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President's Report



BY BRIAN DINGREVILLE
PRESIDENT

IT'S BEEN A busy time over the past couple of months! With Martin giving us his notice of retirement come February 2020 the Senior Executive have met a couple of times to firstly go over the present job description and then revamp it to be best suited to AFGA objectives and goals in the coming years. The end result is that we hired Delinda Ryerson to the position of Executive Director who stated October 1, 2019 and will be working with Martin to ensure a smooth transition when he retires in February 2020.

Delinda holds a Bachelor of Science degree from the University of Alberta and has more than 20 years experience in natural resource management, environmental conservation, for which stakeholder engagement, policy and program development and effective communications were critical components. Her background also includes more than 10 years'

experience in management and all the activities associated within that portfolio. She is an avid angler, hunter and conservationist. We welcome Delinda to the AFGA!

AFGA Senior Executive met with Travis Ripley, Matt Besko and Dave Park from AE&P to go over a number of items. Unfortunately Darryl Smith was unable to attend. Hopefully at our next meeting with AE&P group, scheduled for September 5th, all can attend. Our new Environment Minister, Jason Nixon gave us an invitation to meet back in the early part of July which went over very well. Ian, Darryl and I were all able to attend this meeting.

Just recently I was given an invitation to meet again with Minister Nixon with regard to the Castle area. I and a couple of representatives from Hillcrest and Claresholm Fish and Game Association were present along with a member of APOS and the Back Country Hunters and Anglers. I was

very impressed on how Minister Nixon inquired on each item that was brought up, if the AFGA would be ok with that recommendation. Minister Nixon stated a number of times, as AFGA is the oldest conservation association in Alberta, it is imperative they are front runners on all decisions made! AFGA has requested Minister Nixon to meet again in the coming months but at this time we have not heard back.

Over the past several months I had the luxury to have a Past President living close to me; thank you Wayne for all you have done to help in my transition to President. Wayne and I have met a number of times to go over various issues.

Over the past year I have been in contact with the president of the OHV association of Alberta, Garrett Schmidt. We have had numerous conversations relating to the Castle and Big Horn regarding conservation and OHV usage and access. A group was brought



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to light, Southern Alberta Recreation Access Group (SARAG), which I had not been aware of before. This group has met a few times; however, AFGA had not been invited. In speaking with Minister Nixon on the first occasion I asked why we had not been in attendance and he stated that he was not aware of this group but would make sure in future that we would be at the table. Bob Weir Environment Chair for Zone 2 has asked if he could be involved with other likeminded individuals in the group and I told him I would bring it to the Executive for their approval. To date, I have not heard of any upcoming meetings regarding SARAG.


Over the past couple of months I

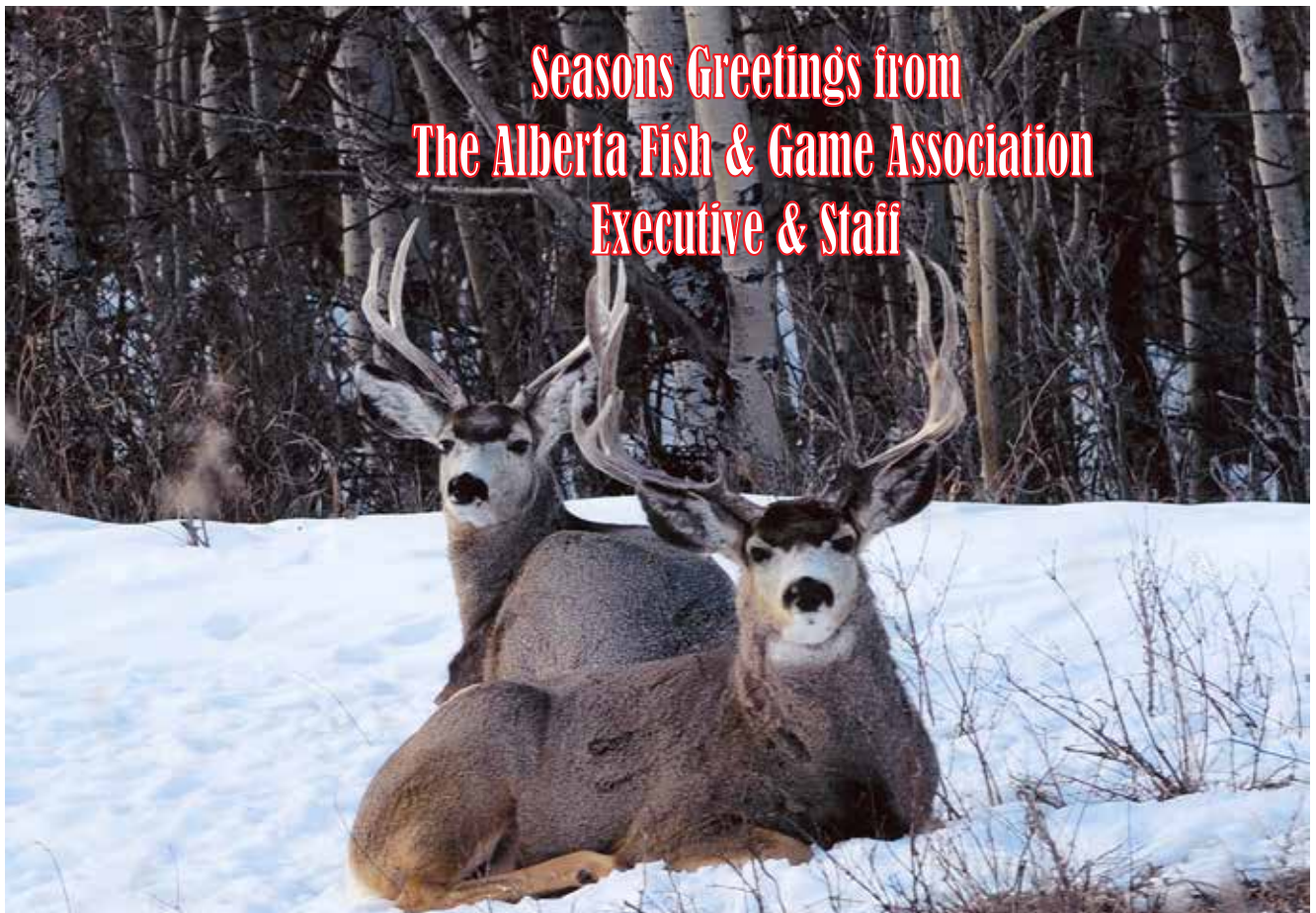
have been in contact with our AFGA Youth President, Terilynn Nice. I invited her to attend the meeting of the Executive in August unfortunately she was on holidays in New Brunswick till August 26th and was not able to attend. She did inform me, that she and a few others from her club did a nature walk.

Each year for the past 16 years I have organized a trail ride going into the Castle for 4 days. This year was a huge success! Even though the weather wasn't the best all that came said it was a wonderful experience and would love to do it again next year. This year we had 20 riders along with 10 pack horses to take all that was needed in and out. This ride takes up a lot of my time with the organization of contacting people

to come, items needed, food, setting up pack horses for those who need their items hauled in, transportation to and from but I have to say I love it! Next year we are thinking of doing something different and going into the Old Man Area. Here we all can take in our horse trailers and park in an area where we can ride to and from the main camp. This will make things a lot simpler eliminating the need for pack horses. I think it will be a nice change!

If anyone has any questions regarding the past several months which AFGA has been involved with please feel free to contact me at any time.

Good luck on this year's hunting and fishing! 





Past President's Report

DOUG BUTLER

PAST PRESIDENT



INTO NOVEMBER ALREADY another year flies by. This is the favorite month of many though and outdoor pursuits are full bore. I'm putting this together in early September though and what was supposedly summer is just ending. It was a very busy summer this year with AFGA. On my end, I was busy with commitments regarding the new office building. "Office Decor" it's called and I'm working on decorating the office with some wildlife mounts, a bit of history, some nostalgia and putting up plaques, certificates etc. to give the place a "fish & game" look.

Another part of this is getting the plaque up to recognize all who contributed to the Building Fund. We have been working hard to get this place mortgage free.

Also we have been trying hard to keep our membership increasing and putting together the packages that we will reward those clubs who reach membership incentive numbers. Some great gifts will be given out, so I encourage all the clubs to work towards increasing numbers. We are also putting together some "AFGA swag" to have for sale and to get our name out there a bit more. We do now carry a fish measuring board with our logo on it and it can be seen on our website under Shop AFGA.

I've also spent many hours on our new "Alberta Wildlife Records Book" which should now be off the press and for sale. It was quite time consuming putting this together and we sure hope we have a "best seller" here. I think it is a great book. I've also been working on the conference committee for next February's AGM and conference. Make sure you get registered as I'm sure Sherwood Park will host a great get together.

On a business side, we have met with our Fish & Wildlife department twice since the election. Once in May and again in early September. This meeting is happening

after this writing so I can't report on it yet, but things are promising so far. We also met with the Minister in June and are trying hard to meet with him again. Hopefully he has given us a time slot by now and we are progressing there as well. We have worked so hard on the fishing side (mainly Darryl) and also (Jim) on the hunting side, that we are pleased to see co-operation from F&W on these topics. Vic is also on top of things with environment issues and Mark continues to keep up to speed on programs and together with some co-chair work we hope to expand our Programs in Alberta. All the zone directors also work hard keeping their areas involved in many ways.

We have recently hired a new "Executive Director" and this took a lot of summer time as well. I'll let Brian's report fill you in here.


We have a new raffle started on a beautiful Honda quad. Tickets available

on the web as well or from any executive member or at the office. It would be great if you could help us out here.

From what I've seen so far this month, Migratory bird hunting should be awesome, but upland game birds somewhat tougher. Our cool, damp summer can hinder chick survival a lot. The archers are out in full force and a few good harvests have happened early in the season. I also heard the beginning of sheep season was very good for some.

With all the meetings etc. plus the rain; I didn't get out fishing as much as I would have liked this summer, but I did get my grandson out a bit and as the picture shows, this is what it is all about!

Hope you did too.

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Executive Vice-President's Report



MARTIN SHARREN
EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

ECONOMIC IMPACT OF HUNTING AND FISHING

Some months ago your AFGA, along with 11 other provincial/territorial hunting and fishing organizations, formed the National Hunting and Fishing Collaborative (NHFC) with the goal of defining what impact these activities have on the Canadian economy. To do so we engaged the Conference Board of Canada which bills itself as the foremost independent, applied research organization in Canada delivering unique insights into Canada's toughest problems. Results support this claim.

The report gathered information nationally and regionally with some thought-provoking results.

Nationally, there are: 2.97 million anglers, 1.27 million hunters, 45,000 trappers, and 1.4 million sport shooters. The combined economic impact by these individuals is \$18.9 billion in direct spending meaning whatever an individual spent to pursue the activity, i.e. equipment, accommodation, travel, fuel, etc. Further, hunting,

fishing, trapping and sport shooting contributed \$13.2 billion to Canada's gross domestic product; created 107,000 jobs that generated \$6.4 billion in labour income; boosted government revenues \$6.1 billion.

In Alberta a total of \$2.35 billion was spent on fishing, hunting, trapping, and sport-shooting activities in 2018, contributing \$1.8 billion to Alberta's gross domestic product. These activities supported 11,700 jobs that generated \$875 million in labour income. As in most of the provinces, fishing accounts for the largest share of expenditures in Alberta. Spending on hunting and sport shooting in the province is also relatively high, accounting for 25 per cent and 18 per cent of total spending respectively. Both hunting and sport shooting are popular activities in Alberta. Over 300,000 people living in the province have firearms licences, which is 14 per cent of the national total.

You can read the entire report on the AFGA website.

Election Engagement

The NHFC also prepared a document titled "WE FISH. WE HUNT. WE TRAP. WE VOTE." identifying the top five national priorities and sent them

to the major political parties at the end of August with a list of questions pertaining to each priority and what the parties' stand and actions, if any, were to be.

Also included in the document were provincial/territorial priorities as identified by each representative organization. AFGA distributed said document by e-newsletter in mid-September but if you missed it you can read it on the AFGA's website.

2020 Conference

As of this writing the Conference Committee is still requesting that anyone interested in being the Companion Coordinator to please contact the office for further information.

Mortgage Elimination

As of September 2019, the outstanding balance on the mortgage of our new office was \$89,951.63. With a little push from individuals, clubs and conservation-minded supporters, we can wipe this out hopefully by Conference in February so that our resources can be put into AFGA projects. Another way to look at this is that if every member kicked in only \$3.60 on a one-time basis, AFGA would be mortgage-free!

If you were at Conference last February and witnessed my little pyrotechnical display in relationship to membership strength, "you ain't seen nothin' yet". Following said display, Past President Gord Poirier challenged me to burn the mortgage papers if it was paid off by Conference using my hand to put out the flame. Well if that's what it's going to take, I'm in! So get the dollars flowing!

I hope you all have a great November and a fantastic Christmas and New Year! 🐦



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1st Vice-President's Report

AS OF THIS writing it is past summer and fall harvest seasons are opening. I hope everyone enjoyed safe and satisfying outdoor experiences.

AFGA Executive activities continued to take up much of my volunteer time this summer, but I will leave reporting on those activities to others and focus on youth recruitment in this brief report.

Some of my most satisfying outdoor experiences this summer involved kids and the outdoors. My home club hosted their first ever "Kids Can Catch" event, thanks to the club executive & committee, the ACA and the generosity of the owner of a private fishpond. My role was strictly limited to helping out on the day of the event (baiting hooks, untangling lines, and so on!) so I take no credit for the organization that went into the event; that belongs to the Club, but I do want to salute all of the AFGA affiliated clubs that already host such an event and encourage others to consider doing so. The excitement of the


IAN STUART
1ST VICE-PRESIDENT

kids that caught a fish is a huge reward in itself, and the gratitude of numerous parents, grandparents and other guardians, many of them single, that took advantage of the opportunity to get their charges outside and involved in harvesting their own protein even more so. (Catch and release was optional; very few fish were released!).

In addition to the above, and fishing with our grandson, I also had the privilege of helping another youngster hook his first fish at a location where he could keep it. Check out his look of pride and wonder in the attached image – that does not come from a video game!

For many "Fish and Gamers", fishing with our parents created the interest that grew to a lifelong love of nature, and it is certainly an excellent way to foster

understanding of ecology, and how people can impact it both negatively and positively. Far too many kids do not have that opportunity, so please consider investing in the future of wildlife by hosting a "Kids Can Catch" event, or take a kid fishing, hunting, berry picking, bird watching, hiking et cetera!

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2ND Vice-President's Report



MATT ZAZULA
2ND VICE-PRESIDENT

FALL IS HERE, and for me like so many people it means the open water fishing rods are put away and the hunting gear is prepped and ready to go. Fishing season was pretty good, and I can only hope for the same for hunting season. It's been a slow start to hunting for me, mostly due to a long trip to PEI in late September. Hopefully November deer season will bring some good luck.

So many hunters I know enjoy pheasant hunting. Pheasant festivals are significantly oversubscribed due to public interest, raise and release programs are very popular. Those who have been involved for a while remember the history of the pheasant stocking program and its ups and downs. The good work has been continued by many AFGA clubs, the ACA, and other groups. I understand the ACA has released somewhere around 28,000 pheasants at their release sites. This creates a huge opportunity for hunters. AFGA clubs also do a lot of pheasant release programs. I attended the Calgary Fish and Game family barbecue day at their pheasant pens. Hats off to their club president

(and Zone 2 Vice Director) Joe Baranyay for barbecuing up some great burgers and to the club Pheasant Committee for doing a great job raising. People young and old toured around the pens checking out the birds and taking pictures. The release of those birds helped provide hunting opportunity for many people.


At the Zone level, some Fall Zone meetings have already taken place and others are within weeks. These meetings are very important. It's the chance for local clubs to bring their ideas, successes and resolutions to the Zone level and on up to the AFGA executive. Resolutions and the resolution process are very important to the health of this organization. Well thought out and well-presented resolutions can provide guidance to the executive and can bring issues to the attention of government. I look forward to the final list of resolutions as it gets put together for our Annual General Meeting and Conference.

And, speaking of conference, I've seen some of the preliminary work that's been done by the Conference Chair and Committee. I'm sure it will

be a great time. Sherwood Park Fish and Game is of course hosting it. I urge all clubs to send a full slate of delegates, and those in the area who can spare some time to volunteer should be sure to do so.

Your executive has been very busy with a lot of issues. Government meetings have continued at a variety of levels. Not only has your executive done some good work meeting with the AEP Minister and various AEP staffs, but a lot of good stuff is happening at the local level as well. Huge thanks to Ray Makowecki up in Zone 5 for the great work he and others on the Next Step Team are doing on the Fisheries front. Their MLA Fisheries Management Committee is helping fisheries issues and fisheries management move in a very positive direction. It goes to show how passion at the local level and a 'never give up' attitude can bring widespread benefits. A number of other committees have really been working hard on fishing, hunting, and general administration issues. I hope this will result in a lot of interesting and valuable presentations and discussions at Conference.

Finally, with Christmas right around the corner, here's an idea: Not sure what to get that outdoorsperson in your life for Christmas? How about a membership to your local Fish and Game club? It comes at a relatively small cost, brings a magazine every couple of months, introduces them to our membership benefits, and gets them involved in the largest conservation organization in the province. It's a win-win for everyone.

Have a great rest of the fall and a successful and safe hunting season. Respect public and private land, and remember to give back to the resource whenever you can. 

Matt Zazula,
2nd Vice President
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AFGA was successful in receiving a \$5,000 grant from Cabela's Outdoor Fund. Many thanks to the good folks at Cabela's for assisting in the Antelope Corridor Enhancement project! Presenting the cheque to AFGA's EVP from left to right: Dustin Wozniak, Martin Sharren, Tanya Masse and Breann Krueger.



Jim presenting a \$100,000 cheque to Brian on behalf of Sarcee Fish and Game that was pledged at the conference. Left to Right: Matt Zazula - 2nd Vice President; Brian Dingreville - President; Jim Clarke - Hunting Chair; Wayne Lowry - Finance Chair; Doug Butler - Past President.



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Hunting Chair Report



JIM CLARKE
HUNTING CHAIR

Cooler temperatures have arrived and the kids are back in school.... that only means one thing...Hunting season is here! I know I have already seen some great pictures of success sent my way and also seen many more on social media. As you read this, it is in early November and most of the early special seasons/bow seasons have wrapped up and the start of the "general season" has started, and for those that have late special season hunts, you are starting to plan those at this time. It's an exciting time of year for all of us and congrats to all who have been successful and wishing all of you a great season ahead.

In my last report I stated that AE&P was getting back to business post-election and indeed we have just recently wrapped the most recent AGPAC meeting in late August. Another one is scheduled for early December already. At the recent meeting, we were first updated with several past issues that remain to

be completed including Big Game Allocation Policy update, Species Management Plan updates, review of the new for 2019 hunting regulation, the Hunting Regulation Act and its upcoming expiry and renewal date to name a few items. Then the meeting reviewed ideas from the member groups to answer the call as to: "what are some new innovative ideas we can enact in the next 2 years that will improve hunting in Alberta?".

The first item was basically an update that with the recently elected UCP government, the proposed 8 changes to the Big Game Allocation Policy update were again making their way forward and that we should know the results of them being accepted or not very soon. Following that, we need to get back to the business of performing the actual 5 year APOS licence allocation number review again. Hopefully this does not take very long as it has been reviewed several times by all the member groups of AGPAC. The second item is Species Management Plans. I do hope several of these are accepted and signed off very soon with the

acceptance of maybe the Mule Deer Management plan as that one is taking on a the very big task of somehow incorporating a CWD response plan into it. We all know CWD is spreading and in some WMU's the infection rate is somewhere north of 20% and approaching 40%. It has now reached the so called "barrier of Highway 2" and I'm sure we'll see it west of there in the next year or 2. It is definitely no small task to incorporate CWD management into the Mule Deer plan but I am looking forward to receiving some info on it hopefully soon. Other plans such as the Wild Turkey, Black Bear, and Elk plans should be introduced very soon. Following that we should see the Moose and Mule deer plans. Other specific plans involving Doves and Sandhill Cranes to name a few have again been moved forward so we should see something on those for the 2020 season.

For the new 2019 hunting regulations, we have all seen them posted in the Hunting Regulation booklet and in fact I've reported on them before. The biggest change to affect us immediately this season is the fact we finally have mandatory harvest and effort reporting. Remember to keep track of all the days you spend afield and your successes as this will vastly improve the hunting data that the Government Biologists will have available to them to help make changes more timely. Did you know that many WMU's were managed strictly from aerial game surveys and that many if not most do not get flown for 10 years or more between surveys? In many WMU's, as the time length between the surveys increased; the populations were managed as a more "precautionary safe approach" with reduced numbers, as true numbers were not really known. Also, if you do not input your harvest data, you will have to pay more for your licenses next



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year and may not be able to apply in the draw process at all. We were also made aware that the Regulation Regulatory Process is up for renewal in 2020 so some effort will have to be made this year to ensure a smooth transition for the 2019/20 years hunting regulations. We will likely see a big update next year as many items that have been underway since 2014 will likely be updated. We did however express concerns that we need to “simplify” as much as possible the whole hunting regulation booklet. We’ll see how that goes.

The rest of the meeting was a review of all items that the member groups brought forward to “improve hunting in Alberta”. Many of our AFGA concerns for hunting were brought up by other member groups and in fact

several groups brought up the same things even including reintroduction of some lost hunting seasons! Many of the ideas are just in the beginning stages of working through the AGPAC procedure and I’m sure at our next meeting we will fine tune some of them and suggest some key ones that the group wants forwarded for quick action. I’ll let you know about them in another issue once we get a shorter list. We, the AFGA; pushed for better access to all public lands, more hunting opportunity for species where we have seen unnecessary curtailment, expansion of the partner licence system to enable more people to go out and enjoy the resource and of course very quick adoption of Management Plans so we can get back to work at expanding hunting opportunities where demand

is very high for some species.

I for one am hoping that we see some very rapid acceptance and moving forward on many issues now especially with Jason Nixon’s involvement as our Minister. We already have another meeting scheduled with AE&P staff and the AFGA executive in early September and I will let you know the results of that meeting in another issue. One thing for all of us to be aware of is a social platform AE&P will be using going forward to “publicly review” any topics. They will be using “AE&P Talks”. I will be for sure looking for it and making comments on behalf of AFGA.

Again, good luck in all your outdoor adventures and as always, consider mentoring someone this year....it’s OUR future. 

Environment Chair Report

VICTOR BENZ


ENVIRONMENT CHAIR

FOR ME, IT has been a very quiet summer on the Environment front. The only real news I have concerns the Larsen appeal of the permit granted Lafarge Canada for the Phelan Pit end pit lake before the Alberta Environmental Appeal Board. The Phelan Pit will be located near the Freeman River, about 1 mile upstream of where it meets the Athabasca River. The hearing was held 30 April, with Alberta Environmental Appeal Board recommendations sent to the Minister on 30 May. Those recommendations consisted of four additional terms and conditions to be added to the end pit lake approval. The Minister’s decision in this case was delayed due to the Provincial Election. Jason Nixon, the new Minister of Environment and Parks, issued his decision on 3 July. That decision included eight specific variances to the approval, each one increasing the approval requirements of Lafarge Canada.

There are several important

learnings for the AFGA community:

- The Alberta Environmental Appeal Board decided that the “standard of review” for this case would be correctness, with no deference to the Director AEP. This meant the Board could recommend varying the Approval, which it did do.
- This case has been portrayed as a “David versus Goliath” contest. Indeed it was, with formidable legal and subject matter experts present on behalf of both AE&P and Lafarge. However, the Appeal Board seemed to listen carefully to the issues presented by the appellant’s team, and stopped attempts by the other parties to limit discussion topics. In the end, the approval stayed in place, but with significant additional requirements for Lafarge.
- Active grassroots involvement in the earliest stages of such projects is irreplaceable.

In closing, I leave you with a summer sunset on a northern shield lake. 




Youth Chair Report

TERI-LYNN NICE

YOUTH CHAIR

THIS SUMMER HAS been a good one, my club has done fishing derbies and contests. My club and I have started planning for the conference and I’m excited to be a part of it again as the new youth president.

We still need some adult volunteers for the youth program!

If you think you can help please contact me at terillynnnice@icloud.com 



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Fishing Chair Report



CAUTIOUSLY OPTIMISTIC!

For the first time in the last four decades I did not make a trip into the headwaters of the Little Smoky River. Summer rains pummeled the region with stream conditions only becoming fishable in September. While angling is a passion, it is shared equally with waterfowl and upland bird hunting which finds me out pursuing the sport with my two Labrador Retrievers. Nevertheless, I will wet a line chasing Walleye, Northern Pike or Rainbow Trout close to home in the coming weeks. Yes, the thrill of a subtle rise of an Arctic Grayling to sip in a Tom Thumb may have to wait until next year.

My last report highlighted meetings with the Minister of Environment and Parks, Jason Nixon on June 24, 2019 and the United Conservative Caucus Committee chaired by UCP Caucus Chair Todd Loewen on July 3, 2019 that is advising the minister on issues related to fisheries management. The Minister and committee have met with many stakeholders since taking office. There appears to be a move to develop strategic long-term priorities related to fisheries management with a resulting implementation plan.

DARRYL SMITH
FISHING CHAIR

Indications are the priorities may align or address many Alberta Fish and Game Association (AFGA) positions or issues. Much however rests on overall government coffers that will need to carefully consider the MacKinnon Report on Alberta's finances that was released on September 3rd, currently, it is a wait and see game.

The AFGA Senior Executive along with the Provincial Hunting and Fishing Chairs met with Travis Ripley, Executive Director of Fish and Wildlife Policy including key members of his management team on September 5th. The tone of these meetings has changed, accompanied by two-way dialogue, often with similar viewpoints becoming the norm. I'm excited when I hear Dave Park, Director, Fisheries Management Policy talking about addressing many long-standing issues or embracing ideas championed by the AFGA. This year's Alberta Environment and Parks response to the Alberta Fish and Game Association 2019 resolutions showed a similar pattern <https://www.afga.org/2019-resolution-responses/>.

One concern that the angling community collectively must deal with is recruitment of youth into the angling community. Angling license sales in Alberta appear to have slipped again, but it must be recognized that we are not alone in this trend. There is no single factor contributing to the decline. Regulatory changes to "incentivize youth and mentors" is one avenue to explore.

The long-awaited public release of the final report co-authored by Roche, Bennett, Martins and Cooke, titled: A Third Party Scientific Review of Alberta Environment and Parks' North Central Native Trout Recovery Program (NCNTRP) has finally happened <https://www.afga.org/public-release-of-third-party-science-review-of-ncntrp/>. The report should also be available to the public through the Open Government Library as well as through links on alberta.ca Office of the Chief Scientist.

I would urge everyone to take the time to read the report in-depth. Pay particular attention to Summary of Stakeholder Concerns, Summary of Stakeholder Recommendations, and the Recommendation of the Third Party Science Review (TPSR). The report highlights both strengths



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6. Build capacity related to human dimensions research

Fisheries and Oceans Canada has also released a report on the Cumulative Effects Model. This Science Advisory Report was the outcome of the “regional peer review of the Review of Alberta Environment and Parks Cumulative Effects Assessment Methodology held on September 18–20, 2018. The purpose of this meeting was to review the model developed by the Province of Alberta, assess the ability to incorporate quantitative and qualitative information and/or data into the model, and determine if components of the model would add additional value to the current DFO framework for assessing threats, ecological risk, and impact.” It is available here: http://www.dfo-mpo.gc.ca/csas-sccs/Publications/SAR-AS/2019/2019_045-eng.html or <https://www.afga.org/public-release-of-third-party-science-review-of-ncntrp/>. Similarly, it identifies both strengths and shortcomings.

I know it will be a busy fall for the Alberta Fish and Game Association along with other stakeholders. The hope is that collectively we will be involved in consultative processes that chart a path forward to create

the required social, economic and environmental balance to manage Alberta’s fisheries and their habitat in a sustainable fashion. By the time you read this, the first signs of winter may be upon us. Even with this season’s arrival, Alberta’s outdoors have much to offer! Be safe and take the time to take a youth fishing with you! The future of angling is in peril. It will quickly disappear from the radar of society and governments if participation continues to decline. 🐦



and weaknesses related to NCNTRP, Cumulative Effect Model (CEM) and decision-making processes within Alberta Environment and Parks. The key recommendations of the TPSR are:

1. Produce a management plan
2. Adopt a participatory approach to fisheries management
3. Consider the implications of the CEMs in their existing form
4. Be transparent
5. Plan for the long-term

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Zone 1 Report

GLENN HEATHER

ZONE 1 DIRECTOR

WELL BY THE time we are reading this issue a lot of the hunting season will have passed, hopefully your hunting has been enjoyable and successful.


Zone 1 meeting was held September 22, with excellent attendance and resolutions discussed to be forwarded to the AFGA meeting in December.

Correspondence has went out to all

our Zone 1 clubs asking for notification of all the exciting activities they have been involved in. Below is Taber's submission. As other Zone 1 club updates come in, they will be submitted and again, will advertise all the 'good things' and value our clubs bring to their communities

The 2019 IPSC Alberta Provincial

Championship was held at the Taber Shooting Foundation Range June 9 to July 1. There were a total of 208 shooters who each shot 2 half days over the 3 Day period. Over 42,000 rounds were fired and there was zero incidents.

Looking forward to sharing more in the future. 

Zone 2 Report

DEB CLARKE

ZONE 2 DIRECTOR

GETTING OUT TO do a bit of camping, hiking, fishing and hunting should be enjoyed and appreciated. Being away from the everyday busyness of life in general and having the change of scenery should be cherished. Not everyone has an opportunity to enjoy the outdoors.

Thanks to the Wheatland Conservation and Hunting Association for hosting the fall Zone 2 meeting at their club house on Sunday, October 20, 2019! The next Zone meeting is usually held the 3rd Sunday in January. Contact me for details.

The AFGA Conference is coming up fast, register ASAP (before December 15) to take advantage of the early bird registration discounts. The Conference package was sent out to clubs and can be found on the AFGA website. Should you or your club wish to contribute financially or donate items for the event please contact head office as soon as possible.

Looking for an avenue to recognize members of your club, individuals and/

or highlight a club project? The AFGA has 23 different prestigious Service Awards to choose from and the list/definitions can be found at <https://www.afga.org/afga-service-awards/>. November 30th is the deadline for written nomination submissions to head office. If required, I can assist Zone 2 clubs with submissions.


My apologies for being behind in my report writing. For a quick summary, Zone 2 clubs were busy this year with the Calgary Boat and Outdoors Show; building bird feeders, bat houses and bee condos; fund-raising garage sales; disabled fun fishing events; shooting and archery competitions; introduction to fly fishing activities; family campouts and BBQ's; donations to like-minded outdoor groups and local public service organizations; working casinos; informational/guest speaker presentations; mentor hunts, pheasant raising and releasing; along with starting up Ladies Leagues and youth programs. Way to go volunteers and clubs!

As a reminder, clubs will be looking

for any type of meat (or fish) donations for spring banquets. Contact your local organization for more information and drop off locations. Tickets to club banquets make good Christmas gifts too.

A link to the most recent Wildlife Trust Fund video can be found at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9OQz5B6aQLc>. Head office can provide a copy of it on a USB flash drive, if preferred. Show your family, friends and fellow club members what our Association is able to do with support from them.

CWD information can be found at <https://www.alberta.ca/chronic-wasting-disease-updates.aspx>. On this site you will also find a link related to Information for Hunters.

Did U Know: The new 4th edition of the "Alberta Wildlife Records Book" is available for purchase. In it you will find the entries from past years (including 2018), numerous stories, photos and outdoor-related information. Contact head office to obtain a copy, two or three. deb.clarke@telus.net 



Alberta Fish & Game Association

Zone 5 Report

ROBYN BUTLER

ZONE 5 DIRECTOR

Zone 4 Report

FARAN SCHABER

ZONE 4 DIRECTOR

IT HAS BEEN a couple of issues since I have put in a report. It seems our "summer" has got in the way. It seems to be very hard to put more than 3 days together without rain.

When you read this, hunting season will be in full swing. Hope you all got the draws you were hoping for. I got a moose draw, time will tell if I get enough time to go and fill the tag.

This summer, there were 2 youth camps and 2 BOW camps held at Narrow Lake. As far as I know the camps were a success.

The AFGA executive held our summer meeting at Ponoka again this year. There was good discussion on a variety of topics, and I am sure that the senior executive will fill you all in on these topics.

TEK Coal cancelled the trails committee meeting this year. I got the notification of the cancellation, but I never did get a notification of the meeting. They did send out a letter stating that there were trails being closed and alternate access would be available. I hope those hunting the area will be able to access the areas that they want to get into.

All fall Zone meetings will be held in October. The Zone 4 meeting will be October 27 at the Morinville Fish and Game Clubhouse at 10:00am.

Just a reminder to get your resolutions into the zone meetings. 🐦



SOON WE WILL be starting a brand-new year. Have you reflected back on 2019 and said "what did I do for conservation, my club and myself." Well, be very proud of what you have and will accomplish, because of you we are a very strong organization.

The Zone 5 fall meeting was hosted by the Willingdon Fish and Game Association on Oct 19. Many clubs were represented with 40 people in attendance. Thank-you to the Willingdon Club for being such gracious hosts.

I am happy to report the continued relationship with Faran Schaber and Zone 4, in both our commitments to make the NLCC the best facility it can be. Thank you all who contributed to the barrier free washroom, which is now complete. The youth camps were full to capacity again this year, and there were many youth who were disappointed they could not go but will try again next year. The work that goes into running these camps is mind boggling, but thanks to Samantha, her staff and the many volunteers they put on a great camp year after year. Fantastic job everyone!

NLCC is used by many clubs and organizations for youth events. B.O.W. (Becoming an Outdoor Woman) holds 2 camps a year, with 20 women in each camp. Be sure to inform your members to take part in these camps. They fill quickly so don't delay.

The Zone 5 clubs have been very busy hosting archery shoots indoor and outdoor, assisting ACA with the Kids can Catch/ Archery Days programs, gopher hunts, birdhouse building, Hunter Ed Courses, fish derbies, youth camps, tri-club shoots and many other conservation projects. Keep up the good work and thank-you to all the clubs in keeping me informed of their activities. I hope every club sees increases in their membership and club support this following year. Hopefully each club can reach their membership target and get a great gift package from head office for doing this.

I did manage to get out fishing this summer and my 74 cm walleye was way bigger than Doug's 68 cm one. (See picture.) It's always great to beat a pro! Both fish were released unharmed! 🐦



Club Events

Alberta Black Powder	January 19, 2019	11:00am	AGM – Quality Inn North Hill, Red Deer – bp.quilter@shaw.ca
Athabasca Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Provincial Building – Sept to June
Barrhead Fish & Game:	Last Wednesday	7:00pm	Barrhead Legion – Sept to April
Beaver River Fish & Game:	1st Tuesday	7:30pm	Except July & August
Breton Fish & Game:	4th Wednesday	7:30pm	Breton Golden Age Centre – 50th Avenue – except July/Aug/Dec
Busby & District Fish & Game:	2nd Monday	7:30pm	Lone Goose Club House
Calgary Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Curve Distribution – 11056 48 Street SE
Camrose Fish & Game:	2nd Wednesday	7:00pm	Superstore meeting room
Cardston Fish & Game:	2nd Thursday	7:00pm	Civic Center
Clandonald & District Fish & Game:	3rd Thursday	7:30pm	Clandonald Coffee shop
Claresholm Fish & Game:	3rd Monday	N/A	Claresholm indoor range
Coaldale & District Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:30pm	The Range
Dickson Fish & Game:	2nd Monday	8:00pm	Dickson Fish & Game Hall: Contact Ike: 403-588-2646 or 403-728-3818
Devon Fish & Game:	4th Thursday	7:30pm	Pioneer 73 Centre: #29 St. Lawrence Avenue
Dunvegan Fish & Game:	3rd Wednesday	7:30pm	Except July/Aug – Scouts Hall, Fairview, AB
Drumheller Fish & Game:	3rd Tuesday	7:00pm	Except July/Aug
Edmonton Fish & Game:	2nd Wednesday	7:30pm	no info
Edmonton Old Timers:	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Spruce Avenue Hall – 10240 115 Avenue
Edmonton Trout Fishing	1st & 3rd Tuesday	7:00pm	Queen Mary Park Community League – 109 Ave & 117 Street
Ft. MacLeod Fish & Game:	3rd Wednesday	7:00pm	NWMP Library –back door
Ft. Saskatchewan Fish & Game:	3rd Wednesday	7:00pm	Old Train Station – Sept to June
High Level Sporting Association:	3rd Wednesday	N/A	no info
High Prairie Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Summer @ Range – Winter @ Amiro's
High River Fish & Game:	2nd Wednesday	7:45pm	For more info: www.hrfishandgame.wordpress.com
Hillcrest Fish & Game:	1st Wednesday	7:00pm	Hillcrest Fish & Game Hall – 22802 8th Avenue (October to June)
Innisfail Fish & Game:	1st Monday	7:00pm	Innisfail Royal Canadian Legion – except July and August
Iron Creek Fish & Game:	2nd Thursday	7:30pm	Lougheed Lions Den - Mainstreet
Lacombe Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:30pm	Lacombe Legion (except July & August)
Lamont Fish & Game:	Last Monday	7:00pm	Lamont Lions Den – Contact Robyn Butler: 780-895-7799
Leduc Fish & Game:	1st Wednesday	7:30pm	Leduc Clubhouse – for more info – (780) 986-1807 - Sept to June
Lethbridge Fish & Game:	3rd Monday	7:00pm	LFGA Clubhouse – 9th Avenue & 10th Street South (except – July/Aug)
Lloydminster Fish & Game:	Last Tuesday	7:30pm	Except July & December – Grace United Church
Magrath Rod & Gun Club	3rd Thursday	7:00pm	Magrath Library
Medicine Hat Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	8:00pm	Ricky's Rest. private dining room (see Facebook page) - Sept to June
Millet Fish & Game:	1st Tuesday	7:30pm	Millet Fish & Game Hall
Morinville Fish & Game:	2nd & 4th Thursday	7:30pm	Morinville F&G Clubhouse – except July/Aug
Mundare Fish & Game:	Last Monday	6:30pm	Mundare Gun Range – May - August
Okotoks Fish & Game:	3rd Tuesday	7:00pm	For more info visit our website: www.okotoksfishandgame.com
Oneway & District Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Education Centre @ gun range – (780) 924-0005 - Sept to June
Peace Wapiti Fish & Game:	1st Tuesday	7:30pm	Better than Fred's – 9903 101 St, Gr. Prairie - Sept to June
Picture Butte Fish & Game:	1st Tuesday	7:00pm	Archery Range – 464 Crescent Ave. (except Jul/Aug)
Ponoka Fish & Game:	1st Thursday	7:30pm	Clubhouse
Porcupine Hills Wildlife Assoc:	2nd Tuesday	7:00pm	Kozy Corner – 2211 20 Street, Nanton (except Jul/Aug)
Provost Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	8:00pm	Indoor Gun Range – 2km East of Provost (except July/August)
Red Deer Fish & Game:	3rd Monday	7:00pm	Red Deer Legion (use Molly B door) – Tues if stat --except July/Aug
Red Earth Creek Rod & Gun Club:	3rd Tuesday	7:30pm	No other info
Rimbey Fish & Game:	1st Wednesday	7:00pm	Canalta Hotel: 5702 43rd Street – Sept to June
Rocky Mtn House Fish & Game:	2nd Wednesday	7:00pm	Rocky Museum Basement meeting room
Sarcee Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:30pm	Mtn View Funeral Home Auditorium – September to June
Sherwood Park Fish & Game:	Last Thursday	7:30pm	50 Spruce Avenue
St. Albert Fish & Game:	2nd Tuesday	7:30pm	St. Albert community Hall on Perron St. – September to June
St. Paul Fish & Game:	1st Wednesday	7:30pm	Town Hall - Downstairs
Southern AB Outdoorsmen:	2nd Tuesday	N/A	Kings Home – 108 – 5th Avenue NE – Milk River
Spedden Fish & Game:	2nd Sunday	7:30pm	Ashmont
Spruce Grove Fish & Game:	1st Thursday	7:00pm	Pioneer Centre – 301 Jespesen Ave.–Sp. Grove – (Except Jul/Aug & Nov)
Stony Plain Fish & Game:	2nd Monday	7:30pm	Stony Plain Community Centre, 51 Ave. – Jimmy: (780) 405-0015
Sundre Fish & Game:	3rd Tuesday	7:00pm	Sundre Community Center
Sylvan Lake & District:	1st Monday	7:00pm	Community Partner Hall
Taber Fish & Game:	2nd Wednesday	N/A	Kid Zone in Taber
Thorsby Fish & Game:	3rd Monday	7:00pm	Sunnybrook Hall
Vegreville Wildlife Federation:	1st Thursday	7:00pm	VWF Alder Centre – 5121 50 Street - Vegreville
Vermillion Fish & Game:	2nd Wednesday	N/A	Vermillion Provincial Building – Conference room
Viking Sports & Wildlife Society:	1st Tuesday	7:30pm	Clubhouse located near Viking
Vilna Fish & Game:	3rd Wednesday	7:00pm	Cultural Centre in Vilna
Wheatland Conservation & Wildlife:	2nd Thursday	7:30pm	254073 RR 252 (north of Strathmore)
Whitcourt Fish & Game:	1st Wednesday	7:00pm	Forestry Training Centre
Wildwood & District Rod & Gun Club:	2nd Thursday	7:30pm	Range in the clubhouse
Willingdon & District Fish & Game:	Last Tuesday	7:30pm	Willingdon Arena – upstairs clubroom – Sept to June
Wimborne & District Fish & Game:	1st Wednesday	N/A	Wimborne Hall

OTHER EVENTS

OTHER EVENTS	DATE	TIME	DETAILS
Zone 1	September 22, 2019	TBA	Zone 1 Fall Meeting – Lethbridge F&G Hut
Beaver River Fish & Game:	Every Wednesday	6:00 – 8:00pm	Youth / Adult Archery

Edmonton Old Timers Fishing Club is looking for you! Calling all fishermen over 50! You'll find lots of people to go fishing with both summer & ice fishing in the winter. We have meetings once a month with a guest speaker. For more info: Randy Collins 780-868-3944

*IF YOU WISH TO HAVE YOUR EVENT/MEETING PLACED IN THE OUTDOOR EDGE OR ON OUR WEBSITE...PLEASE EMAIL OR FAX INFORMATION TO OUR OFFICE: info@afga.org or fax: (780) 438-6872 (CHECK OUT OUR EVENTS CALENDAR ON THE WEBSITE FOR MORE INFORMATION or EVENTS NOT LISTED HERE: www.afga.org)

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