

## 2015 AGM Resolutions

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER:

**Wolf season on the Eastern Slopes** - Submitted by: Calgary Local 1031

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the wolf harvest in Zone 6 WMU's 400, 402, 404, and 406 be extended from the existing end date of February 28<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> which would coincide with Zones 1,2,3,4 and 5. The start date would remain the same at October 1<sup>st</sup>.

BRIEF: While the Calgary Local understands that trapping dates have been carefully selected in order to reduce impact on species at sensitive times while maximizing the value of the resource, we believe the climate and conditions on the eastern slopes in Zone 6 correspond more directly with Zones 1 through 5 than with the prairie regions of southern Alberta. Therefore we would like to see the wolf season extended to reflect these similarities and to allow for greater utilization of the resource.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER:

**Interprovincial Trapping** - Submitted by: Drayton Valley Local 1040

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Drayton Valley Local 1040 request that Alberta Environment Sustainable Resource Development undertake the following resolution:

Whereas British Columbia allows anyone to trap in that province so long as they are a Canadian citizen.

And whereas Alberta requires an individual to be a resident of Alberta in order to trap in that province.

And whereas there are many opportunities for trappers to trap within both Alberta and B.C.

Therefore be it resolved that Alberta change its requirement to be eligible for a trapping licence from being an Alberta resident, to a Canadian citizen.

BRIEF: Currently in Alberta we require an individual to be an Alberta resident before they are eligible to acquire a trapping licence. This eliminates the opportunity for out of province trappers to trap in Alberta, as well as limits the chance of Alberta trappers to partner up with out of province trappers. In B.C. they allow anyone to acquire a trapping licence so long as they meet the provincial course requirements and are a Canadian citizen. If Alberta would take the same open arms approach as B.C. it would increase the trapping opportunities for trappers of both provinces as well as help to further strengthen the bond and cooperation between both provinces. This change could also provide possible economic growth through the implementation of out of province licencing fees as well as increased demand for Trapper Education courses and workshops.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER:

**Wolf Snaring** - Submitted by Edson Local 1050

BE IT RESOLVED THAT wolf snaring season in Zones 4, 5, and 6 be amended in the Alberta Trapping Regulations to open on November 15, allowing trappers to catch more wolves, reducing the number that would be poisoned by the GOA.

BRIEF: In 2012, the Canadian Government announced its "Recovery Strategy for the Woodland Caribou, Boreal population, in Canada." The strategy involves the reduction of wolf populations in certain areas. The Government of Alberta (GOA) has been utilizing poison as one of its tools to reduce wolf populations, mainly in the province's Fur Management (FMU) Zones 4, 5 and 6. To reduce the potential for accidental harvest of Grizzly Bears, seasonal snaring restrictions apply to these FMUs.

The Canadian Government has stated that the "Success in the recovery of boreal caribou depends on the commitment, collaboration and cooperation of many different constituencies that will be involved in implementing the broad strategies and general approaches set out in this recovery strategy....."

The Alberta Trappers Association does not support the use of poisons and believes that Grizzly populations may be more adversely affected by poison than by snares, and that wolf populations are more effectively reduced by the use of snaring.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER:

**Lynx Quota** - Submitted by: Manning Local 1020

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manning Local 1020 request that Alberta Environment Sustainable Resource Development Lynx quota be increased on the base number for the upcoming trapping 2015 / 2016 season in WMU,s 524, 527, 525 & 537.

BRIEF: The lynx population has risen to higher levels in WMU,s 524, 527, 525 & 537 and the base quota does not reflect population and fur management requirements.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER:

**Otter Quota** - Submitted by: Manning Local 1020

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Manning Local 1020 request that Alberta Environment Sustainable Resource Development Otter quota be increased on the base number for the upcoming trapping 2015 / 2016 season in WMU,s 524, 527, 525 & 537.

BRIEF: The Otter population has risen to higher levels in WMU,s 524, 527, 525 & 537 and the base quota does not reflect population and fur management requirements .

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER

Submitted by: Slave Lake Local 1190

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Slave Lake Local 1190 request that Alberta Environment Sustainable Resource Development change the otter season to coincide with the beaver season in WMU 350.

BRIEF: The otter season in WMU 350 begins December 1, and the beaver season in the same WMU is November 1. Be it that beaver sets can and have caught otter, and that otter are prime by the middle of November, Local 1190 would like to have the otter season to coincide with the beaver season in this WMU.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER:

**Marten Season** - Submitted by Grande Cache Local 1066

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Trappers Association requests that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development extend the marten season in zones 4 and 5 to the end of February.

BRIEF: In the mountain and foothills regions there is often insufficient cold weather to freeze the streams and enough snow to travel into these remote areas until mid to late winter. Often the marten season is closed or almost closed before trapping can commence. Also trappers are better educated as to monitoring and managing their fur-bearer populations. Trappers need more options as to when they harvest their fur. In neighboring provinces such as B.C. and the Yukon which have similar habitat, the marten season extends through February and even into March without a negative impact on the marten population.

GENERAL RESOLUTION NUMBER:

**Otter Quota** - submitted by Grande Cache Local 1066

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Alberta Trappers Association requests that Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development open a season for otter in zone 5.

BRIEF: There are many otter in this zone as confirmed with numerous tracks, scat, sightings, and some accidental catches. Accidental catches are rare because there are very few sets made by trappers in this zone that would catch otter. In mountainous habitat there are very few beaver; therefore very few large body-gripping traps are set in the water ways of this zone. It is in these large body-gripping traps (set for beaver) in other zones that accidentally catch otter. Even though there are few accidental catches in zone 5, the number of otter are still high enough to justify a season.