

Coyote Status - Resolution #01-2020

Submitted by Region 11

WHEREAS the coyote is our most valuable fur animal;

WHEREAS the coyote is listed as a varmint and can be destroyed all year;

WHEREAS this promotes waste of a valuable resource and is the opposite of what we believe in "wise use of our resources";

BE IT RESOLVED that the coyote be reinstated back to fur bearer status for the 2020-2021 season with a season date of Nov.15 - March 15th (landowners would keep the right to protect their property).

Trail Permit Fees – Resolution #02-2020

Submitted by Region 9

WHEREAS trapline trails are an intricate part gaining access to remote areas of the trapper's lease to harvest furs during their brief fully prime periods that otherwise would not be harvested such as beavers and wolves;

WHEREAS trappers are required to pay fees yearly for permits to clear existing trails with appropriate heavy equipment;

WHEREAS the heavy equipment permit only allows trail clearing to be less labor intensive and expedites trail clearing without widening the two meter allowable width;

WHEREAS other stakeholders and forest users such as outfitters, hunters and berry pickers also utilizes these same trails thereby lessening the overall environmental disturbance;

BE IT RESOLVED To lessen the yearly increasing financial burden on the trapper the fee for the permit to employ heavy equipment to assist clearing of existing trails be eliminated.

Resolution Concerning NFCA and SFCA – Resolution #03-2020

Submitted by Region 9

WHERE AS due to geographic differences and tradition the trapping organizational structure and regulations differ from Northern Fur Conservation Area NFCA to Southern Fur Conservation Area SFCA;

WHERE AS these provincial administrative areas encompass distinct STA Regions;

WHERE AS a resolution that originates out of a STA Region that targets another Region(s), regulatory or operating policy and the petitioning Region is not within the same provincial administrative area, then this action may be viewed as an intrusion;

BE IT RESOLVED that no Region shall bring forward a resolution that would alter another's Region(s) internal trapper's policy or regulations unless such a Region operates under the same provincial governance policy and regulations. At the AGM the resolution will be voted by all members on its merits.

Closure of Front- Counter Services – Resolution #04-2020

Submitted by Region 9

WHEREAS part of the Ministry of Environment’s contribution to balancing the budget has been to eliminate some services, such as closures of 19 of their front-counter services offices and the affected service staff;

WHEREAS these individuals not only sold licenses but were the initial contact with the public and assisted the public with completing numerous forms and applications which allowed field staff increased time contacting with the public in a proactive contact role versus only reactive investigating;

WHEREAS a large portion of the middle aged and senior public outside the metropolitan areas are not proficient with the digital technology and often struggle with the technological alternative offered by the ministry verses front line counter staff;

WHEREAS this lack of understanding of technology and the increased effort and time coupled with extra travel expenses has led to exasperation with the Ministry;

BE IT RESOLVED that the Ministry of Environment review and reconsider then reverse their decision of the closing of their field offices front counter services.

Provincial Beaver Management Incentive – Resolution #05-2020

Submitted by Region 9

WHEREAS beaver trapping is a labor intensive practice that includes harvesting, pelt preparation and often difficulty accessing the trapping area, coupled with depressed prices the trappers receive little monetary incentive to properly manage beavers;

WHEREAS beaver populations propagate then through necessity relocate and re-establish in areas where they restrict or divert water flow causing extensive damage to public, commercial infrastructure and agriculture operations;

WHEREAS some agencies and corporations through a bounty system or contracting management trappers and deploying heavy equipment shoulder the cost of coping with beavers. These measures are generally a futile repetitive and an expensive management struggle, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED a provincial beaver management incentive program based on marketable pelts be introduced, with monetary contributions from agencies, corporations and accountable ministries.