model- a landscape cumulative effects simulator

- Explores issues between landscapes, land uses, and ecological and economic integrity
- Amount of habitat, Quality of Habitat, Fish and Wild life, Population and Size, Age and Gender
- Amount and type of legal harvest and total mortality.

creating many challenges including loss of wetlands.

- The crops are the largest of all land use in Alberta, Private Lands. Landscape conversion eutrophication of water, we continue to increase crop production, expanding crop land and fertilizers and pesticides are an issue.
- We are logging 10000 hectares a year
- The forest sector is our largest public land use and the footprint of our major economic force.

Oil and Gas sector

- 110000 sq km is the footprint

What is our Future?

Hydrocarbon focus

Renewable energy

- 25% of all of Alberta has been converted into something made by Humans
- 200,000 million metric tons of greenhouse gas and emissions in Alberta
- Climate Change and plant Conversions
- Endangered or threatened species- Swift fox and the Sage Grouse

Managing Populations in Harvest

Human causes mortality

Public sport harvest

Outfitter harvest

Road mortality

Predator control

good shape, many of the better soils have been paved over, their organic integrity compromised

- A significant fraction of Alberta's surface is eutrophic
- In places proximal to where 90 % of where people live, one would not let their children swim in surface water, drink surface water, or eat fish.
- Improving Alberta's SDG performance will include urban design, transportation, demographics, agriculture, livestock, forestry, energy, protected areas, climate change, biodiversity, wildlife, and fish.

We must be champions of healthy aquatic systems.

Wildlife Perspective

- Annual hunting regulations
- Looking for innovation and management for all programs
- Electronic License is good enough- a hard copy is not necessary to carry for anglers.

*there is an app available

- We must be progressive in our practices for hunting, maintaining sustainable game across the province,
- We have 123,000 licensed hunters- currently down 2%

Presenter- Peter Aku- senior scientist and manager of fisheries and aquatic programs of the alberta conservation association. He is a fishery biologist with 28 years experience

- Fish stocking- 64 ponds, 100,000 rainbow trout, brown (8), brook (10)
- They are looking to expand new species after pond evaluation.
- They have screened over 225 ponds adding Grand Prairie, Shell, True North, Taber, Cochrane, and Ft. Lions Pond.
- In the works- chestemere pond, boulder lake, barnwell resivour, demo farm pond.

Inventory Population Assessment

Upper oldman river watershed

Livingston River

Dutch Creek

Hidden Creek

Lower Ram River

Concerns -frequent noxious algae blooms/
ecoli in waters leading to fish kills.

Goal- ACA initiated project to work with
local community groups and landowners in
watersheds.

Plan for 2021

Develop lake ariation

Conduct experimental programs

Stock lake with rainbow trout

Conduct supplemental fall stocking

Bison have the most isolated fur

Cultural reconnection

Project overview-start small, go slow, 5 year pilot project 2017-2022

Remote backcountry of Banff National Park

Bison Hooves hit the ground February 2017

Tuberculouses free, 16 animals total, 10 pregnant young cows and 6 young bulls

20 calves have been born to date

Enhancing Habitat

Bison like to hone in on recent burns, drift fences, two modes

Drift fences are working well.

- They are free roaming by the Ya Ha Tinda Ranch

Presenter- Dave Park- head of fisheries management under the stewardship division of alberta enviroment and parks.

Focus is on improved approach to engagment

Responsive critisisms to online surveys and there designs balancing in person with online oportunties connecting stake holders with staff

14 engagment sessions

1225 participants

783 completed surveys

Focal topic- walleye stocking

Diversified trout stocking

Fish transfers

Harvest slot limits for walleye and pike

- Wildlife conservation and management
- Responsible stewardship of albertas wildlife and wildplaces
- Maintaining a strong relationship with AFGA

Presenter- Natasha Pentyliuk-researcher for prussian carp and serves as an executive fishing chair.

Focus- Potential role in tracking and controlling aquatic invasive species

- Landplants
- Aquatic plants
- Land animals

WHAT CAN BE DONE

Improve resiliency

Reduce population

Presenter- Rod Dyck- inducted into Alberta order of the Big Horn.

Focus- Chronic wasting disease in our deer.

Government calls

Hiring helicopters with sharp shooters

This did not stop the disease.

It Spreads from Animal to Animal Contact- touching noses, saliva, blood Offspring.

Animal to ground to Animal contact- Urine/ Feces

Implications

Mature deer will die off as the disease is effecting younger deer at this time,

In 2018 it was mandatory to submit heads

Where do we go from here?

Get your heads tested

Push the government to allow landfills to accept animal

Communicate and educate the general public

Support Fish And Wildlife To Take More Action.

Presenter- TJ Schwanky- manager of the wildlife trust fund properties

Social Media Protocol for hunters and anglers

- Facebook is 60% of consumers
- Stay off Anti Hunting Pages
- Control your audience

18 different properties protecting and conserving

DREAM BIG

54 properties over 45,000 acres

Turning this into a legacy for generations to come.

Grazing Leases

Fencing

Access management

Livestock management

Invasive species management

Property inspections

Neighbouring landowner relations

Liason with other conservation groups

1.5 million hectares of land for development

9 million government protected areas

11,000 hectares or 80 properties

corporate/government contributions.

- Macchonie property
- Chinook property
- Drake property-new purchase
- Golden ranches
- Birch Coulee Property

Celebrate great habitat and diversity and all the accomplishments

Presenter- Aleksandra Bugajski-habitat stewardship biologist

Wants to continue with the work and survey a variety of wildlife across Canada.

Presenter- Darryl Smith-AFGA fishing chair

Overview report-

Management of coldwater fish species

Native and naturalized trout, arctic grayling,
and mountain whitefish

Landscape level actions

Coolwater- sustainable habitat

Focused action=innovation

5 Priorities-

Sustainable fish population

Habitat protection

Angling opportunities

Distribution of angling pressure

Mule Deer- 1525 of 2500

Elk- 1995 of 3000

Bighorn- 3848 of 15,000

Draw Date is July 30,2020

Visability for this draw can be seen at

Sportsman shows

Clubevents

Cabelas

Website is now updated with monthly
electronic newsletters

**Our Province is home to some of the most
remarkable resources in the world. Care
for our air, land, water and wildlife.**

Darryl Smith - Fishing Chair

First task when starting to pen this report was to look back several years. When reviewing Outdoor Canada West columns and the AFGA AGM Provincial Fish Chair Annual Reports there was a common theme of frustration. Recently hope has emerged that the message delivered related to the need for change in the direction of fisheries management in Alberta has gained a foothold. This message was reinforced through a wide group of stakeholders such as the Next Step Team, Retired Provincial Fisheries Biologists, the AFGA and anglers. Under the leadership of the United Conservative Party Government that took over from the New Democratic Party last April, a different path forward appears on the horizon. We would be remiss however to not acknowledge that the former New Democratic Party Government did recognize that the concerns of the angling public needed to be addressed in the later half of their mandate.

To put all this into perspective, one must go back to August of 2016. Then AFGA President, Wayne Lowry sent a letter to the Premier Rachel Notley "*calling on the government to set up an external, independent, multi-disciplinary panel made up of experts and angling stakeholders from outside of Alberta to evaluate whether the current direction of fishery management in Alberta is meeting its societal, economic and environmental responsibilities*". Fast forward to the fall of 2017. Concerns from anglers rolled in after attending public information sessions related to the *Northern Pike and Walleye Management Frameworks* and the *North Central Native Trout Recovery Plan*. Those attending left with the viewpoint that managers had no intention of addressing the angling community's concerns or making changes to the plans or frameworks. "*What was the point in attending? This was marketing masking as consultation. The decisions have all been made!*" This resulted in a second letter by then AFGA President Doug Butler to the Honorable Shannon Phillips that asked, "*the Government of Alberta to put on hold planned changes to angling regulations for 2018 related to these plans*".

This led to a meeting with Deputy Minister Andre Corbould and members of the AFGA Executive. What occurred behind the scene after this meeting is unknown, but the result was the Honorable Shannon Phillips making a surprise appearance at the AFGA 2018 AGM. She addressed the delegates committing to put on hold the angling closures along the Eastern Slopes that were part of the *North Central Native Trout Recovery Program* until there was further review of the science, assessment of habitat issues, capital costs for restoration determined, involvement of conservation organizations in habitat restoration, angling and environmental awareness education, citizen science and reporting tools developed including a meaningful collaborative engagement, process between the Government of Alberta and angling community established at a local, regional and provincial level. Disappointing however, was while there would be further engagement on the *Northern Pike and Walleye Management Frameworks*, the regulatory changes recommended by the fisheries managers would go ahead.

In May of 2018 the Fisheries Stakeholder Advisory Committee met for the first time. While a range of topics were broached, the focus was on the Minister's commitment for an "*independent third party review*". A Third Party Scientific Review of Alberta Environment and Parks's North Central Native Trout Recovery Program was completed in October of 2018 by Dominique G. Roche, Joseph R. Bennett, Eduardo Martins and Steven J. Cooke. The completed report was "*embargoed*" within the Government of Alberta and not shared with the Fisheries Stakeholder Advisory Committee until March of 2019. It continued to be embargoed within the Government of Alberta until it was released publicly in August of 2019. Why did a public report take so long to be released? The findings of the report identified both strengths and weaknesses in the North Central Native Trout Recovery Plan. The communication and consultation processes were flawed. My belief is that this report and subsequent meetings with stakeholders by the new Minister of Environment and Parks, the Honorable Jason Nixon and the UCP Caucus Committee looking at fisheries management led to a major rethinking of both the structure of the ministry and direction.

As I write this article on New Years Day, what we know is there is major restructuring occurring within Alberta Environment and Parks. Fish and Wildlife Policy Division, including what have become largely autonomous components, Operations, Regions and Sections (biologists) will be aligned under a Resource Stewardship Group.

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Apparently, this will result in a more traditional leadership model with a provincial headquarters aimed at uniform direction and delivery of programs across the province. What structurally this will look like and how communication will flow is unknown. Would expect that in coming months will start to hear from Minister Nixon and Alberta Environment and Parks formally related to this new structure and change in direction.

The Minister is committed to meaningful consultations with the angling community. Just before Christmas, dates for Open Houses across the province were announced for January to discuss fisheries management with staff of Alberta Environment and Park. The goal stated on Talk AEP is that the "*Alberta government would like your perspectives about fisheries and their management, with a particular focus on increasing recreational fishing opportunities across the province. Feedback from Albertans will be reflected in the 2020 Alberta Sportfishing Regulations, which come into effect on April 1st. This feedback will also be considered as part of an updated fisheries management plan*". Holding my breath that these engagement sessions will be undertaken in the spirit of meaningful consultation. The backroom talk in the angling community is skeptical as they have heard this before. As these discussions will be occurring prior to the AFGA AGM from Feb 20 to 22 in Sherwood Park, would expect that will be hearing both from the Government of Alberta and anglers whether a paradigm shift is underway.

Fisheries management did not take a pause during 2019. Disappointing was the Government of Alberta continued to implement the Northern Pike and Walleye Management Frameworks. Less than 600 anglers participated in the online consultations which is further evidence of a failed system. While a few new angling opportunities did occur, the overall direction was more restrictive angling regulations with additional zero limits being implemented. There was a commitment by Alberta Environment and Parks that an independent third party review of the frameworks and supporting science would take place. Planning for this review was well underway within the Fisheries Stakeholder Advisory Committee when it last met in March of 2019. With the first review having identified serious issues, why a critical rethink of direction at the time did not occur is disappointing. While it appears that this second review will not take place, a mechanism to address many outstanding issues must be found. At a minimum the appropriate use of the Fish Sustainability Index including benchmarks, Fall Index Netting and the regulatory and consultation options within the frameworks must be on the table.

Species at Risk is an increasing file within the Province of Alberta. Just prior to the Federal election, Bull Trout were added to the Species at Risk Act Registry as *Threatened* in the Saskatchewan-Nelson populations and *Special Concern* in Western Arctic populations. Rainbow Trout in the Athabasca River populations were listed as *Endangered*. With the already *Threatened* listing of Westslope Cutthroat Trout in the Saskatchewan-Nelson populations the issue is now acute across a wide geographic band of the province commonly referred to as the East Slopes. Listing as either threatened or endangered brings prohibitions under the Act into play. Angling (including catch and release) is a prohibition. The provincial government is in discussion with the federal government to ensure catch and release angling can continue.

The final draft of the Bull Trout Recovery Plan for Alberta was distributed to the advisory committee for final comments in November 2019. It is anticipated the plan will be available early in the New Year for public comment. One outcome appears to be an integration of management and recovery actions that will cover all native trout in Alberta (Westslope Cutthroat Trout, Rainbow Trout, Bull Trout). Hoping this will evolve to include all naturalized and native species that require similar cold water habitat.

Stopping the spread of aquatic invasive species continues as a major focus within the Government of Alberta. A new aquatic invasive species was discovered, the Chinese mystery snail in Travers Reservoir. Working locally with municipalities, education and the **Clean Drain Dry** message is critical. While whirling disease is not classified as an aquatic invasive species the same message is the best approach to stop further spread in the province. A major finding is that the Lower Crowsnest River appears to be a whirling disease hotspot with high levels of infection. Both sentinel juvenile fish (caged) and wild fish were observed displaying the classic signs or necropsy determined

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infection. On the positive front, whirling disease detection studies have not come up with any positives in the Athabasca and Peace River watersheds. The province wants to see the Canadian Food Inspection Agency change the designation of these watersheds from buffer to disease free.

While no official announcement has been made, it appears that a Walleye stocking program for southern Alberta reservoirs is high on the agenda of Minister Nixon. Involving anglers and biologists in monitoring programs appears to be in the cards as well. Regulatory options such as harvest slot size limits and innovative ways of using tags appear to be under discussion. For trout anglers there is more good news as the provincial hatchery system is ramping up after major renovations are completed at Sam Livingstone Fish Hatchery. A number of ponds and reservoirs saw the curtailment of stocking due to whirling disease infected fish being placed in them. Recent testing has shown that the life cycle for whirling disease has not established in many of these locations which opens up the probability that stocking will resume in 2020.

On the home front, the AFGA is the official record keeper for game birds, fish and big game in the province. The April AFGA 2019 Wildlife Awards Dinner was the first year that recognition for fish was by length only. To strengthen the program, all game fish recognized by the province have been added to the list and are now eligible for awards. Please go to <https://www.afga.org/wildlife-awards/> to obtain the current fish score sheets.

There is often a question of the impact of AFGA on the direction of fisheries management in Alberta. Starting to see uptake in concepts, concerns and ideas espoused in resolutions, policy, position statements, and the AFGA document, *Redefining Fisheries Management in Alberta: Call for change from the Alberta Fish and Game Association* enter the conversation when engaging the division.

The reality is that fisheries in Alberta like elsewhere in North America are subject to risk. While risk is a factor that managers need to consider, it alone should not be the driver of decisions that need to balance environmental, social and economic variables. Going forward, plans must be able to demonstrate that the following attributes can occur in concert. At the end of the day the outcomes must be:

- Sustainable fish populations
- Habitat protection
- Angling opportunity
- Distribution of angling pressure
- Understandable angling regulations including objectives

Want to thank the Alberta Fish and Game Association Staff, Executive, Life Members, Zone Fish Chairs, Club Fish Chairs, members, the broader angling community, plus those responsible for managing the resource for your support and hard work over the last year. We are more together than apart. Time to look at the big picture together where wants or reality may not always be aligned. Go out and enjoy the diversity of opportunities our fish and wildlife resources afford us in Alberta!



Jim Clarke - Hunting Chair

2019 has overall been a year of waiting. We had to wait for the Provincial election to be completed and then a period of adjustment time for the new government to get up to speed on current initiatives. Since then, we have also had to wait until just recently for the re-organizing of the current government. I am happy to say that things are finally getting back to regular with several meetings taking place just recently

We have had AGPAC meetings in August and another one just on December 5. Things are progressing but AEP is now in the process of having to finish up policies, management plans and the hunting regulation package as it is up for renewal in summer of 2020. It will be a busy year for them and I'm sure much of it will be run through the AGPAC committee for general acceptance or rejection of issues. A lot of the issues I have reported on earlier are still in the process of going through now that we have a "receptive" government. It was interesting to receive direction for our August meeting that each of the members of AGPAC we assigned to bring some ideas "to make hunting better in Alberta in the next 2 years" as the Minister had requested this! That is fantastic as we had never been tasked with this before. Over 40 proposals were discussed, so we'll see how some of them progress over time.

I was able to attend a Wildlife Symposium in BC on behalf of the AFGA in April of 2019. It was an interesting approach with over 300 in attendance and they also had invited politicians to listen to their issues which many mirror ours. The biggest issue they have currently is very high predator populations in the Kootenay region and they did a great job having invited guest speakers to discuss the topic and presentations that the politicians listened too. It will be interesting to see if they affect change through this method. I know they are currently pushing for a 2 year ban on Whitetail doe hunting to bolster the low populations. This symposium approach may be something we need to do in Alberta!

We have had several meetings with the entire AFGA executive in April, September and again on December 7. Many items and issues have been dealt with and it has been a year of transition for the Senior Executive as well, being busy with the staffing of the AFGA office but Definda has been fantastic to work with so far!

I was able to attend Zone meetings in the spring and fall - finally making it up to zone 5 as I had promised! All the meetings were great and lots of information had been shared there. For the ones I was not able to attend, I had passed on reports for the Hunting chairs or AFGA Executive to present on my behalf.

We, the Executive; have had a couple of one on one meetings with AEP and representative staff and I feel those meetings are great to bring current issues that we have to their attention while being informed of initiatives that they are working on at the same time. Everything is more "current" doing this rather than waiting for meetings at other venues. The most recent one was on December 6th, that same evening, Travis Ripley attended our AFGA Provincial Hunt meeting with many of the Zone hunting chairs or their designates attending as well. Travis took a different approach on this meeting and instead of informing us "what they were going to do"; he asked us what we were seeing and hearing out on the Alberta landscape. It really reflects the change we have seen with the new Minister as he wants AEP to work with the AFGA.

Overall, with a new outdoor friendly Minister; it's interesting times for all of us for sure and a new sense of cooperation and a renewal of combined efforts to effect change for the betterment of Alberta is in place. That can only mean things will progress and get better for all of us!

Victor Benz - Environment Chair

This has been a very active year with numerous issues crossing my desk.

The April Alberta election and subsequent government change put an end to the plans for the development of the Bighorn Provincial Park.

At the end of April, I attended the appeal of a gravel pit and lake adjacent to the Freeman River before the Alberta Environmental Appeals Board. In the end, the appellant was unsuccessful in having the Water Act Approval overturned, but several additional requirements were placed on the approval holder. The primary learning from this situation is that the later you are in a process to take action, the less likely you are to be successful.

In June, on behalf of the AFGA, I submitted a request to the Alberta Invasive Species Council (AISC) for the development of a fact sheet dealing with Feral Horses in our Eastern Slopes country. Most western states in the US and even Australia have fact sheets documenting the negative environmental impact of feral horses. To date, no AISC fact sheet has been forthcoming.

In September, the Alberta government announced its caribou recovery plan. A following announcement in November listed the newly-appointed members of the three regional task forces for this project. The AFGA was not asked to participate, a serious oversight.

In November, a Cardinal River Operations Annual Trails Meeting was called for the end of that month. A second meeting was also scheduled for mid-December. The topic here is complicated further with an announcement that Cardinal River will cease operations by mid-2020. To date, only 43% of the disturbed mining lease land has been rehabilitated, and an even smaller percentage has been accepted by Alberta Environment and Parks as rehabilitated. An important question is how this land will be returned to public ownership. Over the two decades of mine operation, public access has been severely restricted. The Rocky Mountain Sheep herd has become the dominant brood herd for most of that area however, the combination of restricted access and mine operation has resulted in a semi-domesticated herd.

A major issue arose at the end of November, with the Border Paving pre-application Open House for wet-gravel extraction immediately adjacent to the headwater springs of the North Raven River. The overwhelming majority of the 150 attendees opposed the proposed development, presenting a long list of concerns and questions which Border Paving and their consultants sought to minimize. Facts and figures were lacking in most of the discussion. A group began work pulling together a document that detailed our position and proposed increased protection for the area. A key objective of our detailed report was to collect historical, economic, and hydrogeological data that supported our perspective on the North Raven River watershed as an ecologically unique and environmentally sensitive area deserving of enhanced protection. We propose the following:

- Create a 1.8 km buffer zone surrounding the headwater springs of the North Raven River & Clear Creek
- Grandfather existing agricultural & commercial operations at currently approved intensity.
- Severely restrict new development
- Commission a study to identify, inventory and assess all springs and major groundwater discharge areas feeding Clear Creek and North Raven River above Secondary Highway 761. These additional springs, once identified, would then be included in the buffer zone.

I look forward to the coming year.

Tabled Resolutions

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION NUMBER W-5-2018

Drafted by Medicine Hat Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone1
LANDOWNER SPECIAL LICENSES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association put forward a request to the Government of Alberta that all land owner special licenses be restricted to antlerless (females) only for any given species in order to allow consistent treatment with all species while providing better control of problematic herd numbers and helping to open land access for respectful hunters.

BRIEF: In 1991, the landowner mule deer special license was created for landowners that were denied on their first-choice draw application in a specific wildlife management area (WMU). It was initially designed to benefit the landowner by reducing depredation of feed stocks and over population of ungulate species. The policy and procedures allow any given landowner with 160 acres or more of deeded land the chance of obtaining a mule buck license every year. The property owner simply must show proof of title or a property tax notice to support the ownership requirement.

Currently in Alberta we have observed many landowners who create companies for income tax benefits. This allows different family members who are shareholders (father, mother, grandpa, grandma, son, daughter etc.) to apply to obtain multiple special landowner mule deer tags within a WMU. On paper, the landowner special license is to be used for land designated on the license, but far more than not is used for all the land the landowner has, including lease land, which is common in the southern part of the province. Furthermore, landowners with landowner special licenses have, in some cases, been known to abuse the licenses by hunting off their own land base and with the lack of officer presence goes undetected for the most part.

The harvest of antlerless animals would be a more common-sense practice to the herd management approach as designed in the elk special license landowner draw. Lastly, by giving the landowner antlered mule deer special licenses each year, it restricts access as opposed to more open access as landowners, in some cases, are denying permission to access in order to harvest trophy class mule deer themselves.

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

withdrawn

Tabled Resolutions

GENERAL RESOLUTION G-1-2019

Drafted by Rocky Mountain House Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 3

OHV AND SADDLE PERMIT ON PUBLIC LANDS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta create a yearly OHV and saddle permit for the use of OHV and horses on Public Lands.

BRIEF: The fee would be directed to the Alberta Conservation Association. Permits would be purchased online and be effective for a calendar year (January 1-December 31). Fee to be per unit, per year and not required for private land or public road right of ways outside of green areas. Proceeds from the sale of permits would be distributed by Alberta Conservation Association for the maintenance and building of trails, bridges and enforcement.

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

withdrawn

Extraordinary Resolutions

(As per Operations Manual 1.2.2., the following Extraordinary Resolutions require a 2/3 majority vote (66.6%))

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION 2020-EX-1

POSITION TITLE CHANGE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association: Operations Manual, Personnel Manual and any other documentation including all policies, positions, and appendices be updated as per the following. Everywhere the title "Executive Vice President" is listed, that it be changed to "Executive Director".

BRIEF: The position of "Executive Vice President" has been dissolved and replaced with a new position having the title of "Executive Director"

Passed: _____ ✓ _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:



Extraordinary Resolutions

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION 2020-EX-2

Drafted by AFGA Executive; Submitted by AFGA Executive

AFFILIATION DATE CHANGE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association Operations Manual, under appendix 1, titled "AFGA bylaws", and specifically under section 6, titled "Meetings", and more specifically under point 6.6, be amended by changing the date listed as January 31, to read February 15.

BRIEF: The present by-law is listed as follows:

"6.6: All affiliated organizations in good standing, having paid minimum affiliation of 20 members for the current year by January 31, shall be entitled to representation and voting privileges at the annual conference or at any Special General Meeting of the Association as follows:

In approximately September each year, clubs are given the number of voting delegates they are entitled to send to the following year's AGM. This number is decided by the number of members they have affiliated. The stipulation to this is, as per the bylaw, that the club be affiliated by Jan 31, the following year."

Some clubs fail to have the affiliation met by this time, thus making their delegates ineligible to vote. Changing this date to February 15, will give clubs more time to get the proper affiliation completed. Also, by February 1, AFGA usually has the list of registered delegates, and will be able to send notice to the clubs that still must affiliate to make the delegates eligible.

Note: an affiliated club is one that has a minimum of 20 affiliated members.

Passed: _____ ✓ _____ Defeated: _____

Amended: _____

Extraordinary Resolutions

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION 2020-EX-3

Drafted by AFGA Executive; Submitted by AFGA Executive

AFGA OHV POLICY UPDATE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association (AFGA) Operations Manual, Appendix 2, Policy Statements of the Alberta Fish and Game Association, Revision: February 26, 2005, Section 6.7 **Off-Road Highway Vehicles**, Page 8 and 9; be updated per the attached draft policy:

6.7 Off Highway Vehicles (OHV)

6.7.1 The AFGA believes in public access to public lands, and that all OHV access to public lands should be achieved in a non-destructive, environmentally responsible manner.

6.7.1.1 The AFGA is opposed to unsustainable destructive use of publicly accessible land and of fish and wildlife habitat by any means.

6.7.1.2 The AFGA recognizes that unrestricted OHV access may not be compatible with limited areas such as those identified in land use plans, small parcels, and some sensitive terrain.

6.7.1.3 The AFGA supports the use of designated OHV routes.

The AFGA favours the concept of partial rather than complete reclamation of obsolete industrial roads, utilizing existing infrastructure such as bridges and culverts for designated OHV routes. Done concurrent with eliminating OHV traffic from nearby sensitive terrain, this would provide net environmental and recreational benefits greater than complete reclamation of such infrastructure.

6.7.1.4 The AFGA is in favour of all revenues collected by the licensing of OHVs being directed to the development of hardened designated OHV routes and the enforcement of existing OHV use regulations that protect habitat.

6.7.2 The AFGA supports the use of OHVs for back country access, including retrieval of harvested big game, and stresses that an OHV operator must avoid damaging the environment when using an OHV.

6.7.3 The Alberta Fish & Game Association stresses that an OHV operator must consider the enjoyment, comfort and safety of others when using an OHV and will operate the OHV in such a manner as to minimize disturbance to fish, wildlife and other users.

6.7.4 The AFGA supports the provision of special OHV and Weapons permits and licences to hunters who have serious disabilities.

BRIEF: OHV Definition - TRAFFIC SAFETY ACT 117(a): "Off highway vehicle" means any motorized mode of transportation built for cross country travel on land, water, snow, ice or marsh or swamp land or on other natural terrain and, without limiting the generality of the foregoing, includes, when specifically designed for such travel, a) 4-wheel drive vehicles, b) low pressure tire vehicles, c) motorcycles and related 2-wheel vehicles, d) amphibious vehicles, e) all-terrain vehicles, f) miniature motor vehicles, g) snow vehicles, h) minibikes and, i) any other means of transportation that is propelled by any power other than muscular or wind (but does not include motor boats).

Extraordinary Resolutions

The current wording of 6.7.1 has led some individuals and groups to erroneously conclude that the AFGA supports irresponsible use of OHVs. Given the proliferation of OHVs since the last revision of this policy, and ongoing conflict over OHV use, our policy needs to be updated to clarify that AFGA supports responsible OHV use. As a conservation organization, we need to acknowledge and accept that there are circumstances where the use of an off-road vehicle is not appropriate due to potential environmental and habitat damage. Examples may include but are not limited to small parcels such as our own Wildlife Trust Fund properties, sensitive alpine terrain, wetlands, watercourses, and cutting of new trails.

The change to 6.7.4 acknowledges legislation already in place.

The *existing* wording in our AFGA Operations Manual, Appendix 2, Policy Statements of the Alberta Fish and Game Association, Revision: February 26, 2005, Section 6.7, follows *in italics*:
6.7 Off-Road Highway Vehicles

6.7.1 *The Alberta Fish & Game Association believes a person should be allowed to use an Off-Road Highway Vehicle (OHV) at any time to retrieve a killed big game animal by the most direct route possible and be allowed to bring an encased or broken-down firearm and/or bow and arrows with him/her for that purpose. Exceptions would be in certain areas identified in access management plans.*

6.7.2 *The Alberta Fish & Game Association encourages that an Off-Road Highway Vehicle (OHV) operator will make considerations of the environment when using an OHV so as to minimize any possible damage or to avoid damaging the environment if at all possible.*

6.7.3 *The Alberta Fish & Game Association encourages an Off-Road Highway Vehicle (OHV) operator will consider the wishes, comfort and safety of others when using an OHV and will not operate the OHV in such a manner as to offend anyone in a purposeful manner.*

6.7.4 *The Alberta Fish & Game Association (AFGA) recommends that the Government experiment with the provision of special permits to physically disabled individuals that would allow those individuals to hunt and use their firearms and/or bows and arrows.*

Passed: _____ ✓ _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

Extraordinary Resolutions

EXTRAORDINARY RESOLUTION 2020-EX-4

Drafted by Barrhead Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 4

AGM ELECTRONIC VOTING

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association amend section 5.1.7 (i) of the Operations Manual as follows to allow for the use of electronic voting devices at the AGM.

PROCEDURE: The Chair will call for a vote on the resolution. Only registered delegates may vote and must submit their votes at that time. Votes in support of the resolution will be counted first, and then votes in opposition will be counted.

BRIEF: Current wording of Section 5.1.7 (i) is: *The Chair will call for a vote on the resolution. Only registered delegates may vote and **must display their voting cards to do so.** Votes in support of the resolution will be counted first, and then votes in opposition will be counted.*

Allowing the use of electronic voting systems at the AGMs will help speed up the process and will also create an anonymous voting structure which will eliminate the pressure felt by delegates to vote along with their peers. It will also immediately tabulate the number of delegates in favour and opposed to a particular vote and calculate the percentage of those voting in favor.

Passed: _____ ✓ _____ Defeated: _____

Amended: _____

Rescinding Resolution

(A 2/3 majority vote (66.6%) is required to rescind an AFGA position per Carried Resolution EX-2-2019)

RESCINDING RESOLUTION 2020-RR-1

Drafted by Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

RESCIND AFGA CROSSBOW POSITION

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association rescind their position on including crossbows in the existing archery seasons.

BRIEF: With the advancement in the technology in crossbows now resembling more of a high-power rifle with scope and reduced size, and bolt speeds reaching over 470 feet per second with advertised three-inch groups at one hundred yards, these are not primitive weapons. The 15% cap put on harvest taken by bow hunters will be reached at an advanced rate adding the approximately 22,000 bowhunters into the draw system. This will increase the wait times for all hunters in the province, bow hunters or not.

NOTE: This is currently Position #7 under Hunting / Management / Methods

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Amended: _____



General Resolutions

GENERAL RESOLUTION 2020-G-1

Drafted by Medicine Hat Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 1

FIREARMS DISCHARGE PERMIT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta never again condone the withholding of Firearms Discharge Permits on legal hunting days.

BRIEF: As an example, Cypress Hills Provincial Park withheld Firearms Discharge Permits on Mondays and Saturdays during an Either Sex Elk Management Hunt in WMU 624 in the 2018/2019 hunting season, where hunters were legally authorized to hunt under Sec 46 of the Provincial Parks General Regulation.

Passed: _____ ✓ _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

GENERAL RESOLUTION 2020-G-2

Drafted by Red Deer Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 3

AFGA GUN RANGE COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association develop a Gun Range committee to act as a single voice for the respective Club ranges across Alberta.

BRIEF: With negative pressure on ranges across Alberta, it is imperative that the Alberta Fish and Game Association present a unified voice for the province's gun ranges, and champion responsible firearms safety.

Passed: _____ ✓ _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

General Resolutions

GENERAL RESOLUTION 2020-G-3

Drafted by Red Deer Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 3

AFGA SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association, with high priority, develop a social media committee to convey the value of fish and game activities for men, women and children in Alberta.

BRIEF: With the continued and growing influence of social media it is imperative that the Alberta Fish and Game Association develop a committee to voice the benefits and value of the Alberta Fish and Game Association to Albertans. Various fringe factions across social media platforms present opinions that threaten the values of Alberta Fish and Game members across Alberta.

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Amended: _____

General Resolutions

GENERAL RESOLUTION 2020-G-4

Drafted by Rocky Mountain House Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 3

FERAL HORSE CONTROL

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta greatly reduce and control the population of feral horses in Alberta

BRIEF: As feral horses are a non-native, invasive species that displace native ungulates and have a severe negative impact on native grasses that evolved in the absence of ungulates having upper incisors which are grazed to extirpation in areas where feral horses are present year-round, effective action to reduce the negative impact feral horses have on the flora and fauna of Alberta's foothill and mountain ecosystems is essential.

The Government of Alberta response to the submittal of this resolution last year was: "*Under Consideration. Since 2014 the department has been developing long term management strategies that ensure the continued presence of feral horses on the landscape while mediating their impact on wildlife habitat, livestock grazing and public safety. The objectives of the long-term management strategies are based on input from the Feral Horse Advisory Committee, of which THE ALBERTA FISH AND GAME ASSOCIATION is a member*".

If the Feral Horse Advisory Committee has convened since June of 2014, The Alberta Fish and Game Association representatives were not informed, and we are not informed of any plans for effective control measures. Given the ever upward trend of feral horse populations, documented by annual minimum counts conducted by the Government of Alberta, it is obvious that experiments with contraception have not led to population reduction, and adoption programs do not have the capacity to control the populations. In the Sundre Equine Zone alone, populations have increased from a **minimum** count of 980 in 2013 to 1679 in 2019. Combined sightings of whitetail deer, mule deer, moose and elk during these aerial surveys are significantly lower than the number of feral horses sighted, which is undesirable from the perspectives of biodiversity, wild harvest, and the esthetics of Alberta in a more natural state.

For further information see:

<https://www.alberta.ca/feral-horse-counts.aspx>

<https://www.alberta.ca/feral-horse-management-overview.aspx#toc-1>

Passed: _____ ✓ _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

General Resolutions

GENERAL RESOLUTION 2020-G-5

Drafted by Lamont and District Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

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.

BRIEF: Double-crested cormorants have a major impact on fish availability in many Alberta lakes. The large number of cormorants reduce the amount of fish available to anglers as they consume up to two pounds of fish daily. Cormorant numbers are significant on many Alberta lakes and could be reduced. A 10-year cormorant control program in Lac La Biche reduced the population from over 16,000 to 2,500. Similar programs should be developed in other areas. As well, Wildlife Damage Permits have been issued but could be used more extensively to reduce the cormorant numbers. Cormorant control efforts are occurring in other provinces and northern states and in so doing allowing more fish for human consumers.

Passed: _____ _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:



Buffalo Lake Moraine Conservation Property

General Resolutions

GENERAL RESOLUTION 2020-G-6

Drafted by Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

SPORT RIFLE CLASSIFICATION CHANGE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that Government of Canada and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police change the classification of modern sporting rifles such as the AR-15 rifle and its variants from restricted to non-restricted.

BRIEF: AR-15 rifles and their variants are widely used in other countries for hunting small game, predators, and big game depending on their specific calibres. They are favored for hunting amongst women, children, and smaller statured shooters because of their lightweight construction. The modular nature of the rifle platform also is an attractant for hunters and sports shooters as it is easy to change the configuration depending on what type of hunting is being undertaken such as using a scope for long range coyote or gopher hunting easily swapped to open sights or a red dot sight for close range rabbit hunting in the bush or changing the barrel and calibre from a .223 REM for coyotes to a .30 calibre round for most North American big game.

Passed: _____



Defeated: _____

Amended:

Environment Resolutions

ENVIRONMENT RESOLUTION 2020- ENV-1

Drafted by Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

BANNING NEONICOTINOIDS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Federal Government institute an immediate suspension of the use neonicotinoids, thiamethoxam, clothianidin, and imidacloprid in Canada.

BRIEF: Neonicotinoids are a group of pesticides widely used in agriculture for crop protection, flea control on pets, protecting trees from invasive insects, and insect eradication in homes. The three neonicotinoids currently approved for agricultural use in Canada are thiamethoxam, clothianidin, and imidacloprid. Use of these compounds have been demonstrated to be involved in the reduction of populations of honeybee and other pollinators, as well as building up in aquatic invertebrates such as mayflies and midges, which are important food sources for birds, bats, and fish. Re-evaluation of the impacts of these agents is underway in Canada, and Canada is not alone in doing so. The European Food Safety Authority released a risk assessment in February 2018 recommending the banning of all outdoor use of these compounds. European member states endorsed this recommendation in April 2018.

Passed: __________ Defeated: _____

Amended:

Wildlife Resolutions

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION 2020-W-1

Drafted by Medicine Hat Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 1

AERIAL SURVEYS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta continue with aerial censuses on big game species.

BRIEF: With mandatory hunter harvest surveys a reality, there needs to be a safety check in place to ensure wildlife managers do not correlate low hunter harvest with low population and eliminate or drastically change season formats based on hunter harvest data alone.

Passed: ✓ Defeated: _____
 unanimous

Amended:

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION 2020-W-2

Drafted by Calgary Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 2

PHEASANT SEASON RESTRICTIONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that if the Government of Alberta will not shorten the game bird season to end November 30th that they limit the pheasant hunting extended season beyond November 30th to release sites only (after that date).

BRIEF: The extended bird hunting season places stress on bird populations and therefore, has a negative impact on conservation efforts conducted throughout the province. Over-harvesting and stress from the cold can cause high mortality and the extended hunting season also diminishes the effectiveness of bird release programs funded and managed by fish and game clubs like the Calgary Fish and Game Association. The extended season also creates greater stress on landowners.

Passed: ✓ Defeated: _____

Amended:

Wildlife Resolutions

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION 2020-W-3

Drafted by Drumheller Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 2

NON-RESIDENT/NON-RESIDENT ALIEN TAGS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association request that the Government of Alberta limit the number of tags available for each big game species that are on a draw for Alberta residents to non-resident and non-resident alien hunters that are hunting in Alberta, to two (2) tags per species per lifetime.

BRIEF: There are hundreds of hunters that are not Alberta residents that hunt big game animals here every year; many of them year after year. According to the Alberta Professional Outfitters Society's (APOS) current website "today our industry welcomes nearly 10,000 clients a year to rural Alberta". It also states, with regard to a study they commissioned, that "in 2013 outfitted hunting in Alberta was estimated to serve 8425 clients of which 7255 clients were hunting clients"... 81% from the US, 4% from outside Canada and 4% from the rest of Canada" which makes 6,457 non-Albertans that hunted here in 2013.

The Ameri-Cana Expeditions Inc website states "Come up and hunt with us. I am sure you will, as past hunters have done, return with other friends and family year after year." The Big Knife Outfitters website out of Donalda and guiding in WMUs 204, 206, 226 and 230 recently had a photo of a hunter with a big mule deer buck and a caption that read "Jack Martin was back for the 4th year in a row and made a great shot on this heavy old mule deer".

All this, while Alberta hunters are forced to wait up to 12 years just to get drawn for a tag for species like antelope, so they too can hunt them in the province where they live.

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

Wildlife Resolutions

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION 2020-W-4

Drafted by Drumheller Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 2

IDENTIFICATION OF OUTFITTERS AND GUIDES VEHICLES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish & Game Association request that the Government of Alberta require that outfitter's and guide's vehicles, while being used for outfitting or guiding purposes, must have signs on the outside of both sides of their vehicles clearly identifying the vehicle with the outfitting name in bold easily readable letters.

BRIEF: There are many good outfitters in Alberta that follow the rules but there are also some that do not. Some fail to ask for permission and others do not identify themselves as guiding hunters when they ask for permission. Having the outfitting name clearly visible on their vehicles would help landowners to know who and what they are dealing with.

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION 2020-W-5

Drafted by Lacombe Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 3

MUZZLE LOADER SEASON IN CWD ZONES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta re-instate or implement a two-week muzzle loader season in all CWD zones where the season previously existed, and in all current CWD Zones, during the archery only season in October.

BRIEF: This would create another muzzle loader hunting opportunity other than the camp Wainwright season for deer. This would help to control deer numbers in the CWD zones to slow spread of the disease.

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

open for all primitive weapons
crossbows

Wildlife Resolutions

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION 2020-W-6

Drafted by Rocky Mountain House Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 3

ELIMINATION OF NON-DRAW ARCHERY ONLY SEASONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta eliminate non-draw general archery seasons in WMUs that require a Special Licence (draw) to hunt with a rifle in a general season

BRIEF: We believe that to keep things fair, archery hunters should be required to draw the same Special Licence that general season rifle hunters have to. With the Special Licence, you can still hunt either archery or rifle in the appropriate season. Also, with the way seasons are set up at the moment, you can buy a general tag and archery permit and hunt a specific WMU every year, yet rifle hunters can wait multiple years to draw a tag in the same WMU that archers are hunting in every year.

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____ ✓

Amended:

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION 2020-W-7

Drafted by Lamont and District Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

EITHER SEX ELK DRAW

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta start utilizing the "Either Sex" draw code for elk in Prairie and Parkland WMUs where population control is required.

BRIEF: When the "Either Sex" draw code was established several years ago, it was disclosed that this would be done. However, hunters still have to choose between Antlered and Antlerless draw codes when a successful and enjoyable hunt could be better attained with the "Either Sex" draw code. Harvest requirements are not being met with the current format. Note: This could be used in conjunction with both antlerless and antlered permits.

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Amended: *Withdrawn*

Wildlife Resolutions

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION 2020-W-8

Drafted by Sherwood Park Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

CWD HUNTER ASSISTANCE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request the Government of Alberta apply a ten-dollar surcharge to all mule deer tags across the province to assist in the testing and control of CWD.

BRIEF: Last year the Government of Alberta had to test almost 8,000 heads for CWD. Results in some cases were not available for almost 4 months. This surcharge can be used to assist in the CWD program and can be used for extra lab time or in the research of CWD.

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:



Wildlife Resolutions

WILDLIFE RESOLUTION 2020-W-9

Drafted by Edmonton Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

HUNTING DOGS IN PROVINCIAL PARKS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request the Alberta Government to amend the Provincial Parks General Regulations Act Section 15 (Animal Control) to allow the use of dogs off leash for the flushing and retrieval of game birds, upland or migratory, and hunting of cougar.

BRIEF: Currently the Provincial Parks Act explicitly states that no dogs are allowed off leash in any Park or Provincial Recreation Area managed by Alberta Parks. An exception being in Section 15 (2) and 16 which covers guide dogs covered under the "Blind Person's Rights Act".

In Parks or Recreation Areas such as Cooking Lake – Blackfoot Provincial Recreation Area where hunting is allowed there needs to be an amendment to the Act to allow hunters to let their hunting dogs off leash for the purpose of flushing and retrieving game birds or water fowl and hunting of cougar. Without this amendment hunters are limited to a 2-meter leash.

Passed:

Defeated:

Amended:



Fisheries Resolutions

FISHERIES RESOLUTION 2020-F-1

Drafted by Claresholm Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 1.

HATCHERY RAISED NORTHERN PIKE

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta immediately start rearing Northern Pike in hatcheries for release in southern Alberta grassland region lakes and reservoirs for the purpose of supplemental and recovery stocking.

BRIEF: Populations of Northern Pike are below historical levels or in decline in much of southern Alberta. It seems that the 70% of currently unused hatchery capacity could be used to rear Northern Pike for release. Northern Pike, along with Muskellunge and Tiger Muskellunge are commonly raised in hatcheries in the United States for similar purposes. Northern Pike in southern Alberta have declined due to modernization of irrigation infrastructure, aging reservoirs and water management regimes that have impacted recruitment.

Passed: _____ _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

Fisheries Resolutions

FISHERIES RESOLUTION 2020-F-2

Drafted by Edmonton Trout Fishing Club; Lamont & District Fish & Game Association;
Submitted by Zone 4 and Zone 5.

POTHOLE LAKE TROUT STOCKING

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta consider stocking multiple species of trout in more pothole lakes that are now just stocked with one species (usually just rainbows).

BRIEF: Area lakes around Edmonton and other urban areas that have been stocked with more than one species have shown great success. Muir Lake west of Edmonton is one example.

With stocking numbers of trout reduced because of whirling disease, perhaps an enhancement of different species in some put and take fisheries would be a solution to ensure stocking continues and would give anglers some different choices. Browns in some water bodies along with rainbows would be an excellent solution.

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Amended: _____

Fisheries Resolutions

FISHERIES RESOLUTION 2020-F-3

Drafted by Edmonton Old Timers' Fishing Club; Submitted by Zone 4

PRINTED SPORTFISHING REGULATIONS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta ensure that the "printed" version of the new current year Alberta Sportfishing Regulations are available on April 1st, each and every year.

BRIEF: This past year, 2019, the regulations were not printed because of a provincial election. Because of some sort of "Red Zone" or gag order, the government did not send this important document out to the public until over a month had passed after the provincial election. This rule when dealing with fishing rules and regulations has no merit and is not a political tool that should be withheld from the angling public. The rules change every April 1st, please ensure a printed version is available to all Alberta anglers (including seniors and youth) so they can know the new important changes on April 1st each and every year. Also, online and downloading of this huge file is almost impossible for many rural areas or anyone that wants to get an online printed copy. The free copies that are available should be there on April 1st, election or not.

Passed: _____  _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

Fisheries Resolutions

FISHERIES RESOLUTION 2020-F-4

Drafted by Lamont and District Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

ENHANCING TROUT HATCHERIES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta maximize efforts in our provincial fish hatcheries with traditional fish species such as rainbow trout, brook trout, brown trout, cutthroat trout and arctic grayling to increase our stocking program to enhance fishing opportunities.

BRIEF: The growing demand for fishing opportunities requires more stocking. Many lakes are being ignored. Historically lakes such as Hasse, Cow and Ghost to name but a few were desired locations but now are not stocked. Our growing number of people want to fish, and we want them to fish. They also would like to harvest a fish and returning some of these fisheries and enhancing present ones with more stocking would make this all possible.

Passed: _____ ✓ _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

Fisheries Resolutions

FISHERIES RESOLUTION 2020-F-5

Drafted by Lamont and District Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

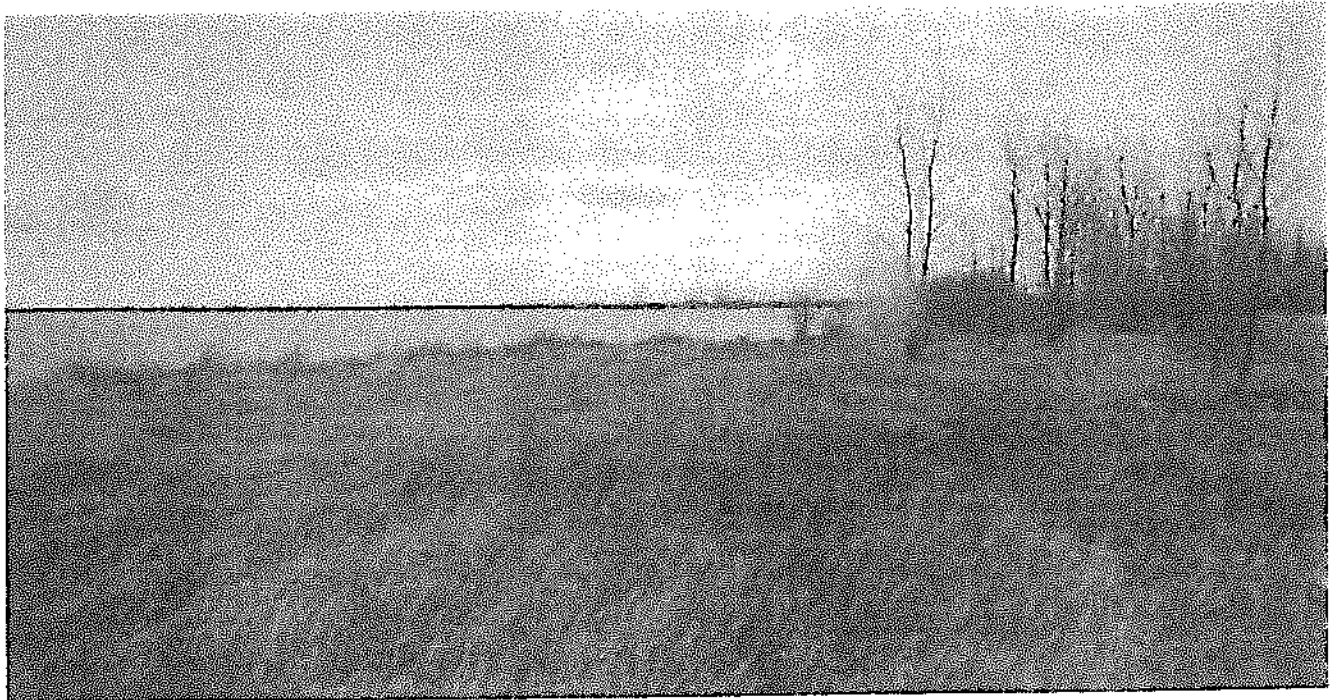
TROUT HYBRIDS

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta maximize efforts in our provincial fish hatcheries with trout hybrids such as tiger trout and splake.

BRIEF: Alberta is lacking in fishing opportunities and this would greatly enhance new possibilities. Many water bodies would thrive with these such species and create the opportunities our residents crave. Many water bodies that would meet these requirements are presently void of fishing opportunities.

Passed: _____ ✓ _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:



CPR Reservoir Property

Fisheries Resolutions

FISHERIES RESOLUTION 2020-F-6

Drafted by Lamont and District Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

FISH HABITAT MANAGEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta adjust fisheries management to manage habitat more than individual species.

BRIEF: Many of our streams and lakes may support introduced species such as brook trout and rainbow trout much better than native species such as bull trout and cutthroat trout. It's time to move forward with a new and improved Fisheries. Habitat shift (such as warmer water, water levels, low flows and disease) may favour brook trout, brown trout, rainbow trout, golden trout, or possible cutthroat trout, tiger trout, or splake which are all popular with anglers. Trying to re-invent the past with bull trout will likely never be successful and much fishing opportunity will be lost! This would not include invasive, undesirable species such as Prussian carp.

Passed: _____ ✓ _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:



Fisheries Resolutions

FISHERIES RESOLUTION 2020-F-7

Drafted by Lamont and District Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5.

WALLEYE MANAGEMENT

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta increase walleye fishing opportunities by putting less importance on genetics and DNA.

BRIEF: It's time to move forward and neither anglers nor the walleye put importance on historical genetics or DNA. It's time a walleye is a walleye and a common walleye hatchery and/or transfers be used to not only develop new fisheries but to enhance existing ones. An improved Fisheries is the important point.

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Amended: _____



Nevis Property

Fisheries Resolutions

FISHERIES RESOLUTION 2020-F-8

Drafted by Lamont and District Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

INCREASED WALLEYE HARVEST OPPORTUNITIES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request the Government of Alberta to actively pursue increased walleye harvest opportunities by exploring new fisheries management and angling regulatory tools to do so.

BRIEF: The walleye tag system has now been running 15 years and was first introduced as a trial tool using the wildlife draw and tag system. As of now this has not changed. The draw and tag system have had its place and still is a valuable tool but is not financially efficient. The Alberta Fish and Game Association would like to assist Alberta Environment and Parks to pursue other venues such as a tagless system, a notch and sign license, more slot size regulations etc. From the walleye draw application fee of \$3.35 and the walleye license fee of \$11.00, the levy to the Alberta Conservation Association is only \$0.31 and \$0.50 respectively. After issuer and provider fees of approximately \$5.75, the remainder goes to AlbertaRELM dedicated fisheries revenue. The break-even points for running a draw is approximately \$6.00. This dedicated revenue could be more wisely used to allow increased harvest opportunities. Many tools could be explored as a possible harvest increase without jeopardizing the resource.

Passed: _____  _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

Fisheries Resolutions

FISHERIES RESOLUTION 2020-F-9

Drafted by Lamont and District Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

PORTABLE HATCHERIES

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta increase walleye success by investing in multiple artificial portable hatcheries.

BRIEF: Although we still believe in walleye stocking programs, we have been told that walleye stockings do not have as high a survival rate as natural spawning occurrences. These portable hatcheries could be used on walleye lakes to increase the egg to fry stage from approximately 5% in naturally spawning fish to over 90% in artificial spawned fish. Fish preparing to spawn could be trapped, stripped and released. The eggs could be fertilized and hatched on site and released back into the waterbody from which they came. This would not alter the ecosystem but overcome the many hazards for walleye to naturally spawn. This would diversify the age class in population structure. Many lakes have poor spawning grounds due to many reasons, including water levels, water temperatures, water barriers etc. Lakes wouldn't necessarily need to be helped every year so these portable hatcheries could be used in many lakes on a rotating basis. Volunteers, including from the Alberta Fish and Game Association, could be used to help with these hatcheries.

Passed: _____  _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

Fisheries Resolutions

FISHERIES RESOLUTION 2020-F-10

Drafted by Lamont and District Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

NATIONAL PARK FISH STOCKING PROGRAM

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta lobby the Government of Canada to re-establish a fish stocking program in National Parks in Alberta.

BRIEF: Many great lakes in our National Parks are void of fish, due to a stoppage of the stocking program several years ago. These waters formerly had excellent fisheries and gave opportunities for recreationalists to enjoy one of Canada's great pastimes. Since the stoppage of this stocking program, this has all been lost and not only opportunities gone but put more pressure on our provincially stocked lakes. These fish may not be native, but as most water bodies in the parks are the result of melting glacier ice, it would be impossible to have native species here, however the habitat they make is undoubtedly some of the best possible. This recreational sport would not only be a great outing for residents and their families, but also a great economic boost for local businesses and the national parks themselves.

Passed: _____ / _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:

Fisheries Resolutions

FISHERIES REGULATION 2020-F-11

Drafted by Beaver River Fish and Game Association; Submitted by Zone 5

ANGLER RESTRICTIONS

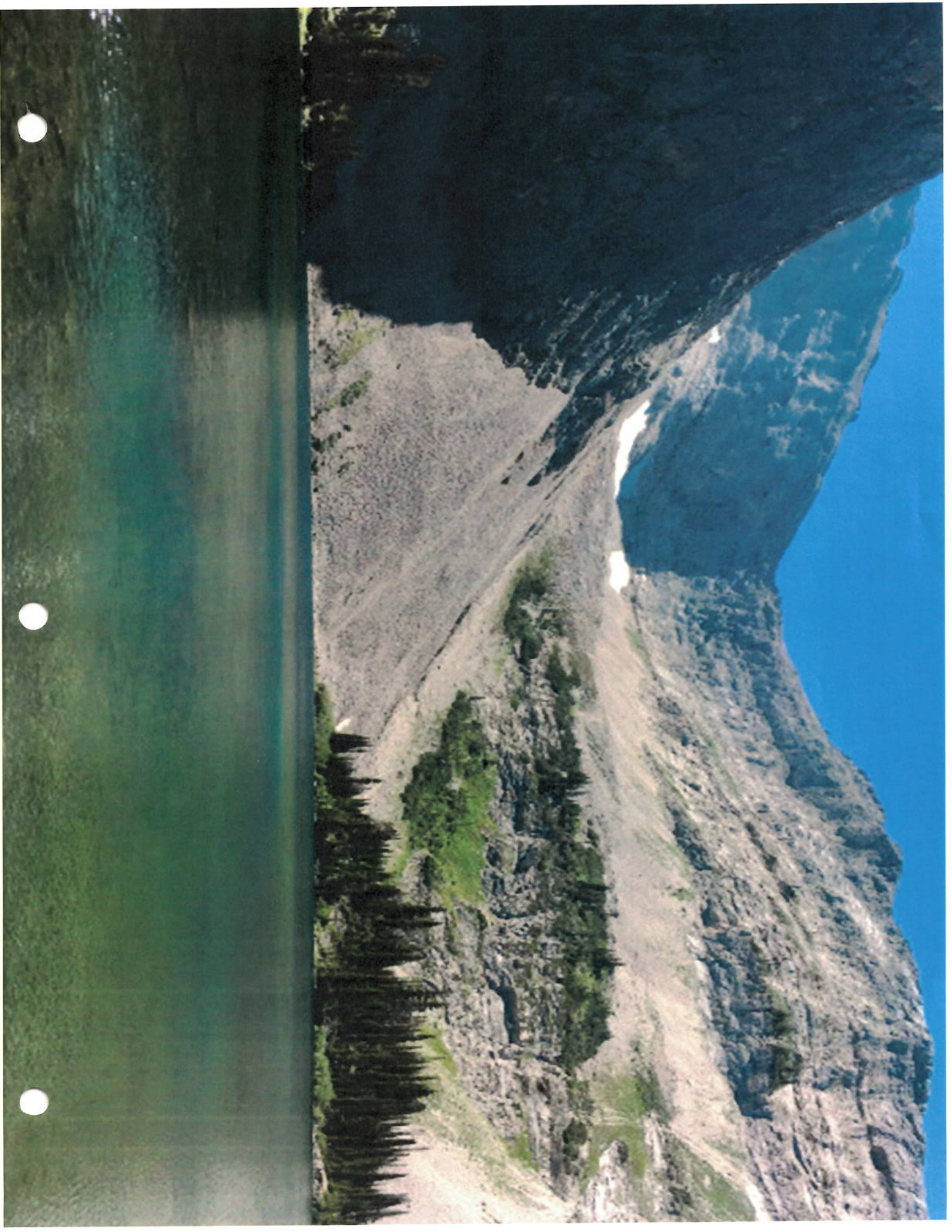
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Fish and Game Association request that the Government of Alberta remove all additional angler area and timing restrictions when a waterbody has limited entry walleye draws put in place.

BRIEF: Whereas walleye tags have been deemed by our government biologists to be the best walleye harvest control method, there is no need for other harvest control methods that are currently in place to restrict angler timing or places for fishing.

Anglers without walleye tags, can fish using catch and release all year long with little population impact.

Passed: _____ Defeated: _____

Amended:





Alberta Fish and Game Association 2019/2020 Draft Budget

		June 30, 2019	Sept. 30, 2019	Proposed 2019/2020 Budget	
REVENUE	Habitat Program	\$83,500	\$111,333	\$50,000	
	Oil Royalties/Land Management (WTF)	\$401,340	\$445,933	\$470,000	
	Memberships	\$219,000	\$219,000	\$200,000	
	Grants				
	MSL Administration	\$48,292	\$48,292	\$50,000	
	Alberta Culture, Multiculturalism and Status of Women (GOA)		\$34,000	\$34,000	
	Casino Revenues Recognized	\$30,100	\$40,133	\$75,000	
	Special Events, Fundraising, and Misc.	\$56,300	\$56,300	\$62,000	
	General Donations and Bequests	\$3,300	\$4,400	\$15,000	
	Mortgage Fund	\$26,000	\$26,000	\$25,000	
	Other Misc. Grants			\$50,000	
	Administration Fees				
	Antelope Creek Ranch	\$10,700	\$22,000	\$22,000	
	Outdoor Media Group	\$4,700	\$6,267	\$10,000	
	Misc. Administration i.e. Perrenoud			\$5,000	
	Wildlife Record Book Sales			\$20,000	
	Licence Sale Commissions	\$635	\$953	\$1,000	
	Interest Income	\$212	\$254	\$500	
	TOTAL REVENUE		\$800,579	\$903,532	\$1,089,500
	EXPENSES	Administrative and General (budget includes 5 months of ED salary overlap Oct. 2019-Feb. 2020)	\$328,000	\$410,000	\$462,300
Habitat Program Expenditures		\$83,500	\$111,333	\$43,000	
Land Mgt. Activities (WTF)		\$141,000	\$188,000	\$200,000	
Program Expenses		\$9,737	\$12,983	\$15,000	
Awareness and Education		\$12,900	\$17,200	\$20,000	
Insurance		\$5,000	\$6,667	\$7,500	
Outdoor Canada West Magazine		\$56,500	\$75,333	\$75,000	
Leadership Expenses		\$47,000	\$62,667	\$60,000	
MSL Expenses		\$30,400	\$40,533	\$42,500	
Membership Incentive Program (incentive \$10,000, swag \$10,000)		\$46,000	\$50,000	\$70,000	
Gain or Loss on Disposal of Assets		\$0	\$0	\$0	
Condo fees				\$4,800	
Mortgage				\$12,000	
Principle Repayment				\$26,000	
Record Book Printing				\$40,000	
Misc. (includes CWF AGM)			\$10,000		
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$760,037	\$974,716	\$1,088,100	
REVENUE OVER EXPENSES		\$40,542	\$54,056	\$1,400	

New Skills

Are you interested in learning new skills such as?



- ❖ Outdoor Skills
- ❖ Chainsaw Basics
- ❖ Hiking
- ❖ Snowshoeing
- ❖ Ice Fishing

- ❖ Archery
- ❖ Pistol, Rifle & Trapshooting
- ❖ Willow Walking Sticks
- ❖ Cross-Country Skiing
- ❖ Weekend Camps



- ❖ Pheasant Shoot
- ❖ Survival Camping
- ❖ And more...



Who Are We?

We are the first Ladies League in Alberta

formed under the umbrella of the Onoway Fish & Game Club.



We started our group in the spring of 2014 and since then have grown to over 125 members. We hold at least 8 organized events a year. Some of our events have been: Shooting, willow walking stick making, animal processing, chainsaw basics, winter survival, pot-lucks, lean--to making and bonfires, ice fishing. In the last couple of years we have supported the start-up of other Alberta fish & game club Ladies Leagues, for example, Whitecourt Ladies League and Beaver River Ladies League.

ALBERTA FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

Financial Statements

Year Ended September 30, 2019



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Members of Alberta Fish & Game Association

Qualified Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Alberta Fish & Game Association (the Association), which comprise the statement of financial position as at September 30, 2019, and the statements of operations, changes in net assets and cash flow for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

In our opinion, except for the possible effects of the matter described in the *Basis for Qualified Opinion* section of our report, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Association as at September 30, 2019, and the results of its operations and cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO).

Basis for Qualified Opinion

In common with many not-for-profit organizations, the Association derives revenue from memberships, donations, special events, and fundraising activities the completeness of which is not susceptible to satisfactory audit verification. Accordingly, verification of these revenues was limited to the amounts recorded in the records of the Association. Therefore, we were not able to determine whether any adjustments might be necessary to fundraising revenue, excess of revenues over expenses, and cash flows from operations for the years ending September 30, 2019, and 2018 current assets as at September 30, 2019 and 2018, and net assets as at January 1 and December 31 for both the 2019 and 2018 years. Our audit opinion on the financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2018 was modified accordingly because of the possible effects of this limitation of scope.

We conducted our audit in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements* section of our report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Canada, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our qualified audit opinion.

Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in accordance with ASNPO, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Association's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Association or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Association's financial reporting
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ALBERTA FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION
Statement of Operations
Year Ended September 30, 2019

	2019	2018
REVENUE		
Memberships	\$ 444,419	\$ 435,323
Minister's Special Licenses (Note 10)	394,010	446,640
Habitat program revenues (Schedule 1)	167,569	252,251
Alberta Environment and Parks (Note 11)	100,000	-
Special events, fundraising, and miscellaneous (Note 16)	51,361	65,350
Government of Alberta - Recreation and Physical Activity Division (Note 11)	37,402	34,912
Donations	34,427	117,287
Administration fees - Canada West	27,316	22,517
Casino revenues recognized (Note 10)	26,291	71,297
Administration fees - Antelope Creek (Note 19)	21,420	21,420
License sale commissions	1,519	5,773
Interest income	281	403
Administration fees - Habitat Program	-	12,440
	1,306,015	1,485,613
EXPENDITURES		
Administrative and general (Note 14)	459,304	512,204
Grants for not-for-profit organizations	330,100	385,470
Habitat program expenditures (Schedule 1)	167,569	252,251
Outdoor Canada West	82,348	79,300
Leadership expenses (Note 13)	57,309	44,620
Membership campaign and services	56,106	48,065
Amortization of building and equipment	51,590	29,515
Minister's Special Licenses	40,043	20,924
Awareness and education	19,888	25,223
Other projects and programs (Note 15)	19,238	8,926
Professional fees	11,250	10,363
Insurance	5,003	5,628
	1,299,748	1,422,489
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES FROM OPERATIONS	6,267	63,124
OTHER INCOME (EXPENSES)		
Gain on donation of land (Note 19)	1,000,744	-
Schedule of Wildlife Trust Revenues and Expenditures (Schedule 2)	51,116	26,847
Gain (loss) on disposal of property and equipment	(5,319)	413,996
Land donation expense (Note 19)	(1,290,360)	-
	(243,819)	440,843
(DEFICIENCY) EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ (237,552)	\$ 503,967

ALBERTA FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION
Statement of Financial Position
September 30, 2019

	2019	2018
ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Cash (Note 3)	\$ 883,632	\$ 892,290
Short term investments (Note 4)	50,000	72,352
Short term restricted investments (Note 5)	689,030	474,613
Accounts receivable (Note 6)	37,031	59,543
Grants receivable	39,732	43,017
Prepaid expenses and deposits	34,551	55,211
	*1,733,976	1,597,026
PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT (Note 7)	12,429,484	11,454,957
ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT (Note 8)	57,600	57,600
	\$ 14,221,060	\$ 13,109,583
LIABILITIES AND NET ASSETS		
CURRENT		
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities	\$ 69,506	\$ 50,744
Deferred income (Note 9)	116,120	96,241
Unexpended restricted contributions (Note 10)	1,370,788	1,146,227
Unexpended restricted grants (Note 11)	-	19,867
Current portion of mortgage payable (Note 12)	7,056	2,820
	1,563,470	1,315,899
MORTGAGE PAYABLE (Note 12)	76,573	144,580
	1,640,043	1,460,479
NET ASSETS		
Invested in property and equipment	12,345,855	11,307,557
Internally restricted - wildlife trust fund	237,091	239,047
Internally restricted - issues contingency fund	52,930	52,930
Unrestricted	(112,459)	(8,030)
Endowment	57,600	57,600
	12,581,017	11,649,104
	\$ 14,221,060	\$ 13,109,583

ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD

Director

Director

ALBERTA FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

Notes to Financial Statements

Year Ended September 30, 2019

1. PURPOSE OF THE ORGANIZATION

The Alberta Fish & Game Association (the "Association") was registered under the Alberta Societies Act in 1946 and is a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada), and is therefore exempt from taxation. Its mission is to promote, through education, lobbying and programs, the conservation and utilization of fish and wildlife and to protect and enhance the habitat they depend upon.

Habitat Programs (Schedule 1)

The Habitat Program works to educate, encourage, facilitate, and recognize landowners for their efforts in conserving or enhancing fish and wildlife habitat on privately held lands.

The Heritage Farmstead Program promotes the preservation of abandoned farmsteads which are recognized for their high value in providing forage and nesting areas, thermal and escape cover, in addition to their historical and cultural value to the community.

Assistance and financial support for community based initiatives, such as waterfowl nesting boxes, are provided on a project basis.

Operation Grassland Community promotes awareness of prairie wildlife and conservation issues concerning Alberta's grasslands. The program encourages the conservation of native prairie habitat through voluntary habitat protection agreements with landowners.

Wildlife Trust (Schedule 2)

The Wildlife Trust is an internally restricted program that was established for the purpose of perpetually preserving and maintaining fish and wildlife habitat throughout the Province of Alberta. The mandate of the program is achieved through the registration of conservation easements and the purchase, lease, or receipt of donated land holdings.

Issues Contingency

The internally restricted net assets identified as Issues Contingency represents an amount to be available for unforeseen issues that may arise as determined by the full executive.

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations. Significant accounting policies observed in the preparation of the financial statements are summarized below.

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Year Ended September 30, 2019

2. SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Property and equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost or deemed cost less accumulated amortization and is amortized over its estimated useful life at the following rates and methods:

Building - administrative offices	5%	declining balance method
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	20%	declining balance method
Land under long term lease	term of lease	straight-line method
Equipment	30%	declining balance method

The Association regularly reviews its property and equipment to eliminate obsolete items. In the year available for use, half of the amortization on acquired assets is taken.

Measurement uncertainty

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amount of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the period. Such estimates include providing for amortization of property and equipment, fair market valuation of land, and accounts receivable valuation. These estimates are periodically reviewed and any adjustments necessary are reported in earnings in the period in which they become known. Actual results could differ from these estimates.

3. CASH

Cash represents funds held in current accounts with Canadian chartered banks and is denominated in Canadian dollars.

	2019	2018
General	\$ 113,273	\$ 134,021
Minister's Special License	458,978	527,478
Wildlife Trust	250,164	230,113
Casino	61,217	678
	<u>\$ 883,632</u>	<u>\$ 892,290</u>

Included in the Minister's Special License balance is \$127,209 (2018 - \$191,995) in raffle funds and \$293,659 (2018 - \$240,103) in auction funds which are restricted to expenditures approved by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission (AGLC) pursuant to the Association's raffle license application.

Casino cash is restricted to expenditures approved by the AGLC pursuant to the Association's casino gaming application.

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Year Ended September 30, 2019

7. PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	2019 Net book value	2018 Net book value
Unrestricted				
Building - administrative offices	\$ 610,475	\$ 44,584	\$ 565,891	\$ 595,675
Land - administrative offices	148,000	-	148,000	148,000
Furniture, fixtures and equipment	168,206	82,432	85,774	26,450
Internally restricted - Wildlife Trust				
Land held - joint title	7,633,963	-	7,633,963	6,108,508
Land held - full title	3,810,336	-	3,810,336	4,388,848
Conservation easements	164,160	-	164,160	164,160
Land under long term lease	57,692	36,769	20,923	22,771
Equipment	4,536	4,099	437	545
	\$ 12,597,368	\$ 167,884	\$ 12,429,484	\$ 11,454,957

Amortization provided for in the current year totaled \$53,726; (2018 - \$31,737).

During the year, total land with a fair market value of \$1,236,200 (2018 - \$426,941) was donated to the Association.

During the year, the total land with a cost of \$289,256 (2018 - \$nil) was donated by the Association.

8. ENDOWMENT INVESTMENT

The Association is required to restrict funds in order to fulfil the long term conservation goals of land programs it is involved with. As at September 30, 2019, total funds restricted were \$57,600 (2018 - \$57,600). These funds consist of a redeemable GIC bearing interest at prime less 2.70% annually, maturing on September 11, 2020. Interest earned on this amount is to be allocated towards the stewardship of the land to which it relates.

9. DEFERRED INCOME

	2019	2018
Deferred general income	\$ 44,368	\$ 39,879
Deferred surface disturbance income	39,820	38,707
Deferred trophy books income	16,580	-
Deferred membership and insurance income	15,352	17,655
	\$ 116,120	\$ 96,241

ALBERTA FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION

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11. UNEXPENDED RESTRICTED GRANTS

	2018	Funds received/ receivable	Revenue recognized	2019
Northstar Elk Enhancement	\$ 2,411	\$ -	\$ (2,411)	\$ -
Alberta Culture and Tourism - Recreation and Physical Activity Division	17,456	19,946	(37,402)	-
Habitat	-	93,207	(93,207)	-
Operation Grassland	-	74,362	(74,362)	-
Alberta Environment and Parks	-	100,000	(100,000)	-
	\$ 19,867	\$ 287,515	\$ (307,382)	\$ -

12. MORTGAGE PAYABLE

	2019	2018
Alberta Social Enterprise Venture Fund mortgage bearing interest at 6% per annum, repayable in monthly blended payments of \$991. The loan matures on February 21, 2021 and is secured by related assets which have a carrying value of \$713,452.	\$ 83,629	\$ 147,400
Amounts payable within one year	(7,056)	(2,820)
	\$ 76,573	\$ 144,580

Principal repayment terms are approximately:

2020	\$ 7,056
2021	76,573
	<u>\$ 83,629</u>

13. LEADERSHIP EXPENSES

	2019	2018
Mileage reimbursement and vehicle costs	\$ 30,629	\$ 21,893
Accommodation	9,389	7,128
Zone fees	6,000	9,500
Office and miscellaneous	4,209	1,533
Meals	3,589	1,474
Secretarial fees	3,493	3,092
	\$ 57,309	\$ 44,620

ALBERTA FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION**Notes to Financial Statements****Year Ended September 30, 2019****16. SPECIAL EVENTS, FUNDRAISING AND MISCELLANEOUS**

	2019	2018
Merchandise sales		
Merchandise sales	\$ 5,710	\$ 2,773
Merchandise cost of sales and giveaways	(5,719)	(1,999)
	(9)	774
Annual conference		
Registration fees and meals	81,171	69,304
Sponsorships	27,540	12,155
Auction	23,167	14,686
Fundraising events	8,358	12,412
Trade show booths	757	-
	140,993	108,557
Conference expenses	(127,437)	(88,714)
	13,556	19,843
Wildlife awards banquet		
Revenues	17,514	21,840
Expenses	(13,446)	(15,275)
	4,068	6,565
Other		
Fundraising events (net)	27,736	28,887
Miscellaneous	6,010	9,281
	33,746	38,168
	\$ 51,361	\$ 65,350

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Year Ended September 30, 2019

19. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

Administration fees - Antelope Creek

The Province of Alberta granted joint management of the Antelope Creek Habitat Development Area to Alberta Fish & Game, Ducks Unlimited, and Wildlife Habitat Canada until January 26, 2040.

The Association earned administration fees of \$21,420 (2018 - \$21,420) from the Antelope Creek Habitat Development Joint Venture. The transaction is under the normal course of operations and is measured at the amount established and agreed to by Ducks Unlimited and Wildlife Habitat Canada.

Alberta Conservation Association

The Alberta Fish & Game Association is entitled to appoint one representative to the board of the Alberta Conservation Association.

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the Association received \$73,869 (2018 - \$101,578) in funding from the Alberta Conservation Association. Included in this amount was grants receivable of \$18,565 (2018 - \$12,840). These transactions occurred in the normal course of operations and are measured at the exchange amount.

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the Association received \$1,169,465 in land donations from the Alberta Conservation Association which have been recorded to net assets and property and equipment.

For the year ended September 30, 2019, the Association donated \$1,290,000 in land to the Alberta Conservation Association which had a cost of \$289,256 resulting in a gain on disposal of \$1,000,744 and a donation expense of \$1,290,000.

These transactions are in the normal course of business and are measured at the fair value at the date of contribution.

20. COMPARATIVE FIGURES

Some of the comparative figures have been reclassified to conform to the current year's presentation.

ALBERTA FISH & GAME ASSOCIATION**Schedule of Wildlife Trust Revenues and Expenditures****(Schedule 2)****Year Ended September 30, 2019**

	2019	2018
REVENUES		
Surface disturbance and other land revenue	\$ 110,885	\$ 120,700
Donation from clubs	92,531	-
General donations	49,950	41,850
Quad raffle	14,538	-
Interest income	6,678	5,454
Grant revenue	-	51,679
	274,582	219,683
EXPENDITURES		
Wages and benefits	90,521	90,914
Property taxes	36,565	30,839
Subcontract labour	25,035	17,248
Professional fees	19,661	8,939
Office miscellaneous	17,141	2,175
Land fees and expenses	16,942	24,748
Land partnership grant	12,202	-
Automotive and travel	3,443	3,542
Amortization	1,956	1,992
Awareness and education	-	12,439
	223,466	192,836
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	\$ 51,116	\$ 26,847