

# NEW BRUNSWICK WILDLIFE FEDERATION



## Conservation POLICY MANUAL

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## INTRODUCTION

**The main purpose of this document is to provide members of the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation (NBWF) with Federation positions regarding fish and wildlife issues. This document was compiled in 2013 and must be updated as and when required in order to retain its value to users.**

**The majority of Federation Policy originates with Resolutions although some policy does originate from positions and submissions to government.**

**Every attempt has been made to locate and record as many Resolutions as possible but it is possible that additional Resolutions will be located after the Policy Manual is completed. Should this occur every attempt will be made to add these Resolutions to the Manual.**

**Where government responses to the submission of Resolutions were available these responses have been added to the section titled “Government Response”. It should be noted that the wording “Gov’t Response” after a Resolution shown in the Resolution Section indicates that a response to that specific Resolution can be found in the Government Response Section.**

**It is also important to note that all Resolutions that were available at the time have been shown regardless of their final disposition. As a result users of this Manual will see that Resolutions that have been adopted, defeated or withdrawn have been listed. The reason for this is that all of these Resolutions have some value towards the history of the Federation and at the very least show the minds and thoughts of some of our Branches throughout the past years.**



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Only the most recent positions on issues have been used to formulate the policy identified in this Manual. There may however, exist resolutions prior to 1980 that could result in additional policy being noted in this Manual, but until these resolutions are identified and authenticated the resolutions and the resulting policy shown here will stand as presented. Every attempt will be made to locate and record in this Manual all relevant resolutions prior to 1980 that have not been affected by more recent resolutions.

Another important part of this document can be found under Resolution Procedures. This complete *Conservation Policy Manual* will have to be approved at a meeting of the Board of Directors in order to become authorized NBWF Policy.

Furthermore it is important to note that these policies should not at anytime or under any conditions be contrary to the basic objectives of the Federation as found in the *Constitution and By-Laws*. Therefore all policy must reflect that our renewable and non – renewable natural resources must be restored, wisely used and perpetuated for posterity at all costs. This requires policy to be based on sound fish and wildlife management decisions and always in consideration of the wise use of our natural resources within this Province and throughout Canada.

## REVISION HISTORY

REVISION #	REVISION DATE	REVISION NOTES
1.0	June 25, 2013	Initial Draft by Ron Whitehead
1.1	July 02, 2013	Document formatting updates
1.2a	Nov. 13, 2013	Added DNR Response to 2013 Resolutions received from Ron Whitehead
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1.3a	May 08, 2014	Minor typo corrections
1.4	Dec. 04, 2017	Added Policy Statements 2015 to 2017 received from Ron Whitehead
1.5	Nov. 16, 2018	Added 2018 Resolutions, Government Responses and Policy Statements received from Ron Whitehead
1.6	Oct. 12, 2019	Added 2019 Resolutions received from Ron Whitehead
1.7	Nov. 23, 2020	Added Revision, Page 102 received from Nathalie Michaud
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## NBWF RESOLUTIONS

### 1980

- 1. Petitcodiac River Resolution** – *be it therefore resolved that if a true commitment by the Provincial Government does exist, the option of permanently removing the water control gates in the Petitcodiac River Causeway be implemented thereby eliminating fish passage problems for all anadromous fish species, especially the beleaguered Atlantic salmon.* **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
- 2. Acid Rain** – (a) *be it therefore resolved that the Federal Government continue and complete negotiations with the USA for an international agreement governing air quality and setting controls for emissions of pollutants in both our countries* (b) *that the Provincial Government take immediate action to reduce significantly, harmful emissions within this province; by, setting maximum contaminant quantities and concentration standards and objectives for sulphur dioxide, nitrogen dioxide and hydrogen sulphide; by strictly enforcing any standards that are set; by requiring all operations (including existing and new operations) discharging contaminants into the air, to apply for a permit to do so and that a hearing be held for such permits, and that at the hearing members of the public having an interest, be permitted to make objections and be heard; by giving the responsible Minister authority to issue “stop orders” where permit limits are not adhered to.* **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**

### 1981

- 1. Reduction of Migratory Bird Season** – *without any notice to the general public the migratory bird season for 1979/1980 was reduced one full week. No explanation has been forthcoming as to why this reduction was necessary; be it therefore resolved that the NBWF approach the government agencies involved to have the seven (7) days re-established.* **Atlantic Flyway Trap & Skeet Club. Motion Adopted.**
- 2. Definition of night** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF encourage DNR to revert back to the law which existed in the 1978-79 Summary; wherein, under general regulations and information, it is unlawful for any person “item 3 – to hunt game in the night or with the assistance of lights. Night is defined as being one hour after sunset to one hour before sunrise the following day. NOTE: as it reads now, the words one hour have changed to one half hour; this has also changed item 14 under the Firearm Regulations.* **Atlantic Flyway Trap & Skeet Club. Motion Adopted.**
- 3. Shotgun Plugs** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF urge DNR to eliminate the outdated law pertaining to shotguns being plugged; both for waterfowl hunting and especially in the resort of big game.* **Atlantic Flyway Trap & Skeet Club. Motion Adopted.**



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4. **Establish quotas on fur bearers** – *be it therefore resolved that DNR Fish & Wildlife Branch conduct surveys and where deemed necessary establish quotas on fur bearers.* . **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
5. **Open crow season** – *be it therefore resolved that DNR be again requested to open the Crow season as of mid-March in each year.* . **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
6. **1981 Seal Hunt** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF urges the Federal Government to issue licences to seal hunters who have proved that they are sufficiently knowledgeable and skilled in practices of the seal hunt that are not unnecessarily cruel or wasteful.* . **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
7. **Bobcat hunting with hounds** – *be it therefore resolved that the season for Bobcat hunting with hounds be December 1<sup>st</sup> to February 28<sup>th</sup> in the Northern Trapping Zone and January 1<sup>st</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup> in the Southern Trapping Zone.* **NB Coon & Cat Hunters Association Inc. Motion Adopted.**
8. **Deer Wintering Yards, Green River Watershed** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the Provincial Government to enact legislation to prohibit people with snowmobiles to ride near wintering yards; and be it further resolved that the Provincial Government close both roads leading to First Lake and deer wintering yards for snowmobiles during the winter seasons.* **Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB.) Motion Withdrawn.**
9. **Sunday hunting** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the Provincial Government to open the hunting of big game on Sunday to give an equal chance to everybody to practice their favourite sport of hunting.* **Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB) Motion Defeated.**
10. **Open hunting season for Unicorn** – *be it therefore resolved that DNR be requested to conduct a survey to determine the practicality of such an open season and if found feasible make recommendations as to the time and length of the season, number of licences, etc.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted?**
11. **Keswick River angling with artificial fly** – *be it therefore resolved that the lower stretches of this river, from the Main Highway Bridge at the Mouth of Keswick to the Railway Bridge at Barton, be scheduled as a river curtailed to the exclusive angling by artificial fly, from July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year; also be it therefore resolved that any portion of this river that shows evidence of poaching, and is deemed extremely susceptible by authorities to poaching, due to low water conditions, be closed to all fishing until water conditions warrant its reopening.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
12. **Merganser control** – *be it therefore resolved that control measures be instigated to reduce the numbers of these fish eating ducks nesting and feeding on our freshwater streams.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**



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**13. Pheasant Season** – be it therefore resolved that a limited pheasant season be held providing the following conditions are met. (a) on a regional basis, the Regional Biologist determine that pheasant numbers are sufficient to warrant such a season; (b) the open areas to hunting be limited to those well away from towns, cities and dwellings, as in many cases pheasants have survived and proliferated only due to the efforts of people who have either raised or fed pheasants on a regular basis and that the killing of pheasants so looked after would do enormous harm to the public's view of the hunter; (c) consideration be given that would limit the number of hunters and/or the number of pheasants killed; i.e. draw system; this would be determined by DNR and the above factors are to be reassessed on a yearly basis. Sackville Rod & Gun Club. Withdrawn.

**14. Outdoor User Education Fund** – this is a long resolution with seven (7) paragraphs of information and recommendations. It has been indicated that this resolution was to be discussed but there is no evidence here that it was discussed, withdrawn, defeated or otherwise handled. Readers are therefore advised to refer to the actual resolution for the complete story. Sackville Rod & Gun Club.

## 1982

- 1. Delay application of the Crown Lands Act** – be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the provincial government to delay application of the Crown Lands Act until such time as public meetings are held in each area of the province whereby representations can be made by the population as a whole. Kedgwick Fish & Game Association. Undecided.
- 2. Shotgun Plugs** – be it therefore resolved that the regulations restricting the legal number of shells in a shotgun be rescinded for the purpose of interpreting the NB Game act (see Section 43, subsection (1) (f)). Atlantic Flyway Trap & Skeet Club. Motion Adopted.
- 3. Issuance of copy of pertinent Acts/Regulations with licence** – be it therefore resolved that a copy of the NB Wildlife Act, Migratory Bird Convention Act or any other pertinent document outlining legal responsibility and regulations under game legislation be part of the material issued to an applicant upon receipt of a licence. Atlantic Flyway Trap & Skeet Club. Motion Adopted.
- 4. Daily Bag and Possession Limits when hunting** – be it therefore resolved that a committee be struck to study the implications of daily bag and possession limits of both the MBCA and the NBWA. Atlantic Flyway Trap & Skeet Club. Motion Adopted.
- 5. Concerns related to the Closing of Recreational Areas to Public Use** - be it therefore resolved that a committee be struck to study the land use in the Province as it relates to public recreation. Atlantic Flyway Trap & Skeet Club. Undecided.
- 6. Reverse Onus Law** – be it therefore resolved that the Reverse Onus Law be rescinded from the NB Fish & Game Act. Atlantic Flyway Trap & Skeet Club. Defeated



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7. **Weight Scales at Big Game Check – in Points** – *be it therefore resolved that all check-in points be equipped with weighing devices and that all game for which permits are issued on a weight basis, be weighed accurately.* **Atlantic Flyway Trap & Skeet Club. Motion Adopted.**
8. **Sunday hunting** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the Provincial Government to open the hunting of big game on Sunday to give an equal chance to everybody to practice their favourite sport of hunting.* **Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB). Motion Adopted.**
9. **Opening and Closing of Hunting Seasons to be consistent throughout the Province** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF apply pressure on the NB Government in order that the seasons in the Province which are shorter, be increased so that areas of the Province will have a common hunting “opening and closing” season.* **Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB). Motion Adopted.**
10. **Bow hunting season** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF goes on record as an ardent supporter of a season for bow hunting; be it further resolved that the NBWF petition the NB Government to open a special season for the practice of hunting with bows and arrows only.* **Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB) Motion Adopted.**
11. **Reduction to the length of the Atlantic Salmon angling season as well as bag limits** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF categorically opposes such action by the Federal Government.* **Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB). Motion Adopted.**
12. **Enhancement of Atlantic Salmon by the Federal Government** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF are opposed to the procedure whereby some rivers are enhanced at the expense of others and recommends that 50 % of retrieved broodstock from one river be destined to the donor river or its tributaries.* **Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB). Motion Adopted.**
13. **Crown Reserve Waters** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF recommends the use of toll free telephones for reservation purposes. The closest DNR office of a particular stretch of said waters should solely be entitled to receive said reservations for a 7 day advance notice.* **Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB) Withdrawn.**
14. **Request to open Crown Reserve Waters on the Miramichi** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF strongly urge that the Minister of DNR open two (2) stretches of Daily Crown Reserve Waters on the Miramichi Drainage System.* **Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB) Motion Adopted.**
15. **1981 integration of the Restigouche Riparian Association Wardens as DNR staff** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF urges the Minister of DNR to carry out a full scale investigation into the matter of the missing 300 fish from the NW Upsilonquitch River Holding Pool; and, be it further resolved*



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*that the NBWF, for the time being, categorically oppose the principle of the integration. Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB) Motion Adopted.*

- 16. Creel Census Reports on Crown Reserve Waters – be it therefore resolved that the NBWF urges that DNR make it mandatory for anglers to provide creel census reports prior to leaving their angling trip. Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB) Withdrawn.**
- 17. Creel Census Reports re Salmon Angling Licence – be it therefore resolved that the NBWF urges DNR to make it mandatory for anglers to provide this information at the end of each season, and furthermore, all unused tags of any one season should be returned to DNR along with the Creel Census Reports. Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB) Withdrawn.**
- 18. Inland Commercial Fisheries – be it therefore resolved that the NBWF categorically oppose commercial fishing of said waters (inland waters) for at least another three years in order to upgrade stocks. Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB) Motion Adopted.**
- 19. Abolish Riparian Angling Rights – be it therefore resolved that the NBWF urges the Minister of DNR, along with his Government, petition the Federal Government to abolish said rights; once abolished those affected could be offered angling waters under lease. Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB) Motion Adopted.**
- 20. Enhancement of Atlantic Salmon on the Upper Saint John River – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF lobby the Federal Government to ensure speedy conclusions of said negotiations (American counterparts), and be it further resolved that the NBWF will pressure the Federal Government into enhancing the Saint John River upwards of Grand Falls at the earliest time. Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB) Motion Adopted.**
- 21. Bear Season (Spring & Fall Seasons) should be reduced – therefore be it resolved that the season be limited to a period in the fall concurrent to the deer season. Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB) Withdrawn.**
- 22. Increase the daily bag limit for trout (speckled, brown, rainbow) from 15 to 25 Province-wide – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition both the Provincial and Federal Government to have the daily bag limit and maximum possession set at twenty-five (25) trout in any one day or in possession. Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. (Edmundston, NB) Withdrawn.**
- 23. Requirement for 24 hours notice for raccoon hunters – therefore be it resolved that the requirement for 24 hours notice be dropped, and have it changed to any person that is a member of an area for**



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*raccoon hunting or hound training before five o'clock, Monday to Friday.* **NB Coon and Cat Hunters Association Inc. Motion Adopted.**

- 24. Season for hunting bobcat with hounds – therefore be it resolved that the bobcat season for hunting with hounds be changed from November 24<sup>th</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>, to December 15<sup>th</sup> to February 29<sup>th</sup>.** **NB Coon and Cat Hunters Association Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 25. Restrict the use of Conibear Traps on land – therefore be it resolved that all 330 and 220 Conibear traps that are set on land be in dog proof boxes or five feet above the ground.** **NB Coon and Cat Hunters Association Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 26. Establish varmint season for Coyote – therefore be it resolved that the Department of Natural Resources establish a varmint season for coyote from October 1<sup>st</sup> to February 29<sup>th</sup>.** **NB Coon and Cat Hunters Association Inc. Withdrawn.**
- 27. Revenue from licences applied to training and hiring of wildlife protection personnel – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Provincial Government to have these revenues transferred directly to the DNR to be applied by that Department in the training and hiring of additional wildlife protection personnel.** **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Withdrawn.**
- 28. Crown Reserve Waters – reinstate the three day angling period – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF reinstate the former three day angling period for Crown Reserve Waters.** **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Defeated.**
- 29. Crown Reserve Waters requested to provide reasonable services – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to provide reasonable services to Crown Reserve Water angling parties. These services include better access roads to stretches, clearly marked and easily accessible drinking water sources, proper garbage collection facilities and properly maintained outside toilet facilities.** **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
- 30. Reduce the daily bag limit of landlocked salmon – therefore be it resolved that the daily bag limit for landlocked salmon be reduced from ten (10) fish to five (5) fish per day.** **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 31. Atlantic Salmon quotas and retention of grilse only – therefore be it resolved that the Federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans determine realistic quotas for the Atlantic Salmon commercial fishery; and be it further resolved that the commercial fishery harvest only grilse on the Saint John and Miramichi River systems; and be it further resolved that sportsmen harvest only grilse on the Saint John River system prior to the 10<sup>th</sup> of July 1982 and only grilse on the Miramichi River system for the entire angling season.** **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Withdrawn.**



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- 32. North Pole Crown Reserve stretches – therefore be it resolved that the North Pole Crown Reserve stretches be closed to angling or designated as “hook and release” only. Unknown Submission. Motion Adopted.**
- 33. Compulsory items required by hunters and fishermen when entering the woods – therefore be it resolved that all hunters and fishermen entering the woods carry the following items; (a) a suitable compass and the necessary basic knowledge of its use (b) matches housed in a suitable protective container (c) a suitable knife or hunters hatchet (d) the above items being subject to check by authorized Forestry Protection Officers or Wardens. Sackville Rod & Gun Club. Motion Defeated.**
- 34. Extension of Ruffed Grouse (Partridge) hunting season – therefore be it resolved that the season on Ruffed Grouse (partridge) be extended to the last hunting day of December. Unknown Submission. Motion Adopted.**
- 35. Early Opening of duck hunting season – therefore be it resolved that the season for duck hunting be advanced to Mid-September for its opening. Unknown Submission. Motion Adopted.**
- 36. Dogs running at large in hunting summary – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF be requested to petition DNR to include in future editions of the Hunting Summary that only a game warden may shoot a dog running at large. Fundy Trail Beagle Club Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 37. Creation of a Muzzle Loading deer hunting season – therefore be it resolved that DNR create a Muzzle Loading deer hunting season for a duration of at least one week. Buckskinners Muzzle Loading Association. Motion Defeated.**

## 1983

- 1. Request Moose Survey – therefore be it resolved that DNR carry out a survey to determine if the present 6000 licences issued annually is too much pressure or if more licences could be issued. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 2. Moose Zones & Quota System Study – therefore be it resolved that DNR adopt a zone system with quotas for each zone. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 3. Update Crown Reserve Maps – therefore be it resolved that DNR update the issued maps on an annual basis. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 4. Merganser Control Program – therefore be it resolved that controlled shooting on selected rivers be carried out by DNR and Federal Enforcement Officers. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**



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5. **Crown Reserve Waters – reinstate the three day angling period** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to reinstate the former three-day angling period for Crown Reserved waters on the Miramichi watershed. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
6. **Identification of traps and snares by trappers** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF be requested to petition DNR to recommend the enactment of legislation that would require every trap and snare be owner identified. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
7. **Remove requirement for 24 hours notice by raccoon hunters** - therefore be it resolved that the requirement of 24 hours notice be dropped, and have it changed to; any person who is a member of an approved club, be able to clear an area for raccoon hunting or hound training before five o'clock. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
8. **Bobcat Season when hunting with hounds** – therefore be it resolved that the bobcat season for hunting with hounds be changed from November 22<sup>nd</sup> to January 31<sup>st</sup>, to read December 15<sup>th</sup> to February 29<sup>th</sup>. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
9. **Restrict the use of Conibear Traps on land** – therefore be it resolved that all 330 and 220 conibear traps that are set on land be in dog-proof boxes or five feet above ground. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
10. **Establish varmint season for Coyote** – therefore be it resolved that DNR establish a varmint season for coyote. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
11. **Establish a bear season for hounds** – therefore be it resolved that DNR establish a bear season for hounds. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
12. **Establish bag limit and possession limit for trout (Speckled, Brown & Rainbow)** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition both the provincial and federal government to have the daily bag limit and maximum possession set at 25 trout daily in any one day or in possession. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
13. **Open man-made ponds at Provincial Park (near St. Leonard) for ice fishing** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the province of NB to open these ponds for ice fishing; and, that they are supplied with trout of a good size and good amount. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
14. **Delay the opening of the angling season on Crooked Creek** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR and DFO to delay the opening date of the angling season on Crooked Creek from the falls downriver one mile from April 15<sup>th</sup> to June 1<sup>st</sup> to allow those fish to leave their spawning beds and disperse throughout the watershed prior to any angling or poaching pressure. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
15. **Increase fine for littering** – therefore be it resolved that a maximum fine of \$500 for littering be set and strictly enforced. Unknown. Motion Adopted.



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**16. Schedule Big Sevogle River and its South Branch – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF recommend to DNR and DFO that the Big Sevogle River and its South Branch become scheduled after July 1<sup>st</sup> for future angling seasons. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**

**17. Sunday Hunting – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the provincial government to open hunting on Sunday on an experimental basis in Deer Management Unit # 1. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**

## 1984

- 1. Remove requirement for 24 hours notice by raccoon hunters – therefore be it resolved that the requirement of 24 hours be dropped and have it changed to; any person who is a member of an approved club be able to clear an area for raccoon hunting or hound training before five o'clock. NB Coon & Cat Hunters Assoc. Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 2. Bobcat Season when hunting with hounds – therefore be it resolved that the bobcat season for hunting with hounds have a training season for February. NB Coon & Cat Hunters Assoc. Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 3. Restrict the use of Conibear Traps on land – therefore be it resolved that all 330 and 220 conibear traps that are set on land be in dog proof boxes or five feet above the ground. NB Coon & Cat Hunters Assoc. Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 4. Establish varmint season for Coyote – therefore be it resolved that DNR establish a varmint season for coyote. NB Coon & Cat Hunters Assoc. Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 5. Establish a bear season for hounds – therefore be it resolved that DNR establish a bear season for hounds. NB Coon & Cat Hunters Assoc. Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 6. Dogs Chasing Deer – therefore be it resolved that when DNR has reports of dogs chasing deer in the woods and deer yards during the winter months that members of local gun clubs be contacted to give them assistance. Kent County Gun Club. Motion Adopted.**
- 7. Successful bow hunters (deer) permitted to tag an extra deer with a rifle – therefore be it resolved that if a hunter is lucky enough to bag a deer with a bow, he should still be allowed to hunt and tag one deer with a rifle; the number of hunters taking deer with a bow is so small compared to those with a rifle that it would have no effect at all on our ever growing deer herd. Kent County Gun Club. Motion Defeated.**
- 8. Permit those bow hunting for deer to wear camouflage prior to gun season – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the provincial government to allow the use of complete camouflage,**



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*even if the length of the bow season were to be shortened allowing hunters, allowing bow hunters to be in the woods prior to gun season. Saint John Fish & Game Assoc. Motion Adopted.*

- 9. Removal of Bait used by trappers and bear hunters** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the government to force trappers and bear hunters to remove or bury bait at the end of the season. Association de Chasse et Peche de la Vallee Haut St-Jean. Motion Adopted.
- 10. Require resident deer hunters to obtain season permits prior to deer season** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF urge DNR to review and change present regulations so as to require all resident deer hunters to obtain season permits prior to the commencement of deer hunting season. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
- 11. Extend Partridge Season** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to extend partridge season to December 15<sup>th</sup> each year. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
- 12. Requirement for new hunters to complete hunter safety course** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF request DNR to enact legislation requiring all new hunters to successfully complete an accredited hunter safety course as a prerequisite to obtaining a hunting licence. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
- 13. Requirement for all hunters to wear a hunter orange hat** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to enact legislation requiring all hunters to wear a hunter orange hat in addition to existing hunter orange requirements. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
- 14. Request to schedule the waters of the South Sevogle River** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR for their support in recommending to DFO to designate the South Sevogle River system as scheduled waters after July 1<sup>st</sup> each year. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
- 15. Universal application of penalties re infractions of the Fish & Game Act** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF urge DNR to consult with DOJ to insure uniform sentencing as provided for under the Fish & Game Act. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
- 16. Request a fee for all applicants for a moose hunting licence** – therefore be it resolved that all applicants for a moose hunting licence pay a \$10.00 non-refundable application fee in order to enhance the prospect of legitimate applicants. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
- 17. Establish a coyote trapping season** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF recommend the establishment of a special coyote trapping season, September 1 to 30, 1984, on an experimental basis. During this season only foot traps shall be used and participating trappers must satisfy DNR officials of their ability and knowledge of coyote trapping before a licence is issued. Unknown. Withdrawn.
- 18. Resident licence fee for trout licence** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the government to reinstate a trout fishing licence fee for residents of New Brunswick. Association de Chasse et Peche de la Vallee Haut St-Jean. Motion Adopted.



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- 19. Winter ice fishing on Baker Lake – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the government to open ice fishing on Baker Lake for some week days during the open season. Association de Chasse et Peche de la Vallee St-Jean. Motion Adopted.**
- 20. Crown Reserve Waters – support two-day system – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF support the two-day system on Crown Reserve Waters. Association de Chasse et Peche de la Vallee Haut St-Jean. Withdrawn.**
- 21. NB Safe Hunting Examiners – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the provincial government to make available more examiners in all major areas of the province. Saint John Fish & Game Assoc. Motion Adopted.**
- 22. NB Safe Hunting Course training material – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the provincial government for course material to be on hand in all major areas of the province. Saint John Fish & Game Assoc. Motion Adopted.**
- 23. Controlled shooting of Merganser Ducks – therefore be it resolved that controlled shooting of merganser ducks be carried out to protect our salmon stocks on salmon rivers that have large populations of merganser ducks. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 24. Dunbar Falls to be left in its natural state – therefore be it resolved that the Dunbar Falls be left in its natural state (not enhanced for salmon). Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 25. Lack of Information on the outcome of resolutions from the NBWF by the government – therefore be it resolved that progress reports on accepted resolutions be forwarded to member clubs by the NBWF. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 26. Discharge distance of a firearm from dwelling, etc. – therefore be it resolved that the discharge distance for a firearm from a dwelling, etc. remain at 400 metres and not be extended in the future. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**

## 1985

- 1. Garbage in the woods – therefore be it resolved that DNR commence and continue a program for hunters, canoeists, campers, hikers to carry in/carry out garbage when entering or leaving the woods. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 2. Buckshot for deer, moose and bear – therefore be it resolved that buckshot not be allowed to be used on deer, moose or bear. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 3. Wardens, short staffed – therefore be it resolved that money be made available to DNR to hire extra staff during certain periods of the year. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**



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4. **Coyote Control** – therefore be it resolved to petition DNR to commit money and people to explore ways to control, to our satisfaction, this Coyote menace. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
5. **DNR's Trout enhancement program** – therefore be it resolved that that DNR put some effort into the enhancement of our Eastern Brook Trout and not some hybrid strain that will not or cannot produce. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
6. **Trout licences** – therefore be it resolved that each trout licence be issued at a cost of \$1.00 and that the total money realized from the charge be used for enhancement and biological studies; those under 14 yrs. to be excepted. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
7. **Native Food Fishery** – therefore be it resolved that the Federal and Provincial Governments should examine alternatives to the current operation of the native food fishery and should consider buying Indian fishing privileges. **Restigouche Fish & Game Assoc. Motion Adopted.**
8. **Crown Lands Reforestation** – therefore be it resolved that more background effort should be put into reforestation of Crown Lands. **Restigouche Fish & Game Assoc. Motion Adopted.**
9. **Full – Time Game Wardens** – therefore be it resolved that seasonal Game Wardens be kept on full time. **Petitcodiac Sportsmans Club. Motion Adopted.**
10. **Fines for major violations of Fish & Wildlife Act** – therefore be it resolved that DNR review the fine structure for major violations of the Fish & Wildlife Act; perhaps fines are not heavy enough. **Petitcodiac Sportsmans Club. Motion Adopted.**
11. **Schedule the South Branch of the Sevogle and Cains River** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR and DFO to designate the South Branch of the Sevogle River and the Cains River as scheduled water from July 1<sup>st</sup> to the end of salmon fishing season. **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
12. **Revival & Release of Atlantic Salmon** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to include instructions on the proper revival and release of Atlantic Salmon in the department's Angling Summary. **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
13. **Designate lower Pallisades Stretch of the North Pole Crown Reserve** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR and DFO to designate the lower Pallisades Stretch of the North Pole as Crown Reserve water provided fish stocks warrant the change from hook and release. **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
14. **Identification of traps and snares by trappers** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF be requested to petition DNR to recommend the enactment of legislation that would require that every trap and snare be owner identified. **Fundy Trail Beagle Club Inc. Motion Adopted.**



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- 15. Additional fee added to all licences – therefore be it resolved that an additional fee be added to the cost of all licences currently issued to those who are “users”; that this fund be dedicated to a fund to be used to better educate and inform not only the user, but also the farmer, the woodlot owner and the general public. Editor’s Note: This is a very long and detailed resolution and it is recommended that the reader refer to the full resolution for the complete story. Sackville Rod & Gun Club. Motion Adopted.**
- 16. Remove requirement for 24 hours notice by raccoon hunters – therefore be it resolved that the requirement for 24 hour advance notice be rescinded. NB Coon & Cat Hunters Assoc. Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 17. Bobcat Season when hunting with hounds and a season for training with hounds – therefore be it resolved that the bobcat season be changed to read, a bobcat season for hunting with hounds from November 22<sup>nd</sup> until January 31<sup>st</sup> and a bobcat training season with hounds for the month of February; conditional on outcome of investigations on the cat population and the effect that the February running would have on the breeding population. NB Coon & Cat Hunters Assoc. Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 18. Restrict the use of Conibear Traps on land – therefore be it resolved that all 330 and 220 conibear traps that are set on land be in dog proof boxes or five feet above the ground. . NB Coon & Cat Hunters Assoc. Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 19. Establish a bear season for hounds – therefore be it resolved that DNR establish a bear season for hounds. NB Coon & Cat Hunters Assoc. Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 20. Bear Hunting (Greater Access) – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to alter the regulations and to allow NB hunters greater access to bear hunting during the spring and fall seasons without the consecutive day condition that now applies to bear hunting licences. NB Coon & Cat Hunters Assoc. Inc. Motion Adopted.**

## 1986

- 1. Coyote Study requested – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF request DNR to undertake the necessary research and study so that a right and proper balance can be maintained in regard to the above species. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 2. Request for the province to increase fines and level of enforcement – therefore be it resolved that the province enact stiffer penalties for offenders and commit more manpower to the job of catching offenders. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**



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3. **Protection of porcupine** – therefore be it resolved to have a closed season on this particular animal until it has a chance to regain its rightful precedence and population; except for nuisance animals around buildings. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
4. **Spring Bear Season Permit** – therefore be it resolved to ask for changes in the hunting regulations to allow one permit to cover all the spring season. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
5. **Compulsory first time hunter education courses** – therefore be it resolved that the province be requested to make the necessary facilities and instructors available to give prospective first time hunters the opportunity to take such a course; and, that those unable to take the course due to fault of the province be issued a permit to hunt providing they are under the supervision of a qualified hunter. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Withdrawn.**
6. **Contaminated wild birds re oil spills** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the CWS to provide or design a workable method of capturing the affected birds when they still have sufficient strength to survive once they receive the proper treatment. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
7. **Saint John River, retention of one MSW Salmon by angling** – therefore be it resolved that the Salmon angler be allowed to retain one large Salmon (MSW) on the Saint John River. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**
8. **Partridge Season to end at close of deer season** – therefore be it resolved that the partridge season end at the close of deer season. **Restigouche Fish & Game Association. Withdrawn.**
9. **Remove one week from deer season in northern portion of the NB** – therefore be it resolved that the Restigouche Branch is not in favour of losing a week of the deer season in the northern part of the province; if one week is taken off the season it is preferred that the week be removed from the first week when the season started in previous years instead of being taken off the end of the season. **Restigouche Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
10. **Rifle in woods before start of moose season** – therefore be it resolved that a hunter be permitted to have a rifle sealed by an appropriate seal supplied by DNR so a hunter is able to take a firearm into the woods before the season starts which is the case in Quebec. **Restigouche Fish & Game Association. Withdrawn.**
11. **Bear Season** – therefore be it resolved that DNR change the Bear Hunting Season changed enabling a hunter to hunt the entire season, not 12 consecutive days for the spring season only. **Restigouche Fish & Game Association. Withdrawn.**
12. **Enforce anti-litter laws** – therefore be it resolved that the government strictly enforce anti-litter laws and have roadsides cleaned up. **Restigouche Fish & Game Association. Withdrawn.**



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- 13. Mandatory hunter safety courses – therefore be it resolved that DNR require mandatory hunter education courses for all first time hunters. Restigouche Fish & Game Association. Withdrawn.**
- 14. Encourage shooter capability course with the hunter safety course – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF encourage DNR to put in place a shooter capability test with the hunter safety course. Restigouche Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
- 15. Provide personal information on the deer licence – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to require that more personal information such as eye colour, hair colour, height and weight to be provided on the deer licence. Restigouche Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
- 16. General hunting licence to exclude .22 calibre centrefire rifles – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF encourage DNR to exclude the use of .22 calibre centrefire rifles on the general hunting licence. Restigouche Fish & Game Association. Withdrawn.**
- 17. Remove the gates at the Petitcodiac River Causeway – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF take the necessary steps to pressure DFO to enforce section 31(1) of the Fisheries Act and thereby removing the gates at the Moncton – Riverview Causeway across the Petitcodiac River so the migration of salmon, shad, sea trout. Smelts, etc. of the river system will be restored to the natural habitat as it was before the said Causeway was constructed. Petitcodiac Sportsmans Club. Motion Adopted.**
- 18. First time hunters must complete Hunter's Safety Course before purchasing a licence – therefore be it resolved that the province take steps to implement a program that hunters will have to be in possession of a card that they have completed a Hunter's Safety Course before they can purchase a licence. Petitcodiac Sportsmans Club. Withdrawn.**
- 19. South Branch Sevogle River, schedule portion, initiate enhancement program and rehabilitate the river – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Dept. of Forestry, Mines and Energy and DFO to (a) schedule the lower 20 miles of the South Branch of the Sevogle River; (b) have DFO in cooperation with the NBWF collect brood stock from both the South and North Branches of the Sevogle River and initiate an enhancement program on the South Branch perhaps using FRDA or section 38 funding; (c) have the Dept. of Forestry, Mines & Energy and DFO rehabilitate the South Branch for best public use (its habitat conditions are for salmon and not trout). Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
- 20. Crooked Creek/Shepody River, delay the opening of trout season – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DFO and the Dept. of Forestry, Mines and Energy to delay the opening of the trout fishing season from April 15<sup>th</sup> to May 15<sup>th</sup> on the Crooked Creek/Shepody River system. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
- 21. Effect of Herbicide Spraying on NB Wildlife – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Dept. of Forestry, Mines and Energy and the Dept. of the Environment to make a statement on the effect of herbicide spraying on New Brunswick's wildlife population particularly deer and moose. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**



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**22. Schedule Cains River – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Dept. of Forestry, Mines and Energy and DFO to schedule the Cains River after July 1 on the lower 20 miles of that river. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**

**23. Coyote Control Program – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Dept. of Forestry, Mines and Energy to start a control program for coyotes in those areas where they are getting to be a problem; on suggestion would have the department regional offices extend the coyote trapping season by issuing special permits to some experienced trappers. Upper Saint John Valley Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**

**24. Minimum Size for Brook Trout – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Department of Forests, Mines and Energy to introduce a minimum size limit on brook trout of six (6) inches. Upper Saint John Valley Fish & Game Association. Motion Defeated.**

**25. 14 and 15 year old persons must be accompanied by an adult when hunting – therefore be it resolved that a 14 or 15 year old person who has successfully completed an approved Hunter Safety Course should be required to hunt in the company of an adult who holds a valid hunting licence in the Province of NB. Albert County Hunters Assoc. Motion Adopted.**

## 1987

- 1. Fawn Deer & Coyote Predation – therefore be it resolved that the Scoodic Branch expresses grave concern about the absence of the fawn deer population during the past hunting season, and we wonder if the increase noticed in the coyote population could be the cause of this; thus we request any statistical biological information from the Fish & Wildlife Branch on these two species. Scoodic Fish & Game Assoc. Motion Adopted.**
- 2. Budworm and Herbicide Spraying in Charlotte County – therefore be it resolved that the Scoodic Branch expresses considerable concern about budworm and herbicide spraying in Charlotte County; in the vent our projects (three in Charlotte County) for habitat clean up are accepted and work is carried out restocking fish, we request that no spraying be done in the three identified areas. Scoodic Fish & Game Assoc. Motion Adopted.**
- 3. Moose hunting regulations – that two names be drawn for each licence of which only one may hunt at a time; that both hunters use the same rifle; that the person carrying the rifle be in possession of the licence; that a fee of \$25.00 be charged; that the waiting period be changed to 3 years because of a greater turnover in names drawn; that a deposit fee of \$5.00 accompany each moose hunting application; the reason for this is to deter non-hunters from applying for a moose licence with no intention of picking it up; the \$10.00 fees are to be returned to each unsuccessful applicant. Restigouche Fish & Game Assoc. Motion Defeated.**



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4. **Berry Brook Stretch on the Upsilonquitch River be designated Crown Open Water – therefore be it resolved that the Berry Brook Stretch on the Upsilonquitch River be designated Crown open water; this water is now leased on a daily basis through the draw system. Restigouche Fish & Game Assoc. Motion Adopted.**
5. **Hunter Safety Course for all first time hunters – therefore be it resolved that all first time hunters must pass a Hunter Safety Course before obtaining a licence. Woodstock Fish & Game Assoc. Motion Adopted.**
6. **Clearcutting of Deer Yards – therefore be it resolved that DNR enforce existing legislation or enact new legislation that will cause the lumber companies to clearcut deer yards only when the DNRE has inspected the yard and determined that to do so would not harm the deer herd; to not clearcut right up to the banks of streams, and to limit the size of clearcuts. (One square mile or less?) i.e. to clearcut in a checkerboard pattern on their land, as is done on Crown land so as not to adversely affect wildlife. Sackville Rod & Gun Club. Motion Adopted.**
7. **Use of Herbicides and Pesticides – therefore be it resolved that the DNRE in cooperation with other appropriate government departments either provincial or federal, and possibly in cooperation with a provincial university with the proper facilities; carry out tests to determine both the shortterm and long-term effects that present day defoliants used by lumber companies, NB Power, and other users may have on wildlife, particularly deer and grouse, and on people who eat the meat of these birds or animals; that this study be extended to monitor the waters of our streams in farming areas to determine if the pesticides and herbicides used in present day farming practices are adversely affecting our fish, especially trout. Sackville Rod & Gun Club. Motion Adopted.**
8. **Non- Resident Angling Licences – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR so that any non-resident that has to travel on NB grounds shall have in his or her possession a non-resident angling or hunting licence for the purpose of fishing or hunting. Association de Chasse et Peche de la Vallee Haut St-Jean. Motion Adopted.**
9. **Night – Time Fishing – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the DNR so that night time fishing be permitted in NB on designated lakes only, without the aid of light except that of dash lights of the boat used; rules should be made regarding the kind of lights to be used. Association de Chasse et Peche de la Vallee Haut St-Jean. Motion Adopted.**
10. **Planting of Fish – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition NDRE so that fish; trout, landlocked salmon and lake trout be implanted at regular intervals in our rivers and streams in periods when the fishing seasons are closed; furthermore, we would like the Department to advise the local association in advance of the implantation of fish so that our angling committees could keep a watch on the fish for awhile in order to prevent the fish to fall prey to poachers; these fish would be allowed to spawn and start a new generation of fish for the years to come. Association de Chasse et Peche de la Vallee Haut St-Jean. Motion Adopted.**



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**11. Hiring of More Game Wardens** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE to focus more attention during the summer months as well as during the hunting season on designated areas of the NB/PQ border. Association de Chasse et Peche de la Vallee Haut St-Jean. Motion Adopted.

**12. NBWF and membership in the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN)** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF apply for membership in the IUCN as a national non-governmental Organization (category B-voting member) and that the President and Secretary be authorized to execute all documents as necessary for such application and to affix the Federation's corporate seal thereto as may be required; and that the NBWF appoint for an unlimited period of time the Canadian Wildlife Federation (CWF), or its President, or failing him a Vice-President of the CWF as its proxy to vote on its behalf on issues to come before the IUCN and that the NBWF President alone be empowered to execute such proxies or other documents as may be necessary to give effect thereto, and to affix the corporate seal of the Federation thereto as may be required. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.

**13. Minors Deer Licence** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE to incorporate into the Act that a minor's deer licence during the regular deer season that the following conditions apply; (a) Minor to hold a valid Hunter Safety Certificate (b) Minor to be age 16 or 17 (c) Adult 25 years of age or older to accompany minor at all times while hunting. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.

**14. Reduce Emissions of Sulfur Dioxide** – therefore be it resolved that the Dept. of Environment and Urban Affairs (NB) be urged to enter into an Agreement with the Government of Canada agreeing to reduce emissions of sulfur dioxide to 185,000 metric tones per annum by 1994 as agreed in 1985, whether or not federal assistance is forthcoming; and that the Government of NB take a leadership role in the reduction of acid rain pollutants in NB and exercise its control over NB power to ensure that it is operated in a cívically responsible manner having regard to the environment and costs resulting from acid rain, including losses to our fisheries and forests and costs of clean-up. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.

**15. Decline in Upland Game Birds (Ruffed Grouse, Ringneck Pheasant & Hungarian Partridge)** - therefore be it resolved that a full scale study must be initiated to investigate the status of the Upland Game Birds of this province; this study should, among other things determine the following; (a) What has caused the recent decline in the population of the Ruffed Grouse. (b) What can be done to not only maintain the existing Grouse population, but to enhance it to the maximum number of birds possible. (c) What is required to restore the Ringneck Pheasant and the Hungarian Partridge to the numbers we once had or more. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.

**16. Ruffed Grouse Study Requested** – therefore be it resolved that the NB Government undertake a study immediately in the geographical areas where ruffed grouse were normally found in adequate numbers, to ascertain the reasons for the shortage, and the Government consider changes in the bag limit and/or season until corrective measures can be found. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.



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- 17. Daily Crown Reserve Licences – therefore be it resolved that Section 18 (a) of the General angling Regulations, Fish & Wildlife Act be amended to read as follows: No daily Crown Reserve licence shall be issued in a calendar month to a person defined in Section 16 (1) if such person has been issued a daily Crown Reserve licence for two days in that month, except on the day for which the application for the daily Crown Reserve licence is made, and unless there are no other applications for the same date made by a person who has not been issued a daily Crown reserve licence for two days in that month; and, 18 (b) No holder of a daily Crown Reserve licence who is under the age of sixteen (16) years shall angle upon any daily Crown Reserve waters unless at the time of angling he is the holder of a daily Crown Reserve licence and accompanied by a person who is sixteen (16) years of age or older and who is also the holder of a daily Crown Reserve licence entitling him to angle upon the same daily Crown Reserve waters at the same time. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
- 18. Residents 70 years of age and over to apply annually for moose licence – therefore be it resolved that New Brunswick residents 70 years of age and over may apply annually for a Moose licence. Fundy Trail Beagle Club. Motion Adopted.**
- 19. Atlantic Salmon landing nets – therefore be it resolved that, landing nets used for the purpose of landing Atlantic Salmon be constructed of soft cotton with a mesh size of not more than two inches. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 20. Deer Hunting Licence bought prior to opening day – therefore be it resolved that deer hunting licences should only be sold prior to opening day before deer season opens. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 21. Make Game Summary more informative – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the NB Government to do a better job on output of information in the game summaries available with the licences. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 22. Raise fines for littering – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the NB Government to raise the fines for littering and to stress the importance to law enforcement personnel to clamp down on littering and to start 1987 off right with a much stronger anti-litter campaign to show the people of NB the reasons not to litter. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 23. Increase fines for violations associated with deer, moose, jacking or the Migratory Bird Act - therefore be it resolved that penalties should be increased to a level which would discourage these violations. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 24. Apply application waiting period to all successful moose draw applicants even if they fail to purchase their licence – therefore be it resolved that all successful applicants be treated equal with regard to the waiting period, whether or not they purchase their licence. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**



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**1988**

1. **Require first time hunters to take and pass a Hunter Education Course – therefore be it resolved that it be mandatory for first time hunters to take and pass a Hunter Education Course. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
2. **Restrict magazine of centrefire firearms – therefore be it resolved that centre-fire firearms are restricted for hunting purposes if they have magazines that hold more than 10 bullets. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
3. **Enforcement of regulations re the harvesting and misuse of natural resources – therefore be it resolved that regulations dealing with the harvesting and misuse of natural resources such as fish, deer, trees, water, etc. are strictly enforced. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
4. **Resident trout licence fee – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF requests a \$2.50 licence fee for a resident trout licence. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
5. **Validity of deer hunting licences – therefore be it resolved that deer hunting licences are not to become valid until 48 hours after the time of purchase. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
6. **Extend salmon angling seasons – therefore be it resolved that the lower zones of the following rivers be changed to a later salmon angling season closing date from September 30 to October 15 in each case; Main Southwest Miramichi, Little Southwest Miramichi, Renous River, Dungarvon River and the Sevogle River. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
7. **Restrict “Indian Nets” to box type traps – therefore be it resolved that DFO restrict Indian nets to “box type traps” and require salmon over 63 cm to be released alive. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
8. **Convert all Miramichi Crown Angling Leases to Crown Reserve – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF request the NB Government to remove all Miramichi drainage Crown angling leases and convert same to Crown reserve water stretches at an increased fee - or cost recover by selling a salmon stamp in addition to the salmon licence. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
9. **Stringent enforcement of regulations re forestry harvesting – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF request DNRE to ensure more stringent enforcement of the present rules and regulations pertaining to forestry harvesting industries, and if necessary, implement new regulations to help them protect fish and wildlife habitat. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
10. **Request study to determine the reason for decline in the Northern Deer herd – therefore be it resolved that an in-depth study be carried out to determine the cause(s) for the decrease in the deer herd in Northern New Brunswick. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**



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- 11. Moose draw – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the NB Government to adopt a system of hunter priority draws whereby the person who has previously applied be given priority over the more junior applicant. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 12. Designated Campgrounds on Crown Land – therefore be it resolved that in lieu of new regulations which may be introduced in the future that the NBWF opposes mandatory designated camp areas. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 13. Authorize DNRE to control wood harvesting on Crown and Private land – therefore be it resolved that DNRE should make provisions to allow deer management personnel within DNRE to have the necessary authority to control and oversee proper cutting both on Crown and private land. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 14. Joint TV and Radio Campaign to stress importance of abiding by game laws – therefore be it resolved that the Province of New Brunswick and the NBWF partake in a joint significant TV and radio advertising campaign from August to December, stressing the necessity and importance of abiding by game laws. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 15. Hound season for coyote – therefore be it resolved that a hound season for coyote be established. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 16. Designation of striped bass as a sport fish – therefore be it resolved that striped bass be designated as a sport fish with appropriate regulations. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 17. Special one week season for muzzle- loaders – therefore be it resolved that a special one week season be established for muzzleloaders. Buckskinners Muzzle Loading Association. Motion Adopted.**

## 1989

- 1. Extend angling season for Atlantic Salmon – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR and DFO to extend the closing date for the angling of Atlantic Salmon on the following river sections to October 15<sup>th</sup>; Main SW Miramichi (below McKeil Brook), LSW Miramichi (below Catamaran Brook) and the Renous River (below North Renous). Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 2. Salmon Angling Lease Renewals – therefore be it resolved that NBWF petition DNR to turn all Salmon Angling licences on the Miramichi River System into Crown Reserve or if the situation warrants Daily Crown Reserve and with the exception of Lease # 20 (Cains River) which should be hook and release (July 1 to October 15); and furthermore that the following changes be instituted on the Restigouche River system: (a) Restigouche River – Tracey's Brook Pool on Lease # 8 (J.D. Irving) be transferred to Devil's Half Acre Crown Reserve Angling Stretch; (b) Restigouche River – Larry's Gulch – 2 days per week (Saturday and Sunday) – convert to Daily Crown Reserve angling with a maximum of 8 rods per day; (c) Kedgwick River – Lower Daily Crown Reserve stretch – increase maximum number of rods from 4 to 6; (d) Kedgwick River – North Branch – from and including the**



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*Bridge Pool above the Forks to the Quebec border – convert from closed water to Daily Crown Reserve with a maximum number of 2 rods per day; (e) Upsalquitch River – Berry’s Brook Daily Crown Reserve Angling Stretch – increase maximum number of rods from 4 to 6; (f) Upsalquitch River – Crown Lease # 11 (Upsalquitch Holdings) – convert from Crown Lease to Daily Crown Reserve with a maximum number of 6 rods per day; (g) Upsalquitch River – Northwest*

*Upsalquitch – from but not including 10 Mile Barrier Brook upstream to Mile 24 – convert from Closed Water to regular Crown Reserve with a maximum number of 4 rods per day; other conditions – DNR must release all grilse from barrier and two permanent Wardens must be hired to monitor the stretch; (h) Patapedia River – Mile One to Mile Seven – currently Daily Crown Reserve Water – enter into negotiations with the Province of Quebec to change present Daily Crown Reserve rules allowing for alternate daily angling by NB and Quebec anglers to 2 day Daily Crown Reserve – alternate angling between NB and Quebec anglers; and furthermore, therefore be it resolved that regulations allowing an individual to fish Daily Crown angling stretches for a maximum of two days per month be relaxed to allow an individual to fish each stretch of Daily Crown Reserve water for 2 days per month.*

**Unknown. Motion Adopted.**

3. **Extend term for Seasonal Fishery Officers** – therefore be it resolved that the federal Fisheries Department be asked to keep Fishery Officers on duty on salmon rivers until the end of November. **Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
4. **Stocking Landlocked Salmon & Brook Trout – St. Croix River** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE to have the sticking program (landlocked salmon & brook trout) reintroduced to the waters flowing into the St. Croix River system. **Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
5. **East Grand Lake Sport Fishing** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE to do an in-depth study of the deterioration of fishing for sport fish and white perch in East Grand Lake. **Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
6. **Winter Ice Fishery – handicapped anglers** – therefore be it resolved that individuals normally confined to a wheelchair be permitted to have a maximum of 2 (two) hooks per line to a total number of hooks no greater than is allowed in the Act. **Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
7. **Smallmouth Bass – reduce season and establish hook and release only during spawning** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the government to maintain the present size limit, while reducing the daily bag limit to three (3) smallmouth bass for the entire season, while during the spawning season only “catch and release” be allowed; no tournaments should be allowed during spawning season. **Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
8. **Bear bait sites** – therefore be it resolved that all bear bait sites must be posted at the four compass points of North, South, East and West, within 150 yard radius of the site; bear bait sites must be cleaned up by hunters involved at the end of the season; bear bait sites should be registered at the local DNRE office; bear hunters will be required to put their names on the posted signs mentioned previously. **Unknown. Motion Adopted.**



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9. **DNR requested to conduct a survey** – therefore be it resolved that since DNR has all the names and addresses of hunters who registered and adult female deer (doe) during the past hunting season, a survey should be done on all of those does to find out how many had milk in them and how many were dry, this indicating if these does had borne any fawns and if not for what reason? Unknown. Motion Adopted.
10. **Herbicide applications** – therefore be it resolved that clear cutting of our forest used to produce an abundant supply of feed for deer, moose, rabbits because these areas, even if it was planted with spruce or jackpine, would still produce an abundant crop of small hardwood trees that would be the food supply of these animals in the area; now once an area is cut it is sprayed with herbicides to keep hardwood from growing out, then it is planted with softwood or sprayed with herbicides a few years after the softwood is planted; these practices of herbicides sprays to kill off the supplies of these animals should be stopped, not just reduced, but eliminated altogether before it is too late to recover. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
11. **Study of decline in Northern Deer Herd** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF request DNR to carry out an in-depth study to determine the cause/causes for the decrease in the Northern Deer Herd. Following the completion of the study, remedial action should be immediately taken to improve the situation. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
12. **Close Moose Hunting Season in Albert County** – therefore be it resolved that moose season be closed in Albert County for four years effective 1989 until 1992; and that the Province monitor the moose population during the closure to determine the effect of no hunting. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
13. **Beaver Trapping open only in January** – therefore be it resolved that in order to increase beaver populations in the Southern Fur Harvesting Zone that the beaver trapping season should be open only in the month of January. Sussex Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.
14. **Grouse Hunting Season** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to; (a) lengthen the Grouse season to run from October 1<sup>st</sup> to the second Saturday in December; this season should not be tampered with unless biologically necessary (b) that the Grouse season should begin on the same day as the Woodcock Season for hunters accompanied by a recognized bird dog only, until the first of October. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
15. **Fishing & Hunting Summaries** – therefore be it resolved that all information on fishing and hunting laws be made available to all Natural Resources Branches well in advance of fishing and hunting seasons and no change be allowed once issued for the given year unless adequate notice is given. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
16. **Hunter Safety Courses for Non – Resident Hunters** – therefore be it resolved that all non-resident hunters desiring to hunt in the province must pass a Hunter Safety Course; this resolution is aimed at protecting NB hunters from those who may have lost their hunting rights elsewhere. Unknown. Motion Adopted.



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**17. Request DNRE to Introduce a Community Wildlife Involvement Program (CWIP) – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF requests DNRE to introduce a Community Wildlife Involvement Program (CWIP).** **Unknown. Motion Adopted.**

**18. Increase Poaching Fines – therefore be it resolved that anyone convicted of jacking, poaching or other major offences be fined a minimum of \$2,000.00 for first offence, second offence a fine of \$2,000.00 plus required to do community work equal to a value of \$1,000.00.** **Unknown. Motion Adopted.**

## 1990

- 1. Moose Draw – 2<sup>nd</sup> Draw – therefore be it resolved that there is a second draw or mini draw for moose licences not picked up, or if time permits, for someone else may have a chance to get a licence.** **Restigouche Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.** – (Gov't Response)
- 2. Wood Harvesting Study – therefore be it resolved that a more intense study of wood harvesting, as each year it is a known fact that deer and moose yards are cut in our area, resulting in less population of deer and moose.** **Restigouche Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.** – (Gov't Response)
- 3. Bow Hunter and Camo Clothing – therefore be it resolved that bow hunters be entitled to use camouflage clothing in bow hunting season.** **Restigouche Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**
- 4. Retain one MSW fish – due to the hook and release program for salmon with anglers allowed to keep grilse the salmon population seems to be back to quite a number. The Restigouche Fish & Game Association would like the angler to continue with the existing rule but be allowed to keep one salmon per season.** **Restigouche Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**
- 5. Recover Wounded Bears with Hounds – therefore be it resolved that the NB Trail & Tree Hound Association and the NB Coon & Cat Hunters Association members be permitted to recover wounded bears with hounds.** **NB Trail & Tree Hound Association. Motion Adopted.** – (Gov't Response)
- 6. Harvest Bobcats with Hounds – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the NB Government to harvest bobcats with hounds the same number of days as other user groups beginning the first day of December.** **NB Trail & Tree Hound Association. Motion Defeated.**
- 7. Harvest Coyotes – therefore be it resolved that the NB Trail & Tree Hound Association and the NB Coon & Cat Hunters Association members be granted a season to harvest coyotes commencing December 1<sup>st</sup> until February 15<sup>th</sup> inclusive.** **NB Trail & Tree Hound Association. Motion Defeated.**



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1991

1. **Spruce Budworm Spraying** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF urge DNRE to use *Bacillus Thurengiensis Israeli (BT)* for the spray program against the spruce budworm in NB. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
2. **Winter Ice Fishing (Headpond) at Grand Falls** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE and DFO to open ice fishing on the headpond of Grand Falls from a point between the TCH Bridge near Grand Falls and where the Grant River joins the Saint John River, a distance of approximately 10 miles; that ice fishing be for a season of 5 weeks starting on or about January 5 of each year and that fishing be only for Brook Trout; all other species should be released alive and if ever there is evidence of the presence of Atlantic Salmon that fishing cease. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
3. **DNRE Office at Hillsborough** – therefore be it resolved that DNRE establish a full time secretarial position for Albert County, serving three days per week in the Hillsborough Office and two days per week in the Riverview Office. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
4. **Salmon Angling & Catch Data Reports** – therefore be it resolved that angling and catch data reports be made in increments of one-half day; that the NBWF petition DNRE to include a report of all angling activities with all salmon licences, to be returned to the department within 30 days of the season closure. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
5. **Moose Draw** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF request the NB Government to revise the Moose Hunting Regulations to allow a system of Hunter Priority Draws similar to what is now in force in Newfoundland. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
6. **Moose Draw (Deposit with application)** – therefore be it resolved that in order to reduce problems with the moose draw that a refundable \$25.00 deposit (money order or certified cheque) be enclosed with an Application for a Moose Licence. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
7. **Logging Companies prohibited from burning waste wood** – therefore be it resolved that regulations be passed to prohibit logging companies from burning branches, waste wood and slash throughout the year and particularly during the hunting season, since such burning causes pollution and is hard on wildlife. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
8. **Migratory Bird Hunting Tracadie Bay** – therefore be it resolved that the hunting of migratory birds in Tracadie Bay to the Tabusintac line be stopped at 1:00 PM each day during the Migratory Bird Season. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
9. **Growing Coyote Population** – therefore be it resolved that DNR and the Province of NB take immediate action to correct the growing coyote population by managing the present coyote population in the Province and in particular in deer wintering areas. Unknown. Motion Adopted.



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**1992**

1. **Single Bow Hunting Licence** – therefore be it resolved that a single bow hunting licence be issued for deer, spruce grouse, ruffed grouse, varying hare, groundhog, coyote, crow and cormorants starting the first Monday of October for 3 consecutive weeks. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
2. **Mandatory Bowhunting Education Course** – therefore be it resolved that the International Bowhunting Education Program become mandatory in NB. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
3. **Close Deer Hunting for 1 yr. in selected Zones** – therefore be it resolved that deer season in WMZ 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 & 9 be closed for a one year period and that DNRE carry out an in-depth study to determine the cause(s) for the drastic decrease of the deer population in Northeast NB. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
4. **Posting of Land with Yellow & Red Discs** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF structure a Committee to study the law respecting posting of lands with yellow and red discs, how it is being implemented throughout the Province and whether or not the system is being abused. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
5. **Right to Hunt & Fish** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to enact a Right to Hunt and Fish Legislation; this Legislation would among other things make it illegal to harass hunters and fishermen and ensure our right to harvest fish and game in the spirit of the Fish & Wildlife Act as we now know it. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
6. **Big Game Licence issued to youths that have reached the age of 16** – therefore be it resolved that anyone who has reached the age of sixteen and completed a provincially recognized course in gun safety be eligible for big game hunting licences as long as they are accompanied by a licenced adult. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
7. **Hunting & Fishing Rights (Status & Non Status Natives)** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF impress upon the Provincial & Federal Governments the urgency of settling the issue of status and non status native fishing and hunting rights before another fishing and hunting season is upon us. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
8. **Crown Lease on Cains River** – therefore be it resolved that there be no crown lease water on the Cains River. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
9. **Clean Water Act guidelines & cutting on private land** – therefore be it resolved that DOE take the necessary steps to ensure that the law is followed on all private woodlot operations; cutting on private land has shown to be negligent in its following of the Clean Water Act guidelines; the staff of DOE as it now exists is inadequate to enforce the law. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”



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**10. Allocation of Moose Licences by Zone** – therefore be it resolved that moose hunting applications be drawn on a Zone basis with provision for a second choice of Zone on the application and that permits be issued on a quota per Zone basis. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”

## 1993

- 1. New Wilderness areas to allow Hunting & Fishing** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE to ensure that historical past activities (such as hunting & fishing) be carried on in the future in any new areas or land masses that the Government of NB sets aside as reserved areas or wilderness areas in NB and to inform the Federal Government of our views in this regard. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
- 2. Open Trout Season May 1<sup>st</sup>** - therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE to endorse a May 1<sup>st</sup> opening date of the trout fishing season to be compatible in the northern part of the Province; this will help to conserve our southern fish stocks. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
- 3. Ban Gill Nets in Inland Waters** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE and DFO to ban all gill nets for both commercial and food fisheries in all inland waterways, including tidal waters, as a conservation measure and make all user groups use trap nets. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
- 4. Hunter Orange** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE to amend the regulation for the wearing of hunter orange to the following; “from September 1 to November 30, hunters and licenced guides, while guiding hunters, must wear at least 2,580 sq. cm (400 sq. in) of fluorescent solid hunter orange; this does not apply to persons who are: hunting waterfowl or in a trees stand that is at least two meters off of the ground during the Special Open Season for Bow Hunting Deer and Bear. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
- 5. Tax on Wild Bird Feed** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Provincial Government to remove its sales tax on wild bird feed. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
- 6. Herbicide Spraying** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE and DOE to call for a complete ban of all spraying of herbicides on both private and crown lands until the time that effects of large scale spraying are known on the wildlife populations in NB. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
- 7. Outdoor Shooting Ranges** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Province of NB to develop a policy to protect outdoor shooting ranges within the Province from encroachment by not issuing building permits on adjacent land for residential or commercial or industrial uses. Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”



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8. **Extend Grouse Season** – *based on DNRE's statement in earlier years that there was no biological reasons for not extending the grouse season the Fish & Wildlife Branch agreed to review the matter and advise on the possibility.* **Richard DeBow. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”**

## 1994

1. **Night Vision Devices** – *therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Province of NB to ban the sale and use of night vision devices to anyone other than law enforcement agencies or recognized search and rescue organizations.* **Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”**
2. **Serpentine Salmon** – *therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Province of NB and DFO to collect salmon known as the Serpentine Run at the collection facility at the Mactaquac Dam and transport them to a holding facility on the Tobique River to be released just prior to spawning.* **Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”**
3. **Bill C – 17 New Firearms Legislation** – *therefore be it resolved that the Provincial and Federal Governments accept these facts as constructive criticism; the Governments have badly failed to inform the public of the stringent new Regulations affecting all firearms owners, and should immediately undertake an extensive public information campaign of the Regulations.* **Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”**
4. **Open DNRE Office in Riverview** – *therefore be it resolved that a DNRE office be located in Riverview on a full time basis; provided that the Hillsborough office remains open the same number of days as present.* **Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”**
5. **Bear Registration Stations** – *therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Province of NB to set up Bear Registration Stations wherever there is a Deer Registration Station.* **Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”**
6. **Party Hunting Permit (Moose)** – *therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE to implement by 1996 a party hunting licence that would allow two hunters to hunt in one permit for a moose within the Zone for which they were drawn.* **Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”**
7. **Non Resident Moose Licences** – *therefore be it resolved that the NBWF opposes the allocation of any moose licences to non – residents.* **Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”**
8. **Purple Loosestrife** – *therefore be it resolved that the NBWF urge the Provincial Government to declare purple loosestrife a noxious weed and ban the sale of the plant in NB; and, assist DNRE in the organization of a Purple Loosestrife Education Program and assist its Branches in setting up local initiatives for education with respect to Purple Loosestrife.* **Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”**



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9. **Hunting Summary – Disturbing legally set traps/snares – therefore be it resolved that DNRE include the following statement in the NB Hunting Summary under the “Important Hunting Information” section; “It is illegal to disturb or remove any legally placed trap or snare without the owner’s consent”.** Unknown. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”
  
10. **Hook & Release on North Pole Stream – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE to; (a) create two additional hook & release angling stretches on the North Pole Stream; one from Lizard Brook to the Bailey Bridge, the other from the Bailey Bridge to, but not including the Jack Pot Pools, each for a maximum of four rods per day, for the period July 1 to August 31 in each year (b) make available for anglers using the two new hook and release stretches at a reasonable daily fee, Prince Lodge and the unnamed Lodge next to Prince Lodge.** Unknown. Motion Adopted.  
“Gov’t Response”

## 1995

1. **Landing Nets – therefore be it resolved that materials of a soft texture with no knots be used for landing nets; and be it therefore be it further resolved that this recommendation be published in Fish NB.** Unknown. Motion Adopted.
  
2. **Expand Crown Reserve to other lakes – therefore be it resolved that NBWF support the principle of expanding the Crown Reserve System to include some of the other lakes in NB; and that DNRE and the NBWF work together in choosing the lakes to be proposed for the expanded Crown Reserve System and also as to the rules and regulations for operating the expanded Crown Reserve System for lakes.** Unknown. Motion Adopted.
  
3. **Bowhunters must wait 24 hour waiting period to hunt after purchasing a rifle licence – therefore be it resolved that the bowhunters be exempt from having to wait 48 hours before they can hunt with a rifle licence for the first tow days of the season.** Unknown. Motion Adopted.
  
4. **Snaring Rabbits – therefore be it resolved that limits for trappers of rabbits be 10 per day and 20 in possession at all times as it is now the case for the hunter.** Unknown. Motion Adopted.
  
5. **Cormorants put back on Varmint Licence – therefore be it resolved that the cormorant be put back on the Varmint licence.** Unknown. Motion Adopted.
  
6. **Duck Season South of Hwy. 1 – therefore be it resolved that the duck season in the Zone south of Highway # 1 open on November 1 rather than October 15 and close on January rather than January 4 in each year.** Unknown. Motion Adopted.
  
7. **Sentencing of Fish & Game Act offenders – therefore be it resolved that all offenders be sentenced to the fullest extent of the law to show government is serious about this problem.** Unknown. Motion Adopted.



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8. **Full Time DNR Office** – therefore be it resolved that the Hillsborough office of DNRE should be open on a full-time basis. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
9. **Publish Changes to Firearms Legislation** – therefore be it resolved that the Provincial Government petition the Federal Government to make available to the taxpayer in the form of a pamphlet any changes in Firearms Legislation, in clear layman terms. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
10. **Moose Party Hunting Licence** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNRE to implement a Party Hunting Licence that would allow two hunters to hunt on one permit for a moose within the same Zone for which they were drawn. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
11. **Moose Quota if Party System** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF oppose the implementation of a Party Hunting Licence if it means a reduction in the number of Moose Licences. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
12. **Green River Deer Closure** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF is opposed to the re-opening of the hunting season in the Green River area until a complete evaluation has been made of the area and a strategy plan to re-build the deer population is developed. Unknown. Motion Adopted.

## 1996

- 1) To be updated...

## 1997

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## 1998

1. **Firearms & Bows to hunt Deer, Moose or Bear** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Government of NB to change the Hunting Regulations as follows; to hunt deer, moose or bear, hunters must use: (a) A centre-fire rifle of any calibre .23 or larger (b) a shotgun with ball, slug or lead shot larger than BB or steel shot larger than size F, or (c) a bow having a draw weight of not less than 20 kg (45 lbs) together with arrows that are fitted with broad heads no less than 20 mm (7/8") in width. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.
2. **Possession of shed or dropped antlers** – therefore be it resolved that Legislation against possession of shed or dropped antlers be removed to allow possession; and furthermore be it resolved that



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*Legislation against possession of shed or dropped antlers be changed to allow possession by making a permit available from local DNRE offices. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.*

3. **Prohibit sighting in of firearms in gravel pits – therefore be it resolved that the sighting in of firearms be prohibited in gravel pits during deer hunting season. Grande-Digue Hunting & Fishing Club. Motion Defeated.**
4. **16 – 17 year old hunters – therefore be it resolved that 16 & 17 year old hunters be considered on the same basis as adult hunters and be allowed to purchase big game licences (Class III) and to apply for the moose draw. Grande-Digue Hunting & Fishing Club. Motion Adopted.**
5. **Participation of non natives in the native moose harvest when accompanying a native – therefore be it resolved that the Province vigorously prosecute these illegal hunters (poachers). Tabusintac Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
6. **Merganser Cull to enhance salmon & trout stocks on rivers – therefore be it resolved that a culling program of Common Mergansers be re-instituted on our rivers. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
7. **Tagging of Grouse (limit of 20 per season) – therefore be it resolved that be a limit of 20 grouse per season and a tagging system be initiated for the grouse hunting season. Unknown. Motion Defeated.**
8. **Open Moose Season on Monday – therefore be it resolved that moose hunting season commence on Monday instead of Thursday. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
9. **No increase in licence fees for the next five (5) years – therefore be it resolved that the price of hunting licences remain as they are presently without any increases for the next five (5) years. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
10. **Timber licensees to contribute to Trust Fund – therefore be it resolved that timber licensees contribute a fee to the Wildlife Trust Fund. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
11. **Winter Deer Feeding Study – therefore be it resolved that DNR conduct a study to determine the effects of a winter deer feeding program in areas where deer have accumulated in winter months and there exists deep snow. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**

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1. **Satellite Rearing Projects (effects on wild salmon & trout) – therefore be it resolved that DFO and DNRE institute a thorough study on the benefits and potential problems and harmful results of satellite rearing projects. Fisheries Committee: Motion Adopted.**



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2. **Recommend that DFO and the Province enter into agreement re inland fisheries** – therefore be it resolved that DFO be urged to speedily enter into an agreement with the Province of New Brunswick so that the NB DFO can manage inland fisheries in this Province; and be it further resolved that the NB Fish & Wildlife Act and Regulations be reviewed and revised in support of the regulations under the Maritime Fishery Regulations so that the Province will have the flexibility to manage our angling waters on the basis of fish science. **Fisheries Committee: Motion Adopted.**
3. **Renewal of Crown Angling Leases** – therefore be it resolved that all leases that are cancelled or renewed should be allocated to Crown Reserve; and be it further resolved that the lease boundaries should not be altered to provide additional Crown Reserve or Crown Open angling waters with NBWF and other user groups having direct representation in determining the lease boundary changes. **Fisheries Committee: Motion Adopted.**
4. **Allocation of Crown Reserve Waters** – therefore be it resolved that DNRE include in the application form for Crown Reserve water the following question: “Do you prefer a two-day or a three-day trip?” **Fisheries Committee: Motion Adopted.**
5. **Stocking of Non Native Trout Species** – therefore be it resolved that where appropriate, non native species of sport fish, such as rainbow trout or brown trout, be stocked in vacant or altered habitat. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
6. **Forest Company Licencees responsibilities towards fish, wildlife & timber** – therefore be it resolved that DNRE require the licencees to employ full time fisheries and wildlife professionals to ensure that fish and wildlife needs are integrated with fibre production and other resource and recreational needs. **Fisheries Committee: Motion Adopted.**
7. **Forest Management Planning** – therefore be it resolved that the user groups and our Federation should have a direct role in forest management decision processes on Crown Lands in order to determine policies with respect to buffer strip widths, protected areas, cutting in buffer zones and the needs of wildlife in buffer strips. **Fisheries Committee: Motion Adopted.**
8. **Maintain Buffer Strip Requirements** – therefore be it resolved that DNRE maintain its current buffer strip requirement along streams at 60 metres or more where the slope of the buffer zone is in excess of 10%. **Fisheries Committee: Motion Adopted.**
9. **Fish & Wildlife Protection Effort** – therefore be it resolved that DNR, F & W Branch, provide the statistics on percentages of man-hours spent on fish and wildlife protection in each Region in 1998; and, that protection effort be not less than 30 % of available man-days in future. **Scoodic Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
10. **Licence Revenue dedicated to Wildlife Trust Fund** – therefore be it resolved that a public accounting be made showing all revenue and expenses to date and that effective in 1999 that this information be made annually; that all revenue be shown by each individual type of licence as well as



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*sources of any advances, grants, fines or any other form of premium collected for the benefit of the Wildlife Trust Fund, that expenses be detailed by project showing amount approved, amount used and amounts (if any) returned unused to the Trust Fund. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.*

- 11. Illegal Selling of Game by Non- Status Natives** – *therefore be it resolved that non-status natives, living off reserves, not have the same privileges as natives living on reserves, and shall be charged under Federal Law for hunting, fishing and the selling of lobster, salmon, deer, moose, etc. Albert County Hunter's Association. Motion Adopted.*
- 12. Extend Angling Season until the end of October** – *therefore be it resolved that the angling season should be extended until the end of October for fish species that do not spawn in the fall, and to permit non lethal hook and release angling for fall spawning species. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.*
- 13. One licence for bowhunters** – *NOTE: Bowhunters are penalized having to purchase tow licences to harvest one deer causing a decline in these hunters; and, bowhunters have to purchase another sticker to hunt after the first three weeks; therefore be it resolved that bowhunters be allowed to hunt during the whole deer season if they so wish. Club Chasse et Peche de Haute Aboujagane Inc. Motion Adopted.*
- 14. Moose Draw Conducted Early in Year** – *therefore be it resolved that the moose draw be conducted in January of February. Club Chasse et Peche de Haute Aboujagane Inc. Motion Adopted.*
- 15. Sunday Hunting** – *therefore be it resolved that Sunday hunting be open to all hunters. Club Chasse et Peche de Haute Aboujagane Inc. Motion Defeated.*
- 16. Moose Draw** – *therefore be it resolved that a priority system be established so that once an applicant held a valid moose licence, this person could not participate in the draw the following year or for a certain number of consecutive years. Chaleur Hunters Association. Motion Defeated.*
- 17. Guide requirements for residents who must live/work outside Province for 6 months or more** – *therefore be it resolved that if these non residents are accompanied by a father, brother, son, uncle, nephew, grandson, grandfather, mother, sister, daughter, aunt, niece, granddaughter, grandmother, spouse, father-in-law or sister-in-law who holds a valid resident hunting licence, that the requirement to hunt with a licenced Guide be dropped from the present legislation. Chaleur Hunters Association. It has not been determined if this resolution passed or failed.*
- 18. Increase length of Moose Season** – *therefore be it resolved that subject to constant monitoring of the herd and re-evaluation of success rate, that the moose hunt be allowed to commence one day earlier per year up to a maximum of a week; and, be it further resolved that this increase to the duration of the moose hunt does not have to occur in consecutive years; and, if the facts substantiate that an overharvesting is occurring, that this increase in the duration of the moose hunt be cancelled and the*



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*present three day season be re-instated. Chaleur Hunters Association. It has not been determined if this resolution passed or failed.*

- 19. Wildlife Fencing on Highway** – therefore be it resolved that DNRE either construct or have constructed a fence barrier to prevent the larger wildlife from entering the traffic area of the new four-lane highway between Norton and Sussex. Sussex Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
- 20. Hunter Orange Requirement** – therefore be it resolved that rabbit and grouse hunters be required to wear hunter orange until the end of the rabbit season; and that varmint hunters and trappers, those hunting coyotes, foxes and other varmints not be required to wear hunter orange after December 1. Sackville Rod & Gun Club. It has not been determined if this resolution passed or failed.

## 2000

- 1. Crown Reserve Draw** – therefore be it resolved that DNRE set up a system similar to the doe draw, which would require the applicant to purchase their salmon licence prior to applying for the Crown Reserve Draw. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
- 2. Crown Reserve Camps** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF request that the government setup a special annual budget to upkeep the Crown Reserve Camps annually. Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
- 3. Extend Killarney Lake Season** – therefore be it resolved to extend the sportfishing season in Killarney Lake to 31 October. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.
- 4. Inspections of agricultural, mining & forestry operations** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF urge the Government of NB to adopt the stance that all lands in the Province, both Crown and Private, are held in trust for future generations; be it further resolved that the Province of NB should increase on-site inspections of agricultural, mining and forestry operations to make sure ecologically sound practices are followed; and be it further resolved that incentives be given to those following such practices, and that meaningful penalties be levied against those who breach them. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.
- 5. Abolish yellow signs** – therefore be it resolved that the use of “Yellow Signs” be abolished and only “red and blue” signs with the Province’s logo and an official number be respected by hunters. Club Chasse et Peche de Haute Aboujagane Inc. Motion Defeated.
- 6. Moose hunting season** – therefore be it resolved that moose hunting season be held on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday so that the successful applicants may have two days to prepare themselves. Club Chasse et Peche de Haute Aboujagane Inc. Motion Defeated.
- 7. Restrict Meat Cutters re Native harvest of deer and moose** – therefore be it resolved that all individuals in the Province carrying out meat cutting on a full or part time basis be required to be



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licensed; and, all full and part-time meat cutting operations be subject to inspection by the Dept. of Health to ensure that proper meat handling procedures are being followed; and, all full and parttime meat cutters be required to report monthly the species of wild game, sex and carcass dressed weight of all carcasses processed; and that penalties be levied at a level sufficient to deter non reporting or non compliance with meat handling regulations. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**

8. **Aboriginal Hunting & Fishing Seasons** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Government of NB and Canada to require that for conservation purposes, aboriginal peoples adhere to and abide by the same hunting and fishing seasons to which the non-aboriginal citizens of this Province and country are required to adhere to. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
9. **Inspection of Wild Game offered for sale by Aboriginals** – therefore be it resolved that because of health concerns regarding the proper handling of deer, moose and any other wild game offered for sale to the public by aboriginal hunters, said meat be required to be inspected by an appropriate government agency, with inspection fees borne by the purveyor. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**

## 2001

1. **Water Quality** – therefore be it resolved that DNRE, the Dept. of Fisheries & Agriculture and the Provincial Dept. of the Environment take all necessary measures to enforce the Clean Water Act and promote compliance by farmers and woods workers with good management practices; key among these are stabilization of eroding stream and riverbanks and restoration and preservation of adequate riparian buffer zones. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
2. **NBWF Name Change** – therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation change its name to the New Brunswick Federation of Anglers and Hunters. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**
3. **Open Deer Season later** – therefore be it resolved that the current deer season which starts on the Monday of the last full week in October be set to open one week later so as to allow more hunters more opportunity to hunt bucks during the rut. **Sackville Rod & Gun Club. Motion Adopted.**
4. **Any Calibre Rifle for Varmints** – therefore be it resolved that the holder of a valid varmint licence be permitted to hunt with a rifle of any calibre with a bullet weight of 100 grains or less. **Sussex Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
5. **Second Deer on Grand Manan (Bow Hunting)** – therefore be it resolved that the government consider making Grand Manan (Zone 27) a pilot project area to encourage the sport of bowhunting; by allowing hunters to harvest a second deer in the same season if their first deer is antlerless and taken with a bow on Grand Manan Island. **Grand Manan Wildlife Association. Motion Adopted.**



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6. **Spring and Fall Bear Quota** – therefore be it resolved that hunters be permitted to bag one bear in the spring season and one bear in the fall season. **Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. Motion Adopted.**
7. **Coyote Snaring Season** – therefore be it resolved that the coyote snaring season should commence the 15<sup>th</sup> of October until the end of the season. **Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. Motion Defeated.**
8. **Bowhunters wear camo** – therefore be it resolved that bowhunters be permitted to wear camouflage clothing instead of the orange vest during hunting season. **Madawaska Branch of the Fish & Game Protective Association Inc. Motion Defeated.**
9. **Primitive Hunting Season (Muzzleloaders)** – therefore be it resolved that the Government of NB approve a primitive firearms season for white - tailed deer; that the primitive season should be held immediately following the white – tailed deer hunting season in open deer zones province - wide; with traditional caplock and flintlock blackpowder muzzleloaders and any metallic sights only to be used; minimum of 45 calibre and no modern in-lines or scopes; be it further resolved that the primitive firearms season be included in the regular deer hunting licence; that regular hunters orange clothing be worn and that no motorized vehicles be used. **Buckskinners Muzzleloading Association Ltd. Motion Adopted.**
10. **Four Week Deer Season Opening the last Monday in October** – therefore be it resolved that DNRE establish a four week Whitetail Deer Season to open on the last Monday of October. **Shepody Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
11. **More durable deer tag** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to improve the tag system on hunting licences so that it will stand up better to the often severe conditions experienced during hunting season and as a result prevent loss and difficult situations for hunters. **Club Chasse et Peche de Haute Aboujagane Inc. Motion Adopted.**
12. **Abolish Yellow Signs** – therefore be it resolved that DNR abolish the use of the Yellow Sign and make sure that the Blue and Red signs are registered each year by the owner, and that sign be uniform across the Province. **Club Chasse et Peche de Haute Aboujagane Inc. Motion Defeated.**
13. **Moose Season** – therefore be it resolved that the moose hunting season be opened from Wednesday through Friday. **Club Chasse et Peche de Haute Aboujagane Inc. Motion Adopted.**
14. **POL & PAL required** – therefore be it resolved that only people who have POL or PAL's be authorized to apply for big game licences (deer or moose). **Club Chasse et Peche de Haute Aboujagane Inc. Motion Adopted.**
15. **Deer Season One Week later** – therefore be it resolved that the deer season be moved one week further. **Club Chasse et Peche de Haute Aboujagane Inc. Motion Adopted.**



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- 16. Disabled Hunters** – therefore be it resolved that disabled hunters have the privilege of purchasing a moose licence every year. **Club Chasse et Peche de Haute Aboujagane Inc. Motion Defeated.**
- 17. Fall Pheasant Season** – therefore be it resolved that NB establish a fall season for pheasant, with the proper safeguards in regard to bag limits, season length, etc to ensure a viable pheasant population remains. **Sackville Rod & Gun Club Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 18. No Hunter Orange for Varmint Hunters** – therefore be it resolved that while hunting coyotes or other varmints during December the requirement to wear hunter orange be removed so as to allow the use of brown or white camouflage as the need arises. **Sackville Rod & Gun Club Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 19. Trained Wardens in woods** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF implore the Minister of Natural Resources & Energy to protect our fish and wildlife by making sure that properly trained, armed wardens be in the woods at all times, in sufficient numbers to do their work properly. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 20. DNR Wardens not to enforce registration of firearms** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF ask the provincial government to instruct Rangers and Wardens not to actively enforce the inspection aspect of registration. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 21. Deer Season advanced** – therefore be it resolved that the White – Tailed Deer hunting season be delayed and commence on Thursday, November 1<sup>st</sup> and end on Saturday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2001. **Havelock Sportsmen's Club. Motion Adopted.**
- 22. Bowhunters (Licence Change)** – therefore be it resolved that the present “Deer & Game Bird Archery Licence” be changed to “Deer & Small Game Archery Licence” so as to include small game to the end of small game season in February, at no additional cost. **Bowhunters of New Brunswick. Motion Adopted.**
- 23. Additional week of bowhunting for Deer** – therefore be it resolved that there be an additional week of bow hunting to occur following the end of the rifle season for deer to be included with the purchase of the present “Deer & Game Bird Archery Licence” at no extra cost. **Bowhunters of New Brunswick. Motion Adopted.**
- 24. Deer Season Advanced** – therefore be it resolved that starting in 2001 the deer harvest will begin on the fourth Monday in October. **Albert County Hunters Association. Motion Adopted.**
- 25. DNR to protect natural resources on Acadian Peninsula** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF request the government to increase enforcement regarding fish and wildlife on the Acadian Peninsula. **L'Association Chasse et Peche de la Grande Riviere (Tracadie). Motion Adopted.**



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- 26. Special Pool for unsuccessful applicants in Moose Draw (over the last 10 years) – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the government to include a special pool for the applicants who have not received a moose licence in the past 10 years or more. L'Association Chasse et Peche de la Grande Riviere (Tracadie). Motion Adopted.**
- 27. Re-establish local Moose Draws – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the government to re-establish the old manual draw system (in 4 Regions) to help the local Clubs promote hunting and their Club activities. L'Association Chasse et Peche de la Grande Riviere (Tracadie). Motion Defeated.**
- 28. Special Draw for Moose Permits not picked up – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the government to have a closing date to purchase the Moose permit (15<sup>th</sup> August) and establish a special pool, including those permits available for the unsuccessful applicants. L'Association Chasse et Peche de la Grande Riviere (Tracadie). Motion Adopted.**
- 29. Issue 2 permits (stickers) for tree stands during Moose season – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the government to develop a system whereby they would issue 2 permits for hunters to build tree stands and thereby reduce the possibility of confrontations among hunters. L'Association Chasse et Peche de la Grande Riviere (Tracadie). Motion Defeated.**

## 2002

- 1. Thinning Practices on Crown Land – therefore be it resolved that DNR & E re-evaluate thinning practices on Crown lands so that when opportunities to promote or enhance wildlife habitat are encountered that those areas be treated separately for the benefit of wildlife. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 2. Resources for Deer Herd – therefore be it resolved that DNR& E direct more attention and resources towards the conservation of the province's deer herd. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 3. No increase in Plantations on Crown Land – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Department of Natural Resources & Energy not to allow increased plantation area on Crown lands to accommodate the proposed doubling of the annual allowable cut. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 4. Beaver Trapping on Grand Manan – therefore be it resolved that the DNR & E place a ban on the trapping of beaver on Grand Manan for a period of not less than 5 years. This will allow them to make a come back and let them restore the water table to a healthy and productive level. Unknown. Motion Adopted.**
- 5. Legal Hunting Age – therefore be it resolved that the DNR & E lower the minor's hunting permit legal age from 14 to the age of 12, so that we may ensure the heritage of hunting in the Province of New Brunswick. Ron Whitehead. Motion Adopted.**



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6. **Bow Hunting Zone** – therefore be it resolved that the Province set aside a certain area of woodland which is currently not available to hunting, to be designated as a "Bow Hunting Only Zone" in which Bow Hunters would be allowed to hunt with bows and wear full camouflage. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
7. **Opening Day for Sport Fishing (Grand Manan)** – therefore be it resolved that the DNR & E open the trout season on Grand Manan the third Saturday of April each year so that this fine sporting tradition of opening day may be enjoyed by the whole family so that we can ensure our children will pick up this sport and have a good chance to be successful. Unknown. Motion Adopted.

## 2003

1. **Requirement to register all deer, moose and bear** – therefore be it resolved for conservation purposes that the provincial laws requiring all deer, moose and bear to be registered, be extended to include, all persons harvesting such game. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
2. **Delay deer season** - therefore be it resolved that the season for hunting White-Tail Deer with a firearm commence on Friday, October 31st, 2003 and end on Saturday, November 29th, 2003; and that the season for White-tail Deer with a firearm commence on the last Friday in October and end on the last Saturday of November in subsequent years. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
3. **Introduction of Wild Turkeys** – therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources in conjunction with the NBWF seriously consider the introduction and release of wild turkeys in the Province. Sussex Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.
4. **Shooting Ranges** – therefore be it resolved that the DNR work closely with branches of the NBWF, who currently own and operate their own shooting ranges, in establishing a system whereby DNR would have the specific Range information and be able to direct individuals requesting a Sightin/Transport permit to the closest NBWF branch shooting range. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
5. **Crown Reserve Waters** – therefore be it resolved that in order to allow for truly committed Salmon anglers a better chance at fishing on crown reserve waters that the Department of Natural Resources require all applicants purchase their Salmon angling license prior to applying for crown reserve and the application form have the number of the salmon angling license included on it. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
6. **Opening of Green Brook (Bartibogue River)** – therefore be it resolved that Green Brook be reopened for a regulated sport fishery. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
7. **Misuse and abuse of insecticides/pesticides & herbicides** - that the provincial government reevaluates their policies and regulations on hardwood spraying and chemical use. Unknown. Motion Adopted.



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## 2004

1. **Jaakko Poyry Report** – therefore be it resolved that we reject the main premise of the Jaakko Poyry report. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
2. **Extension to Chain Pickerel Season** – therefore be it resolved that the angling season for pickerel in tidal waters including the Lower Saint John River, Grand Lake, Indian Lake, French Lake and Maquapit Lake be extended to the last day of November. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
3. **Hook & Release Licence (Atlantic Salmon)** – therefore be it resolved that the holders of a Hook & Release/Live Release license must release all species of fish. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
4. **Merganser and Cormorant Cull** – therefore be it resolved that DNR undertake a culling program on New Brunswick waterways in order to decrease significantly the number of cormorants and mergansers. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
5. **Hunting Licence Document** – therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources consider the development and implementation of a new, cost effective licensing document that will include all species in one document, be easier to carry, waterproof and durable. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
6. **Northern Deer Herd** – therefore be it resolved that the government spend more money on enforcement officers to curb the problem of poaching in the northern portion of the province and that additional funds be allocated to programs aimed at increasing the deer herd growth in these zones. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
7. **Pheasant Season** – therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources establish a fall season for pheasant in Wildlife Management Zone 25, with the proper safeguards in regards to bag limits, seasons, etc. to ensure a viable pheasant population remains. Unknown. Motion Adopted.
8. **Wildlife Management Zones (WMZ's)** – therefore be it resolved that the twenty-seven WMZ's do not have any identifying markers or signs identifying boundaries; that the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources create signs and post these signs at major highway intersections which serve as boundaries of the various WMZ's and at no less than one kilometre intervals along major highway routes that serve as the boundaries of these zones. Unknown. Motion Adopted.

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1. **Moose Draw** – therefore be it resolved that a second draw be held one month before the opening of the moose season so that the licences that have not been claimed by the 15<sup>th</sup> of August can be made available to applicants who had not been successful in the first draw. **L'Association Chasse et Peche de la Grande Riviere (Tracadie). Withdrawn.**
2. **Moose Draw** – therefore be it resolved that each applicant for a moose licence should have the firearms acquisition number on it and that those numbers should be verified before the draw. **L'Association Chasse et Peche de la Grande Riviere (Tracadie). Withdrawn.**
3. **Registration of Deer** – therefore be it resolved that a change be made in the method for a hunter in the registering of their deer; we request the hunter to produce a piece of I.D. (i.e. Driver's Licence, Medicare) as well as their hunting licence when registering their deer. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
4. **Non Resident Moose Licences** – therefore be it resolved that the number of non resident moose licences available for each years draw also reflect the trends that the residents of the Province have experienced since the implementation of the non resident moose hunt in 1996. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
5. **Deer Harvest Proposal WMZ 25** – therefore be it resolved that the Minister of Natural Resources has two choices,; (a) Close WMZ 25 for a period of 3 years (b) Close WMZ to rifles and open it only to Bow Hunting only zone for a period of 5 years. **Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**
6. **Opening of WMZ 2 (Deer Hunting)** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF support the letter sent by the Ste-Anne Hunting & Fishing Club, which asks for a limited, bucks only, 5 week bow and 2 week rifle season in 2005. **St. Leonard Hunting & Fishing Club. Motion Adopted.**
7. **Variation of Hunting Seasons (DNR)** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF asks DNR that the next time the Fish & Wildlife Act is revamped it must contain a segment which allows for the changing of hunting seasons, dates, addition or removal of species and alteration of bag limits all through simple variation orders. **St. Leonard Hunting & Fishing Club. Motion Adopted.**
8. **Barbless Hooks** – therefore be it resolved that the Federation request DNR that all hooks used in angling be either barbless or have their barbs pinched to become such. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**
9. **Chain Pickerel bag limit & size limit** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF request that the retention numbers and size limits for Chain Pickerel be changed to 45 cms minimum and a daily bag limit of only 5 fish per day. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
10. **Atlantic Salmon Recovery Strategy** – therefore be it resolved that the Government of Canada immediately develop and implement a strategy for the recovery of Atlantic Salmon. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**



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- 11. Facility to Produce Sport Fish** – therefore be it resolved that the Province take immediate steps to acquire a facility for the production of fish stocks to maximize quality sport fishing opportunities for the people of New Brunswick. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**
- 12. Crown Reserve System** – therefore be it resolved that DNR commit to taking the appropriate steps to ensure that any proposals which could result in changes to access to the Crown Reserve system be presented to all of the stakeholder organizations as may have an interest for review and comment before being acted upon. **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
- 13. Illegal ATV Use** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF ask the NB Government for more enforcement of laws pertaining to the illegal use of ATV's. **Moncton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**

## 2006

- 1. Pheasant Season WMZ 25** – therefore be it resolved that DNR establish a fall season for Pheasant in WMZ 25, with the proper safeguards in regards to bag limits, seasons, etc. to ensure that a viable pheasant population remains. **Sackville Rod & Gun Club Inc. Motion Adopted.**
- 2. Advance the Opening of Deer Season** – therefore be it resolved that DNR change their practice of opening deer season on the fourth Monday of October to opening the season on the last Monday of October. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
- 3. Trappers carry a rim-fire firearm on Sunday** – therefore be it resolved that the Province implement legislation that would allow a person with a fur harvester's licence and who has restraining traps set in the area to carry a cased rim-fire firearm on Sundays during open trapping season and that upon discovery of a trapped live animal which must be dispatched, said firearm could be used to dispatch this animal and then must be immediately re-cased. **St. Leonard Hunting & Fishing Club. Motion Adopted.**

## 2007

- 1. Separate Fish & Wildlife Branch from DNR** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to separate the Fish & Wildlife Branch from DNR, so that the new Fish & Wildlife Department will be in control of a dedicated budget, and those funds be protected from appropriation by other Departments/interests by the Act creating this new Department. **Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
- 2. Re-establish levels of enforcement staff** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Minister of DNR to re-establish the number of enforcement personnel to their former levels. **Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**



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3. **Hunter Education Course Fees** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Minister of DNR to change the course fees for our teenagers still attending school from (13 to 16 years of age) encouraging more of our youths to learn safe and responsible use of firearms and the role of hunting with respect to wildlife management. **Sussex Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
4. **Primitive Blackpowder Hunting Season** – therefore be it resolved that the primitive blackpowder hunting season be held immediately following the regular white-tailed deer hunting season in open deer zones province-wide; that this season be included in the regular deer hunting licence; that the NBWF negotiate with and petition DNR to permit such a Primitive Season. **Buckskinnners Muzzleloading Association. Withdrawn. (already NBWF policy)**
5. **Moose Draw (Reinstate 5 yr. Waiting Period)** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Minister of DNR to reinstate the five (5) year waiting period in the annual moose draw. **Sussex Fish & Game Association. Motion Defeated.**
6. **Possession of firearm within 50 metres of salt water** – therefore be it resolved that the Fish & Wildlife Act be changed so that varmint hunters can be in possession of a firearm within 50 metres of salt water from the end of the Migratory Bird Season until the following June 1<sup>st</sup>. **Sackville Rod & Gun Club. Motion Adopted.**
7. **Sunday Hunting** – therefore be it resolved that DNR consider amending the Fish & Wildlife Act to allow Sunday hunting. **Ron Whitehead (Wildlife Chair). Motion Adopted.**
8. **Replacement Migratory Bird Licence/Permit** – therefore be it resolved that Environment Canada (Canadian Wildlife Service) amend the Migratory Bird Regulations to allow for the issuance of a replacement permit at a minimal fee to a hunter who swears an affidavit that he/she has lost or misplaced a permit. **Ron Whitehead (Wildlife Chair). Motion Adopted.**
9. **Advance Opening of Deer Season** – therefore be it resolved that DNR change their practice of opening the Deer Season on the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday in October to opening the Season on the last Monday in October. **Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**
10. **Miramichi Watershed – increase daily limit of grilse** – therefore be it resolved that on the Miramichi watershed in the short term that the daily bag limit be increased to two grilse per day to allow the angler that wishes to retain a grilse be allowed to continue to fish hook and release for the remainder of that day; be it further resolved in the long term that if there is evidence that the retention of two grilse per day be harmful to grilse stocks and the daily bag limit must be reduced to one grilse per day, hook and release angling be allowed after the retention of one grilse. **Sussex Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.**



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**11. Salmon Parr** – therefore be it resolved that a picture of a salmon parr be placed in the NB Fish Booklet given out by DNR with each fishing licence. Canaan River Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.

## 2008

- 1. Deer Harvest** – therefore be it resolved that the 2009 harvest be open to both buck and doe in overpopulated zones as determined by DNR. Albert County Hunters Association. Withdrawn.
- 2. Eliminate 2<sup>nd</sup> Gun – Moose hunting** – therefore be it resolved that the 2009 NB Moose Harvest allow only successful applicants to harvest moose thereby eliminating the second gun. Albert County Hunters Association. Motion Defeated.
- 3. Schedule South Branch SW Miramichi** – therefore be it resolved that the South Branch of the SW Miramichi River from the highway bridge at Juniper, upstream beyond the dead waters to the steel snowmobile trail bridge, be scheduled as fly fishing only after June 1<sup>st</sup>. Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Withdrawn.

## 2009

- 1. Trout Daily/Possession Limit – Upper Saint John** – therefore be it resolved that all lakes, rivers and streams of the Saint John River drainage, upstream from the Covered Bridge at Hartland have a daily /possession limit of 10 trout. (same rules and limits as the streams and rivers upstream from Grand Falls). Salmon River Association Ltd. Motioned Defeated.
- 2. Schedule South Branch SW Miramichi** – therefore be it resolved that the South Branch of the SW Miramichi River from the highway bridge at Juniper, upstream beyond the dead waters to the steel snowmobile trail bridge, be scheduled as fly fishing only after June 1<sup>st</sup>. Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Defeated.
- 3. Deer Registration Stations** – therefore be it resolved that the Government of NB provide the same consideration for bow hunters as is afforded to gun hunters by increasing the number of deer registration stations during the early bow hunting season. Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
- 4. Feeding Deer during winter** – therefore be it resolved that DNR make it unlawful to feed deer during the winter months. Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Defeated.
- 5. Camouflage permitted for Varmint hunters** – therefore be it resolved that the wearing of blaze orange not be required until the end of varmint season. Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.



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6. **Extend Moose Season** – therefore be it resolved that the annual moose hunt be extended to a seven day hunt. Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.
7. **Crossbow legalized** – therefore be it resolved that DNR amend current legislation to allow crossbows to be used in hunting for all species of game that is currently permitted for bow hunters. Ron Whitehead (Wildlife Chair). Motion Adopted.
8. **Deer Registration Stations** – therefore be it resolved that DNR reconsider their remittance strategy and increase payment to vendors who participate in the provincial deer registration stations; notifications through media of existing and new stations should be done on a regular basis shortly before and during deer season. Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Defeated.
9. **Extend Moose Registration Time** – therefore be it resolved that DNR extend their registration station time period to at least 11:00 PM so that the hunter might have an extra hour or so of recovery and registration time, thus possibly reducing loss of animal due to the inability of reducing excess heat. Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Defeated.
10. **Nuisance deer permits & food banks** – therefore be it resolved that DNR set aside a portion of their nuisance deer permits that are allocated in the fall so that they will specifically be used for providing meat to charities in question; a minimum of 50 % of harvested deer is to be given to various food banks and soup kitchens across NB; the holder of such licence will provide proof to DNR. Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Defeated.
11. **Municipal Control of Hunting** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF urge the Province of NB to reject municipal requests for control of hunting within their boundaries and also to maintain the control of hunting and wildlife management within the responsibilities of DNR. Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.

## 2010

1. **Varmint Hunters (Firearm Discharge)** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to allow Varmint Hunters to discharge a firearm at a minimum distance from a dwelling of 100 meters with the owners permission using a Varmint calibre only (.223 or smaller). Sussex Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.
2. **Add porcupines to the list of varmints** – therefore be it resolved that porcupines be added the list of species on the Varmint licence. Sussex Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.
3. **Minor's Licence (Accessibility)** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to make the "Minor's Licence" more accessible to the youths (14 and 15 year olds) of this province by allowing them to purchase said licence at "Vendors". Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.



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4. **Age of designated Moose Hunters** – therefore be it resolved that DNR lower the age of designated moose hunters from 18 to 16. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
5. **Posting of Signs on Land Regulations** – therefore be it resolved that the Province of NB review the current system of signage with a view of issuing one sign per hunter to be used to denote that he/she is in the area but not to reserve any lands for sole use by the said sign holder. **Moncton Fish & Game. Withdrawn.**
6. **Trespass on Private Property while Hunting** – therefore be it resolved that a courtesy hunter (in pursuit of game) at a safe distance from a residence be given a “Hunter’s Right” to cross over private land without fear of prosecution, provided that land is not posted with an approved legal sign stating “No Hunting” as regulated by DNR. **Moncton Fish & Game. Withdrawn.**
7. **Posting of Yellow Signs** – therefore be it resolved that DNR put in place a system that only the yellow signs with the reference numbers be respected and be it resolved also that publicity is to be done to advise the population of those changes. **Club Chasse et Pêche Haute Aboujagane. Withdrawn.**
8. **Identification of Moose Hunting areas** – therefore be it resolved that the government put in place a system so the lucky winners of the draw would receive a certain amount of tags (2), so they can post their hunting territory where they will be hunting, and that all other signs are illegal. **Club Chasse et Pêche Haute Aboujagane. Withdrawn.**
9. **Crown Reserve Waters** - therefore be it resolved that as long as there are leased public waters in NB, the Province will only view the system in its entirety including maintenance and upgrades and continue to fund and manage the Crown Reserve Program in consultation with user-groups. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
10. **Eradication of Smallmouth Bass** – therefore be it resolved that DFO immediately approve and fund a chemical eradication program for Miramichi Lake to be implemented as soon as favourable biological and physical conditions exist in the lake. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**

**2011**

1. **Changes to the Moose Draw Application** – therefore be it resolved that future applicants to the Annual New Brunswick Resident Moose Draw must provide proof of meeting the requirements to obtain a moose licence before being eligible to apply for the draw. **Albert County Hunter’s Association. Motion Adopted.**
2. **Black Bear Trapping** – therefore be it resolved that DNR look into and set up a program where trappers are encouraged to trap nuisance bears with guidance of the Department using the Aldrich type snare. **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
3. **Minor’s Licence to include 12 and 13 year old youths** – therefore be it resolved that the Province of New Brunswick revise hunting laws to include hunters age 12 and 13 who have a Firearms



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*Safety/Hunter Education certificate to acquire a “Minor’s Hunting Licence”. This licence would allow a minor to carry or use a gun under the supervision of a certified hunter (parent/guardian) age 18 years or older. Albert County Hunter’s Association. Motion Adopted.*

4. **Wild Turkey Introductions** – therefore be it resolved that wild turkeys be stocked in New Brunswick. Sackville Rod & Gun Club. Motion Adopted.
5. **Armed Forces Residency** – therefore be it resolved that the Department of Natural Resources amend current legislation to allow current members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP who were born in the Province of New Brunswick to apply for and obtain angling and hunting licences as a resident. Executive Committee. Motion Adopted.

## 2012

1. **NB Wildlife Trust Fund** – therefore be it resolved that the imbalance in project funding be withheld until projects addressing the management/improvement of the deer herd are received and can be funded. Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
2. **Wildlife Identification Numbers (Control Licensing)** – therefore be it resolved that the Province of New Brunswick implement the “Wildlife identification number” system to eliminate abuses of the licence system. Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted.
3. **Increase Black Bear Bag Limit** – therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to amend current legislation to allow an annual harvest of two (2) black bears per year. Petitcodiac Sportsman’s Club. Motion Adopted.



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## 2013

1. **Striped Bass** – therefore be it resolved that an angling season in the Southeast Region for Striped Bass be granted. **Club Chasse et Pêche de Haute – Aboujagane. Motion Adopted.**
2. **Trout Limits** – therefore be it resolved that the number of trout that can be harvested by an angler each day be limited to five in all parts of New Brunswick. **Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Tabled.**
3. **Fisheries Consultations** – therefore be it resolved that the Province schedule regular consultations between resource managers and anglers around the Province to facilitate a two-way flow of information. **Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response.”**
4. **Striped Bass** – therefore be it resolved that we should have an open season in 2013 to retain Striped Bass. (Miramichi System) **Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
5. **Posting of Signs during Moose Season** – therefore be it resolved that all signs posted on Crown Land for the purpose of claiming ones hunting territory be banned. **Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”.**
6. **Crossbows** – therefore be it resolved that Crossbows be allowed for use in the three week deer archery season. **Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response.”**
7. **Goose Slaughter** – therefore be it resolved that the CWS in future, when finding nuisance wildlife cases such as the Canada Goose, allow qualified, licensed hunters to cull the flock and keep the meat for personal use. **Albert County Hunter’s Association. Motion Adopted.**
8. **Hunting Consultations** – therefore be it resolved that the Province schedule regular consultations between industry, resource managers, hunters and concerned citizens around the Province to facilitate the flow of information in hopes of obtaining an equitable solution to our declining whitetail deer population. **Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response.”**
9. **Extend Grouse Season** – therefore be it resolved that DNR establish a grouse season that commences on October 1<sup>st</sup> and ends on December 31<sup>st</sup> beginning in 2013. **Ron Whitehead. Motion Adopted. “Gov’t Response”**

## 2014

1. **Definition of Hunting** – therefore be it resolved that the Department of Natural Resources amend the definition of “hunting” as it now exists in the Fish & Wildlife Act to read as follows; “hunting” means taking, wounding, killing, chasing, pursuing, capturing, following after or on the trail of, searching for, shooting at, stalking or lying in wait for any wildlife, whether or not



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*the wildlife is subsequently captured, wounded or killed; but does not include stalking, attracting, searching for or lying in wait for any wildlife by an unarmed person solely for the purpose of watching or taking pictures of it. Petitcodiac Sportsman's Club. Motion Adopted.*

2. **Legal Hunting Times** – therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation petition the government of New Brunswick to amend the Fish & Wildlife Act so as to change hunting time periods to four day segments, and to establish three time zones in the province from east to west based on current wildlife management zones grouped by similar sunrise/sunset times/longitude so that regardless of where one is in the province they are legally able to start hunting one-half hour before sunrise and until one-half hour after sunset. Sackville Rod & Gun Club. Motion Adopted.
3. **Posting of land** – therefore be it resolved that this regulation be removed from the Fish & Wildlife Act and be replaced by one that allows the hunting on foot of lands and woodlands with certain exceptions such as laid out in the current Nova Scotia Wildlife Act. Sackville Rod & Gun Club. Motion Defeated.
4. **Expansion of the Varmint Category** – therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick wildlife Federation petition the Province of New Brunswick to move Raccoon, Red Fox and Striped Skunk to the varmint category and as such allow the hunting of these species under their varmint and small game licences. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.
5. **Promotion of Hunting** – therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation petition the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources to change their stated mandate to include the promotion of hunting in this Province. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.
6. **Antlerless Deer Permits WMZ 20** – therefore be it resolved that doe permits be issued for WMZ 20 for the coming deer season in 2014. Scoodic Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.
7. **Opening of RFA 7** – therefore be it resolved that the Department of Natural Resources open all recreational fishing in RFA 7 on April 15 to include rivers, lakes and streams. Scoodic Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.
8. **Economic Study of the Value of Hunting & Fishing** – therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation petition the Government of New Brunswick to conduct/fund a study in the economic value of hunting and fishing including deer, moose, migratory birds, upland birds and hare and all sport fishing species in both fresh and salt water. The scope of this economic study should encompass present values and future values should the government manage our wildlife resources for the suggested purpose. Option 1: Study totally funded by the Government of New Brunswick. Option 2: Study to be financially supported by the Government



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*of New Brunswick and the NBWF and its Branches and the Wildlife Trust Fund. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.*

9. **Provincial Trout Limits** – *please refer to resolution 2013-02; this resolution requested a province-wide trout limit of five (5) and was tabled at the 2013 AGM by the Moncton Fish & Game. Moncton Fish & Game was not prepared to go ahead with this motion at this time and so it was withdrawn.*

## 2015

1. **Sunday Hunting Archery Season** – *be it therefore resolved that bow hunters be allowed to hunt on Sundays during the early archery season for deer, and gun hunters be allowed to hunt those same days for species for which there is a regular hunting season at that time of year. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.*
2. **Elimination of Toxic Shot in Hunting** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF supports the reduction and eventual elimination of the use of lead bullets and petitions DNR to immediately develop a voluntary program to reduce and virtually eliminate lead from hunting activities. This will reduce the potential for lead poisoning and potential sickness and death in eagles, crows, ravens and other scavenging species, in human exposure and will reduce the impact on forest ecosystems. Such a program must be based in hunter education and awareness (including hunter safety courses) as well as strategies to increase the use of alternative ammunition such as nontoxic (copper) shot. Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.*
3. **Online Bear Registration** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition DNR for the development of an online bear registration system that would allow resident hunters to register a bear kill without travelling to an established bear registration station. Sackville Rod & Gun. Motion Adopted.*
4. **Enhancing Wildlife Habitat** – *be it therefore resolved that the Province of New Brunswick update the Forest Management Manual to require forest companies working on Crown Land to practice habitat restoration by planting appropriate plant species for wildlife along abandoned roadways, dead end roads, and edges of clear-cuts to enhance the sustainability of wildlife. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.*



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5. **Increase Salmon Population** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF request the Government of NB and the Government of Canada (DFO) to drastically increase salmon population efforts by seeking viable alternatives including the use of nurseries to raise fingerlings for release in NB waters.* **Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
6. **Length of Crown Reserve Fishing Period** – *be it therefore resolved that all Crown Reserve stretches, whether regular, daily or live release (with the exception of the Patapedia Stretch, be valid for a consecutive 48 hour period, beginning at 2:00 PM on the first day and ending at 2:00 PM on the third day.* **Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**

## 2016

1. **Forest Herbicide Spraying** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF publicly state their position on the spraying of herbicide upon the crown/public lands of NB; and that the NBWF petition the Government of NB to cease herbicide spraying on crown/public land.* **Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)**
2. **Five Day Moose Hunt** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the Government of NB to be receptive to the opinion of the majority of hunters in NB and maintain a 5 day moose hunt in NB.* **Salmon River Association. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)**
3. **Youth Antlerless Deer Licences** – *be it therefore resolved that a minor who is hunting deer for the first time at age 16 will automatically get an Antlerless Deer Tag in the Zone they live in if there are tags available. (One time only).* **Sussex Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**
4. **Extend Bear Season** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition DNR to extend the bear season to the end of deer season.* **Canaan River Fish & Game. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)**
5. **Deer Herd Survival** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the Province of New Brunswick to call a meeting of all stakeholders, be it conservation groups/industry to address this situation in hopes of finding an equitable solution before it is too late.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)**
6. **Additional Open Lakes for Ice Fishing** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the Government of NB to re-examine a number of lakes in Madawaska and Victoria Counties and to reconsider adding a number of lakes to the Winter Ice Fishing Regulations of NB.* **Salmon River Association. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)**



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7. **Double Hooks** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the Minister of DFO to disregard any request to ban the use of double hooks, or to provide scientific data to support such a ban.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
8. **Black Salmon Conservation** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition DFO to extend the fly fishing only restrictions in the Bartibogue River until May 15<sup>th</sup> while “black salmon” are still in the area.* **Bartibogue Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**

## 2017

1. **Protection of the Waters of NB** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the Government of NB to have DNR and DFO monitor woodcutting operations, on public and private lands as well as construction sites to ensure that the Watercourse Alteration Regulations, the Clean Water Act and the Protected Area Designation Order (a.k.a Watercourse Set Back Designation Order) are followed.* **Albert County Hunters Association. Motion Adopted.**
2. **Posting of Land as per the 2016 Hunting & Trapping Guide** – *be it therefore resolved that DNRED ensure that the 2017 Hunting & Trapping Guide and all future Guides contain the following information;*  
(1) *That landowners must annually register the posting of their land with the Minister.*  
(2) *That signs or discs posted by the landowner shall be clearly marked with a unique identification number provided by the Minister.* **Petitcodiac Sportsman’s Club. Motion Adopted.**
3. **Opening of trout season on the Acadian Peninsula Portion of the Chaleur RFA** – *that the NBWF petition DNRED to open the trout season on the Acadian Peninsula portion of the Chaleur RFA on April 15<sup>th</sup>; that only single hook artificial flies to be permitted for use in waters where Atlantic Salmon are present; single hook lures, bait and artificial flies to be permitted in all other waters. (Lakes and ponds to be excluded).* **Club Chasse de la Grande Riviere Tracadie Inc. Motion Adopted**
4. **Fish Habitat Protection** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the Minister of DFO to again make fish habitat protection a priority.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
5. **Atlantic Salmon Advisory Commission Recommendations** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the Minister of DFO to move forward on all of the recommendations of the Committee, but give the subject of at-sea mortality the highest priority, to address declining salmon stocks.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**



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6. **Terminate the Cull of Muskellunge at Dams on the Saint John River – be it therefore resolved that the NBWF request the Government of Canada to terminate its policy of culling Muskellunge at all dams on the Saint John River. Saint John River Chapter of Muskies Canada. Motion Adopted.**
7. **Ten Trout Limit on the Restigouche River Watershed and its Tributaries – be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition DNRED to increase the daily trout limit in the Restigouche River Watershed and its tributaries to 10 trout with a possession limit of 10. Restigouche Trapper's Council. Motion Defeated.**
8. **Hunting in NB – be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the Province of NB to make a concerted effort to enhance game species of wildlife and promote hunting in this Province. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
9. **Online Sight-In Permit – be it therefore resolved that the sight-in permit be accessible online using parameters such as the name of the shooter, date of birth, make of firearm(s) to be sighted in, location of range, date and time of sight in and any other pertinent information that would allow access to said permit. Such a permit would carry the same level of lawful carry, and would be the sole responsibility of the person sighting in to follow such rules. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.**
10. **Use of Dogs to Track and Recover Wounded Deer – be it therefore resolved that the Province of NB allows the use of certified dogs to track and recover dead or wounded deer, bear or moose not recovered by the hunter. Sackville Rod & Gun. Motion Adopted.**
11. **Acceptable Calibres for Medium and Large Game – be it therefore resolved that the NBWF amend its current policy so as to support the current NB Fish & Wildlife Act section 43 (1) (b) with regards to allowing the use of .22 calibre centrefire rifles for medium game (deer and bear) but continue to petition that the Act be changed to not allow their use on large game such as moose. Havelock Sportsmen's Club. Motion Adopted.**
12. **Regulated Deer Hunt in WMZ 9 – be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition DNRED to have their biologists review the data regarding WMZ 9 and determine if there could be a possibility of a regulated deer hunt in that Zone. Club Chasse de la Grande Riviere Tracadie Inc. Motion Adopted.**
13. **Promote Non-Toxic Ammunition in Hunting – be it therefore resolved that DNRED immediately develop a Hunter Education “package” in support of a voluntary program to reduce the amount of lead used in hunting and to promote the use of non-toxic alternatives. Such an approach will reduce the potential for human exposure and reduce the impact on forest**



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*ecosystems and non-targeted species. Government should also promote best hunter practices (such as burying hut piles) to reduce lead exposure to non-target species. Such a program must be based in hunter education and awareness, coupled with strategies to increase the use of nontoxic ammunition. Such a strategy could include, but not limited to: - a module on non-toxic ammunition in Hunter Education classes*

- Information in the Provincial Hunting and Fishing Guide*
- Developing and promoting hunter best practices - information sessions for hunter groups*
- information and promotion on DNRED website*
- working with ammunition industry to provide an ammunition exchange program*

*Be it further resolved that the NBWF support this initiative with DNRED. Moncton Fish & Game.  
Motion Defeated.*

**14. Discounted Licence Fee for Disabled Trappers** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition DNRED to have a discounted licence fee for disabled trappers, similar to the one for seniors. Restigouche Trapper's Council. Motion Adopted.*

**15. Sunday Hunting During Spring Bear Season** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition DNRED to allow Sunday hunting during the Spring Bear Season. Restigouche Trapper's Council. Motion Adopted.*

## 2018

**1. Open fishing season on rivers and lakes earlier in the season** – *be it therefore resolved that the Department of Energy & Resource Development change the opening dates as follows: Northern recreational fishery areas (1): April 19 on open water rivers, streams, brooks, lakes, ponds and reservoirs. Southern recreational fishery areas (2): April 1st on open water rivers, streams, brooks, lakes, ponds and reservoirs. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.*

**2. Extend salmon angling to September 30th on a portion of the LSW Miramichi** – *be it therefore resolved that the closing date for salmon fishing on the Little Southwest Miramichi River upstream of Ramsay Brook be September 30th. Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted.*

**3. Definition of Hunting** – *be it therefore resolved that the definition in the Fish and Wildlife Act be changed:*

- a. to permit the actions of individuals, who are unarmed or not in possession of a firearm, bow or crossbow, in watching or photographing wildlife at any time of day;*



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- b. *to permit the calling of game animals at any time outside hunting seasons provided the individuals are unarmed or not in possession of a firearm, bow or crossbow;*
- c. *to permit the use of lights as aids in the viewing of wildlife outside hunting seasons, provided they are not in possession of a firearm, bow or crossbow.*

### **Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**

4. **Change Moose Application Date** – *be it therefore resolved that, for residents of New Brunswick, the application date would be changed to the same application date as non-residents of New Brunswick in February. There would be two dates of results for New Brunswick residents, the first draw in mid-May (same date as non-residents of New Brunswick) for a license number of 8% of the quotas approximately 3,500) for New Brunswick residents. The total remaining allowable permits determined by the Ministry of Natural Resources would be disclosed at the second draw in mid-July. **Club Chasse et Pêche de la Grande Rivière Tracadie. Motion Defeated.***
5. **Increase number of moose licences** - *be it therefore resolved that the Department of Energy and Resource Development increase the draw allocations for each zone of the province, where, based on population estimates and Maximum Allowable Harvest, an increase in available licenses for a particular zone is warranted. **Moncton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)***
6. **Wild turkey research program** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the DNRED to initiate a research program to determine the population of wild turkeys in the Province and initiate a management plan with the objective of opening a sustainable hunting season for these challenging game birds in areas that can support a hunt. **Ron Whitehead. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)***
7. **Amend and resubmit Resolution 2001- 4 Any Calibre Rifle for Varmints** - *be it therefore resolved that the holder of a valid varmint license be permitted to hunt with a rifle of any calibre during the varmint only season. **Havelock Sportsmen's Club, Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)***
8. **Domestic animal running at large** – *be it therefore resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation petition the Government of New Brunswick to amend New Brunswick Fish and Wildlife Act CHAPTER F-14.1 to read as follows:*  
  
*48(1). Every person commits an offence who at any time allows a domestic animal to run at large in a resort of wildlife.*



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49. *Where a domestic animal is found running at large in a resort of wildlife the domestic animal may be killed on sight by a conservation officer.*

## **Sackville Rod & Gun. Motion Defeated.**

9. **Antler Sheds** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF petition the Department of Energy and Resource Development, to allow the sale of moose and deer antlers sheds by a holder of a New Brunswick Trapping or Hunting License.* **Restigouche Trappers Council. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)**
10. **Ban the Public from Feeding Deer in Winter** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF urge the Department of Energy and Resource Development to make it unlawful for the general public to feed deer during winter months.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**
11. **Make drones illegal for hunting** - *be it resolved that the Province of New Brunswick make the necessary changes to the Fish and Wildlife Act to explicitly name drones as illegal for use in hunting and trapping in the province of New Brunswick.* **Albert County Hunters, Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)**

## **2019**

1. **Crossbow draw weight** – *be it therefore resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation petition the Government of New Brunswick to amend section 43.1 (d) of the Fish & Wildlife Act to allow a crossbow with a draw weight of less than 120 lbs. (54.43 kg.)* **Club Chasse et Pêche de Haute - Aboujagane. Motion Defeated.**
2. **Primitive Weapon Deer Hunting Season Extension** – *be it therefore resolved that the Province of New Brunswick implement a one (1) week extended primitive weapon season for White-tailed deer hunting on the Monday to Saturday (6 days) following the rifle season, with no additional tags and limited to the use of bow, crossbow and muzzle loader.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**
3. **Hunting Small Game on a Resident Bear Hunting Licence** – *be it therefore resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation petition DNRED to allow the hunting of small game on a resident bear hunting licence.* **Petitcodiac Sportsman's Club. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response).**
4. **Antlerless Deer Lottery** – *be it therefore resolved that the Provincial government institute a tiered antlerless deer lottery identical to the one in place for moose.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response).**



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5. **Hunting Time Periods (Sunrise & Sunset)** – *be it therefore resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation petition the government of New Brunswick to amend the Fish & Wildlife Act so as to change hunting time periods to four day segments, and establish three time zones in the province from east to west based on current Wildlife Management Zones, grouped by similar sunrise/sunset times so that regardless of where one is in the province, they are legally able to start within three or four minutes of one-half hour before sunrise and until one-half hour after sunset.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Defeated.**
6. **Pheasant Hunting Season** – *be it therefore resolved that New Brunswick opens a limited hunting pheasant season in the Southeast area of the province.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)**
7. **Increase the number of Registration Stations for White-tailed deer** – *be it therefore resolved that ERD find a way to make registration for White-tailed deer easier for hunters through financial incentives to entice more businesses to become a registration station, and also to register their harvest online.* **Fredericton Fish & Game. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)**
8. **Improve tag system for fish and game** – *be it therefore resolved that the NBWF encourage ERD to have a durable tag system for hunters and fishers.* **Havelock Sportsmen's Club. Motion Adopted. (Gov't Response)**

## 2020

1. **Sunday Hunting** – *Therefore be it resolved the DNRED consider amending the Fish & Wildlife Act to allow Sunday hunting for all hunting seasons all year round.* **QDMA, Motion defeated.**
2. **Deer Hunting in WMZ 4, 5, and 9** – *Therefore be it resolved that DNRED re-open WMZ 4, 5, and 9 to adopt a habitat management approach in the effort to increase and enhance the deer population in these zones.* **QDMA. Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg 101.)**
3. **Minimum Age for Big Game Hunting** – *Therefore let it be resolved that DNRED consider amending the Fish & Wildlife Act to reduce the age of hunting to 12 years of age in order for them to be able to apply and hunt big game while accompanied by an adult.* **QDMA. Motion defeated.**
4. **Trespassing** – *Therefore be it resolved that DNRED considers amending the Trespassing Act to replace the current system with a system that would require an individual to obtain a*



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*compulsory written permission to permit them to enter a private woodlot. **QDMA.** Motion defeated.*

5. **Doe Hunting** – *Therefore be it resolved that DNRED permit doe hunting (controlled/draw) in all NB WMZ. **QDMA.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [102](#).)*
6. **Timing of Doe Harvest** – *Therefore be it resolved that DNRED considers amending the Fish & Wildlife Act to have all does harvested before November 1<sup>st</sup>. **QDMA.** Motion defeated*
7. **No Orange Clothing when Hunting from a Tree Stand for Archery Hunters** – *Therefore be it resolved, that DNRED consider amending the Fish & Wildlife Act in order to permit Archery hunters to hunt without orange when hunting from a tree stand. **QDMA.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [102](#).)*
8. **Use of Dogs to Track and Recover Wounded Game Animals** – *Therefore be it resolved that the Province of New Brunswick allows the use of certified dogs to help track and recover dead or wounded big game animals not recovered by the hunter. **QDMA.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [102](#).)*
9. **The Elimination of Captive Deer Breeding Facilities** – *Therefore be it resolved that the Province of New Brunswick takes steps towards eliminating the captive deer breeding industry in the Province. **QDMA.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [103](#).)*
10. **Current Prohibition of Possession of Firearm on Tidal Waters** – *Therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation request the Department of Energy & Resource Development to amend legislation to remove this restriction as found in section 8.1 of the Hunting Regulation . **SWNB Longbeard.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [103](#).)*
11. **Using Moose and Deer Scraps for Bait** – *Therefore be it resolved that the Fish & Wildlife Act and the Regulations be amended to allow the holder of a bear and/or trapping license to transport bone and other scraps from deer and moose carcasses to the location of their bait stations. **Restigouche Trappers' Council.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [104](#).)*
12. **Squirrel Hunting** – *Therefore be it resolved that squirrels be added to the game which a holder of a Class III license, Class IV license, or a Minor's license is entitled to hunt. **Restigouche Trappers' Council.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [104](#).)*
13. **Age of Moose Draw Applicants to be Amended to Age 16** – *Therefore be it resolved that the minimum age for an applicant in the moose draw be amended to 16 years of age. **Restigouche Trappers' Council.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [104](#).)*



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14. **Sunday Hunting, Spring Bear Season** – *Therefore be it resolved that the Spring Bear Season include Sunday Hunting. Restigouche Trappers' Council. Motion defeated.*
15. **Youth Moose Hunting** – *Therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation petition ERD to allow youths 16 and 17 years old to apply for a Moose license and set aside 50 tags especially for youth and have a draw format with the tags divided into zones similar to the Adult draw. In order for a youth to apply for one of these tags, they must have already passed the Hunters Education and Firearms Safety Courses, and have obtained their Outdoors Card. If the youth has been successful in the draw, he/she must be guided (accompanied) by an adult 18 years or older that has a PAL and Outdoors Card, but only the youth must carry the rifle, no second gun. Albert County Hunters Association. Motion defeated.*
16. **Extending Sunday Hunting in New Brunswick** – *Therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation petition the Minister of Energy and Renewable Resources to extend/legalize Sunday hunting beginning from October 1<sup>st</sup> and to including December 31<sup>st</sup>. Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [101](#).)*
17. **Muzzle Loader Hunting Season Extension for Whitetail Deer** – *Therefore be it resolved that the Province of New Brunswick implement a 1-week extended muzzle loader only season for white tail deer hunting on the Monday to Saturday (6 days) following rifle season, with no additional tags and limited to the use of muzzle loaders with open sights only and no rails for a scope. Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion defeated.*
18. **Resolution to Amend the Gaspereau Fishery on the Oromocto River** – *Therefore be it resolved that DFO regulate the Gaspereau fishery in the Oromocto River so that Gaspereau trap nets be slightly modified to only capture fish moving in the upstream direction so as to minimize the likelihood of intercepting migrating salmon smolts. Fredericton Fish & Game Association. Motion defeated.*

## 2021

1. **Using Deer & Moose Scraps for Bait** – *Therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Act and Regulations be amended to allow the holder of a bear and/or trapping license be allowed to transport bone and other scraps from deer and moose carcasses to the location of their bait station. Restigouche Trappers' Council. Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [104](#).)*
2. **Live Trapping of Black Bears by Licensed Nuisance Control Officers** – *Therefore be it resolved that the Fish & Wildlife Act and Regulations be amended to allow the holder of a*



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*Nuisance Control Operator's License to live trap nuisance bears. Restigouche Trappers' Council. Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [105](#).)*

3. **Posting of Signs on Land Regulations (89-106) – Therefore be it resolved that**
  - i. *Any hunter other than the registered owner of the said land, or an authorized occupant with the permission of the registered land owner must not proceed with any hunting related activities on the said land unless the hunter has received the express written permission of the said registered landowner; the said permission is to include:*
    - a. *The areas of the said property that the hunter is authorized to hunt on*
    - b. *The dates on which the hunter is authorized to hunt*
    - c. *The number of individuals who can accompany the hunter*
  - ii. *Failure to obtain the above noted written permission will result in the imposition of a fine or imprisonment in accordance with the Fish & Wildlife Act, SNB 1980, c. F-14.t.*
- Sussex Fish & Game Association.** Motion defeated.
4. **One-Week Muzzleloader Hunting Season Extension for Whitetail Deer – Therefore be it resolved that the Province of New Brunswick implement a 1-week extended muzzleloader only season for whitetail deer hunting on the Monday to Saturday (6 days) following rifle season in the Southern half of the province, including Wildlife Management Zones 15 to 27, with no additional tags and limited to the use of muzzleloaders with open sights only and no rails for a scope. Fredericton Fish & Game Association.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [106](#).)
5. **Minimize Hunting Age for Big Game Hunting – therefore be it resolved that NBNERD considers amending the Fish & Wildlife Act to reduce the age of hunting to 12 years of age in order for them to be able to apply and hunt big game while accompanied by an adult. QDMA Northern Branch.** Motion defeated.
6. **Trespassing – Therefore be it resolved that NBNRED considers amending the Trespassing Act to replace the current system with a system that would require an individual to obtain a compulsory written permission to permit them to enter a private woodlot. QDMA Northern Branch.** Motion defeated.
7. **To move Whitetail Deer Season – Therefore be it resolved that the Whitetail deer season for rifle be moved, so as to commence on November 1<sup>st</sup> each calendar year, through to ending on November 30<sup>th</sup>. Shepody Fish & Game.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [107](#).)



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8. **Removal of Resolution # 1981-10 – Open hunting season on Unicorns** – *Therefore be it resolve that Resolution # 1981-10 be removed from the NBWF Conservation Policy Manual. Nathalie Michaud, NBWF President. Motion Adopt.*
9. **Amendment to Resolution # 1988-07 – Restrict Indian nets** – *Be it resolved that the term “Indian” be removed and replaced with Indigenous in the NBWF Conservation Policy Manual. Nathalie Michaud, NBWF President. Motion Adopted.*

## 2022

1. **Extend the Annual Deer Season** – *Therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development extend the Scheduled deer season by one week to better reflect environmental changes that affect deer hunting in New Brunswick. Grand Digue Hunting & Fishing Club. Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg 107.)*
2. **Postpone the Opening of the Annual Moose Hunt** – *Therefore be it resolved that the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development delay the scheduled opening of the moose season by up to 2 weeks to better reflect environmental changes that affect moose hunting in New Brunswick. Grand Digue Hunting & Fishing Club. Motion defeated.*
3. **Lengthening Fall Black Bear Season** – *Therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation petition the Government of New Brunswick to amend New Brunswick Fish & Wildlife Act Section 6(1) A resident bear license or a non-resident license authorizes the holder of the license to hunt (d) bear during the period from the first day in September to until the first Saturday in November, inclusive, in any year, except that during the period of the last full week of September, the holder of the license shall hunt only by means of a bow or crossbow.*

*be amended to allow Black Bear hunting during the whitetail deer hunting season and read:*

*6(1) A resident bear license or a non-resident license authorizes the holder of the license to hunt (d) bear during the period from the first day in September to the date specified for the end of the general open season for hunting deer in the Deer Hunting Regulations made under the Act, both dates inclusive, including Sundays, in any year, except that during the period of the last full week of September, the holder of the license shall hunt only by means of a bow or crossbow.*

*Sackville Rod & Gun Club. Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg 108.)*

## 2023

1. **Using a Trained Dog for Recovery of Wounded Game** – *Therefore be it resolved that the Fish & Wildlife Act and the corresponding Regulations be amended to closely follow those of Nova*



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*Scotia to allow the use of dogs to track and recover wounded deer, moose, and bear. **Sussex Fish & Game Association.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [109](#).)*

2. **Program of Stocking Atlantic Salmon** – *therefore be it resolved that the Province of New Brunswick take the lead and co-ordinate with the Department of Fisheries, Fort Folly and their partners, and the Petitcodiac Watershed Committee in an extensive program of stocking of Atlantic Salmon to remediate the loss of runs that resulted from the installation of the Causeway. **Richard DeBow.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [109](#).)*

## 2024

1. **Digital Fish & Wildlife Licenses** – *Therefore be it resolved that the Province of New Brunswick permanently allow the use of digital copies as valid licenses and remove the “not valid until signed” line from the current hunting and fishing license design. **Sackville Rod & Gun Club.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [109](#).)*
2. **Allow 2 Rods per person while trolling in the Lower Saint John River Recreational Fishing Area** – *Therefore be it resolved that the regulations pertaining to trolling for any species other than Sport Fish in inland waters of the Lower Saint John River Recreational Fishing area be brought more in line with the regulations for trolling for any species other than sport fish in Tidal Waters, while limiting the amount of rods allowed per person to 2 rods each. **Saint John River Chapter of Muskies Inc.** Motion defeated.*
3. **Opening of Trout Season on the Acadian Peninsula portion of the Chaleur Recreational Fishing Area** – *Therefore be it resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation petition DNRED to open the trout season on the Acadian Peninsula portion of the Chaleur Recreational Fishing on April 15<sup>th</sup>. Only single hook artificial flies to be permitted for use in waters Atlantic Salmon are present. Single hook lures, bate, and artificial flies are permitted in all waters. Lakes and ponds to be excluded. **Club Chasse et Pêche de la Grande Rivière Tracadie Inc.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [110](#).)*
4. **Extending Trout Fishing in rivers, brooks, and streams until September 30<sup>th</sup>** – *Therefore be it resolved that the Fish & Wildlife Act and the corresponding Regulations be amended to extend trout fishing until September 30<sup>th</sup> annually. Between September 15<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup> trout fishing would be reduced to catch and release using single barbless hooks only. Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [110](#).)*
5. **Allow Use of Dogs to Assist in Tracking and Recovery of Wounded Game** – *Therefore be it resolved that the Province of New Brunswick allow the use of dogs still “in control” of their*



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handlers to assist in the tracking and recovery of wounded game. **Sackville Rod & Gun Club.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [110](#).)

6. **Allocation of a Certain Percentage of Anterless Deer Tags to Youth** – therefore be it resolved that New Brunswick allocates a certain percentage of (suggested 20%) anterless deer tags available in each WMZ where anterless deer tags are available to youth hunters between the ages of 12 and 16 inclusive to enhance their probability to harvest a deer. **Sackville Rod & Gun Club.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [111](#).)
7. **Amend Migratory Bird Regulations to allow a Waterfowler Heritage Day** – therefore be it resolved that as in an effort to recruit youth into the sport and tradition of waterfowling, the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation petition the Federal Minister responsible for the Canadian Wildlife Service. **Sackville Rod & Gun Club.** Motion defeated.
8. **Reduce NB Wildlife Exposure to Lead** – Therefore let it be resolved that the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation demonstrates environmental leadership by articulating its endorsement of the promotion of voluntary reduction and the use of non-toxic ammunition by its members in large game hunting. The NBWF petition the Department of Energy and Resource Development to develop a program in support of a voluntary reduction the the amount of lead used in hunting and promote the use of non-toxic alternatives. Such an approach will reduce the potential for human exposure and reduce the impact on forest ecosystems and non-targeted wildlife such as Eagles in N.B. **Moncton Fish & Game Association.** Motion defeated.
9. **Deer Hunt in WMZ 9** – Therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the Department of Energy and Resource Development to have the biologists review the data regarding WMZ 9 and determine if there could be a deer hunt in WMZ 9 starting in 2024. Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [111](#).)

## 2025

1(F). **Lower Daily Bag Limit** - Therefore be it resolved that the regulations pertaining to the retention of muskellunge in the Lower Saint John River system (Heartland covered bridge to the mouth of the Saint John River) be changed to the following; Daily bag and possession limit and size limit: 1 fish per day, 137 cm or greater. **Saint John River Chapter of Muskies Canada, Inc.** Motion defeated.

2(F). **Increase the Fish Stocking Fee** - Therefore be it resolved that the province of New Brunswick take concrete action to sustain, and where appropriate, expand angling opportunities by increasing the fish stocking fee from \$5 to \$10. **Fredericton Fish and Game Association.** Motion defeated.



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3(F). **Extend the Season for Trout Fishing** - *Therefore be it resolved that the province of New Brunswick increase angling opportunity by extending the angling season for trout from the current closing date of 15 September until 30 September for hook and release angling. Fredericton Fish and Game Association.* Motion defeated.

4(F). **Support of a New Provincial Fish Hatchery** - *Therefore be it resolved that the province of New Brunswick established a fish culture facility in a central location of the province to optimize travel costs of fish transport trucks. Such a move would restore control of the source, cost, and quality of the fish for the provincial fish stocking program back to the Province. Fredericton Fish and Game Association. Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg 111.)*

1(W). **Youth Firearm Safety/Hunter Education Fees** - *Therefore be it resolved that youth between the ages of 12 to 16 years not be charged for the “Classroom Courses” of the firearm safety and hunter education. Restigouche Trappers Council. Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg 111.)*

2(W). **Elimination of Certain Storage Permits** - *Therefore be it resolved that a trapper holding a current trapping license and a current bear license not be required to obtain a storage permit in order to possess carcasses of beaver, raccoon, and muskrat beyond 15 days after the close of this season or these species. Restigouche Trappers Council. Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg 112.)*

3(W). **Changes to the Resident Moose Draw** - Therefore be it resolved that the NBWF petition the DNRED to change the moose draw for groups of four certified hunters including two guns, or bows, or crossbows, muzzle loaders, that could be used by any 2 hunters as they wish. **Gilles Sonier, NE Zone VP.**  
Motion defeated

4(W). **Bowhunter Online Course** - *Therefore be it resolved that Archery NB and the NBWF work together to petition the Department of Energy and Resource Development to adopt the online bow hunter education course provided by the International Bow Hunter Education Program as the standard delivery method for bowhunter education in the province of New Brunswick. Archery NB. Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg 112.)*

5(W). **Archery Only Season for Moose** – Therefore be it resolved that Archery NB and the NBWF work together to petition the Department of Energy and Resource Development to allocate 200 moose tags (in addition to the current regular yearly allocation) for an archery only moose hunt which would occur between Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Saturday of the second to last full week in September. **Archery NB.** Motion defeated.

6(W). **Extend the Number of Bowhunting Days** - Therefore let it be resolved that Archery NB and the NBWF will work together to petition the Department of Energy and Resource Development to expand bowhunting for whitetail deer in New Brunswick to be from the 1st of October to the 15th December annual. This will bring the number of whitetail bowhunting days in NB between 73 and 75 days. **Archery NB.** Motion defeated.



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7(W). **Signage by Logging Companies** - *Therefore be it resolved that DNRED make it mandatory that logging companies post their intent to harvest an area on crown land a minimum of 30 days prior to the moose season **Allbert County Hunters Association Inc.** Motion Adopted (Gov Response pg [112](#).)*

8(W). **Temporary Closure of Zone 24** - *Therefore be it resolved the NBWF petition the government of New Brunswick to close Zone 24 for the purpose of moose hunting for a period of time in which a study may be conducted and moose populations become stable enough to allow for harvesting once again. **Moncton Fish & Game Association.** Motion defeated.*



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## GOVERNMENT RESPONSE

**This section will indicate, where available, the particular response from the government that received the particular resolution.**

### 1991

**1991 – 01** DNR says that it uses approved products under proper directions. It says that Environment Canada is reviewing some chemicals; including Fenitrothion and that decisions will be made at the end of that review.

Two problems were stated; namely:

- 1) Past use of chemicals has perpetuated the past outbreak;
- 2) The province permitted the overbuilding of the forest based industries necessitating the saving of all possible wood.

In 1991 the total volume involved 9.2 million dollars and a total spray area of 300,000 hectares. Of this amount one – third was treated with B.T. up from 25 % in 1990. It is DNR's intention to develop a forest not needing either herbicides or pesticides.

A potential problem with Fenitrothion is the mis-application of spray resulting in the double spraying of an area. This does not happen often and the intention is to keep this to a minimum.

**1991 – 02** DNR states that the staffing of a Riverview office has not occurred because of budgetary reasons. They anticipate a presence in Riverview in the next several years and are moving in that direction. Consideration is also being given to establishing a presence at Lameque.

**1991 – 03** DNR feels that to open a winter fishery as requested would result in a situation where the trout population would be seriously depleted. DNR stated that there is little available stocking for areas other than rivers and streams.

DNR's main concern is that the resident population there would be over exploited.

DNR did undertake to take another look at the situation and respond in writing.



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**1991 – 04** DNR's position is that this system has been in place since 1969 and that it has sufficient precision and accuracy for their purposes. If a mandatory reporting system were in place this would necessitate an additional \$20,000.00 in mailing costs and would require an additional 20 person weeks. Nova Scotia has a mandatory system and have had difficulties with it.

**1991 – 05** There is a significant cost attached to a priority draw system estimated to be between \$100,000.00 and \$150,000.00 per year. DNR's long range planning involves first, the setting up of Zone quotas (3 to 4 Zones) for cow, calf and bull tags and second, the development of a party pool system (approximately 6 pools).

**1991 – 06** Since broad changes are being studied as indicated in this Resolution, the question of an application fee will be studied at that time as well.

**1991 – 07** DNR suggests that with new harvesting methods this will be less of a problem particularly when biomass (whole tree) consumers are found.

DNR will explore the question of burning in hunting season. It is noted that there could be a problem in seasons when we have early snowfalls. Timber management staff is to monitor this situation and review before permitting fires to occur, even if the fire season is over.

**1991 – 08** This resolution is supported by DNR.

**1991 – 09** No DNR response.

## 1992

**1992 – 01** DNRE agrees with the recommendation for a separate bow hunting licence during the deer bow season. However, this change will require an amendment to the regulation and DNRE will pursue the amendment. Because of the required lead time in drafting, ordering and securing a new separate bow hunting licence, implementation is expected in 1993.

**1992 – 02** DNRE agrees with the concept of a mandatory Bow Hunting Course and supports such a Program. However, because of budgetary restraint DNRE has not been able to implement a mandatory Bow Hunter Course. At the same time DNRE is also working towards making our present Hunter Education Program mandatory for first time hunters.

**1992 – 03** **NOTE:** DNRE has forwarded a lengthy reply which has been summarized below.

DNRE does not consider that a 1 yr. closure of the deer season in WMZ's 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 9 is appropriate for the following reasons.



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- a. legal hunting of bucks only in the northern zones is not preventing recovery
- b. hunting pressure in these zones is light and not considered a factor in recovery
- c. if there was evidence of barren adult does a closure would be warranted
- d. or, if there was evidence that the age structure of bucks was being shifted to a younger buck age class but neither of these factors are apparent
- e. implementing closures imply that “hunting” is an important factor in deer herd recovery f. this premise is untrue
- g. other factors such as winter severity are responsible for declines in deer
- h. closures will result in unnecessary loss of hunting opportunities to NBer’s
- i. closures would result in hunter movements from north to south which will result in complaints from hunters in the south and possibly result in increase posting of land
- j. once an area is closed it is very difficult to reopen when deer populations improve
- k. public pressure will focus on keeping areas closed
- l. closures will also affect outfitters and they would be forced to take clients to more southern zones with possible additional conflicts with other outfitters
- m. a deer recovery team has been formed comprised of 4 wildlife biologists, a NBWF representative and an Aboriginal community representative in northern NB

**1992 – 04** DNRE supports the idea of the NBWF striking a Committee to study the law respecting the posting of law respecting posting of lands with yellow and red discs. This would also involve representation from the Woodlot Owners Association and from DNRE.

**1992 – 05** DNRE does not support the resolution because of three primary concerns:

1. It focuses on an issue that is presently, for all intent and purposes, a non-issue here in NB. Once the minority of the population who hunt and fish (although high in NB) raise the level of interest on the subject, it will ultimately provide an opportunity for all the “anti” groups to solicit support from the vast majority who neither hunt nor fish.
2. It would also appear that some Charter arguments could be raised here in light of the fact that the proposed legislation is a bit discriminatory by favouring a group which one could hardly say is disadvantaged.
3. An argument will certainly be raised because this proposal is going to provide an avenue to charge people in a court of law for expressing their displeasure and opinion with an activity that they are not in favour of.

**1992 – 06** The recommendation to allow persons who have successfully completed a provincially recognized course in gun safety to hunt big game once they reach the age of sixteen and provided they are accompanied by an adult is supported in principle. However, it will be necessary to discuss this concept further with other staff to ensure all aspects of the proposal have been considered. The idea has several positive aspects in that it would encourage participation in Hunter Education courses, particularly, if both



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the youngster and the adult accompanying him were required to take a course. Initial discussions regarding this concept with the Big Game biologists do not foretell problems from a biological aspect. There is, however, a public perception that has to be considered. DNRE will study and pursue this idea in the immediate future.

**1992 – 07** The Native issue is one that continues to change and evolve as we address fish and wildlife management issues. It must be remembered that the fishing issue is one of Federal jurisdiction. DNRE stands ready to assist at the negotiation table as an observer to strike a strategy with the native interests. DNRE understands that DFO are continuing to resolve the issue. The hunting issue is one of Provincial jurisdiction. DNRE is currently arranging a number of meetings to discuss issues that are of mutual interest to the Natives and DNRE. It is clear that a number of native hunting rights have been upheld by the high courts and DNRE is prepared to recognize those rights.

**1992 – 08** The primary objective of the current restriction on trout retention is to facilitate sea trout and resident brook trout population recovery from several years of severe overharvest. As this recovery actually happens, it will be necessary to impose harvest restrictions restrictive enough to prevent a repeat of past overharvests resulting in the disastrously low trout populations of 1985 – 1989 which caused the former lessee to refuse to bid at the December 12, 1989 auction. It will likely require that more restrictive brook trout kill regulations be imposed than have been heretofore applied. In addition, it will likely require angler effort limitation in some form such as a shortened season, in response to a filled killed quota, one or more Crown Reserve stretches, Crown leased or hook and release sections – or some combination of the above.

It should be recognized that Crown Reserve waters as currently run were costing DNRE/Government over \$30.00 per rod day in the early 1970's when the angler fee was \$5.00 per rod day. The operations are essentially providing the same services now with the only changes being the angler is charged \$15 per rod day and costs have increased considerably by inflation since then. Crown Reserve angling is a "subsidized" recreational activity. Government may wish to partially offset some of this "subsidy" by gaining increased revenue from leasing a portion of the Cains River. Leasing also, by terms of the agreement, limits both rods per day and total rods per year. The lessee also is required to provide warden protection under the DNRE regional protection ranger's supervision. To commit now to not have an angling lease on the Cains River unnecessarily limits Government's options for realistic and effective Crown ownership management of these waters in future.

**1992 – 09** Since this NBWF resolution is directed to DOE they should be asked to respond. DNRE's part in the enforcement of this Act is currently the subject of negotiations towards a formal agreement between DOE and DNRE.

DNRE is involved in protecting and enhancing fish habitat. On Crown Land, DNRE protects fish habitat during forestry activities by including strict conditions in the Forest Management Manual. On private land, forest extension staff as well as the biological and forestry staff provide one on one consultations and



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training courses to the private woodlot owner. The intention is to inform them of the need to protect fish habitat and the accepted environmental standards needed around watercourses to ensure that good management practices coincide with road construction, timber harvesting and silviculture. DNRE is committed to protecting fish habitat and will respond to public complaints regarding fish habitat destruction.

**1992 – 10** DNRE is in the process of implementing an allocation system for moose licences for each WMZ that is open for hunting. Our objective is to have this system in place for the 1993 moose hunting season. Applicants for moose hunting licences will have the choice of more than one WMZ. This proposed allocation system will be computerized and similar to the system developed for deer management.

Following a review of the proposal by DNRE staff, input will be solicited from the NBWF and a finalized proposal submitted to Government for approval and implementation. Consideration is also being given to requiring a non refundable application fee from prospective moose hunters.

## 1993

**1993 – 01** In any acquisition or designation of land purchased or set aside as wilderness areas the best interests and management strategy for a particular parcel will be given individual consideration. Traditional values such as hunting, fishing and trapping will not be ignored. However, in some instances these activities may be incompatible with the management strategy for the parcel. When possible the land will be regulated in such a way as to protect these social values and activities. For example, in a recent acquisition of an important bird colony at Grassy Island, the land will eventually be regulated to prohibit any human access from April 1 – August 1; the critical nesting period for these species. The land will then be opened for the remainder of the year to any activities which do not impact habitat i.e. hunting, fishing, trapping.

These sorts of seasonal sanctuaries are a preferred approach to management. However, in some cases they do not work. For example, the areas where harlequin ducks winter in NB is closed to hunting since any harvest on this endangered species cannot be tolerated.

**1993 – 02** DNRE recognized the need for two opening dates for trout fishing based on geographical location. In the northern portion of the province, Gloucester, Madawaska, Northumberland, Restigouche and Victoria, DNR recognized that ice out in these areas was approximately one month later than in the southern counties. To protect trout stocks, and for general safety we proposed regulation changes to DFO to reflect this. DNR also recognized that streams and rivers have different ice out characteristics than lakes, thus we have two-tiered systems.

Lakes and ponds in the northern counties have an opening day of May 15; in rivers and streams, the opening day is May 1. This allows ice out to occur in lakes and protects trout stocks. Exploitation in rivers



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during the high and cold water period is minimal. Hence, this system protects stocks and ensures public safety.

Currently, the opening in southern counties is April 15 and DNR will look at changing the lake fishery to May 1 for the preceding reasons. The April 15 opening for streams would remain and the combination should provide the best opening dates across the Province.

**1993 – 03** DNRE supports the use of trap nets for both commercial and food fisheries where established sport fisheries occur. This falls outside DNRE mandate, and DFO has responsibility for changes to the commercial/food fisheries, since they issue the licences under which these activities occur. Each fishery should be reviewed separately to determine its impact on our sport fisheries, and if no sport fishery exists, exceptions may be allowed.

**NOTE:** The DFO Minister of the day replied in writing to Richard DeBow (Resolutions Committee Chair) in correspondence dated September 7, 1993 addressing this issue. The following is a short summary of that letter.

- *DFO eliminated more than 91 % of the gillnets used to catch Atlantic Salmon when it imposed a minimum 5 yr. closure on the commercial salmon fishery in Newfoundland last year.*
- *DFO supports the removal of gill nets from inland waters*
- *however, DFO does not support a ban on all gill nets in tidal waters nor that a ban is the best method of ensuring the removal of gill nets from inland waters*
- *many commercial gill net fisheries are conducted in tidal waters and they have minimal impact on species where there are conservation concerns*
- *primarily gill nets in inland waters are used in the aboriginal food fishery*
- *DFO is working with these aboriginal communities to convert them to trap nets*
- *this has resulted in significant reductions in the use of gill nets by aboriginal communities*

**1993 – 04** The issue of allowing bow hunters to wear camouflage only during the special deer bow and bear season while positioned in a tree stand has both positive and negative connotations.

**Considerations for allowing the removal of hunter orange garments while in a tree stand:**

1. During the special bow season for bear the only other people allowed to hunt with a firearm are varmint hunters; therefore, very few rifle hunters are in the woods.
2. During the special deer bow season there would be some fall bear hunters in addition to small game hunters in the woods at the same time as the deer bow hunters.
3. Deer bow hunters like to wear camouflage as part of their dress. They also feel that wearing camouflage allows them to be more successful.

**Considerations for not allowing the removal of hunter orange while positioned in a tree stand:**



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1. To improve the hunter safety standards in NB, DNRE only last year amended the Hunter Orange Regulation to require all hunters to wear a solid orange vest and hat during the period Sept. 1<sup>st</sup> to Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>. For the first time in 15 years we did not have a fatality as a result of a person being mistaken for game.
2. There was one recorded hunting accident quite some time ago where a person was mistaken for a bear in an apple tree and was shot and killed.
3. Once we allow one group of hunters to remove their hunter orange while in a tree stand other groups will probably request the same. Do we allow other groups this privilege when there are numerous hunters in the woods? For example: Tree stand hunting for deer, bear or moose.
4. There is no evidence to say that hunter orange is more visible to deer. There is, however, evidence to the contrary.

DNRE does not support the resolution and feels that safety must come first.

**1993 – 05** This resolution lacks background information. DNRE does not consider that sales tax on bird feed has any influence on persons who enjoy feeding birds in winter. Without further justification and background on this issue, DNRE will not consider pursing this request.

**1993 – 06** **NOTE:** DNRE has forwarded a lengthy reply which has been summarized below.

1. *all pesticides in Canada are subjected to lengthy testing by Agriculture Canada*
2. *Health & Welfare Canada, DFO, CWS and DOE are also involved*
3. *the only herbicide used in NB is Vision and this is considered non toxic to wildlife since it attacks a metabolic pathway that occurs only in plants and not animals*
4. *herbicides affect wildlife through habitat alteration*
5. *the objective of herbicide use is to release softwood trees from competition with hardwood and other shrubs*
6. *DNRE has set standards for a minimum level of competition which must be met before herbicides can be used*
7. *approximately 1/4 to 1/3 of the area cut on Crown receives herbicide treatment which amounts to less than 0.5 % of Crown Land treated annually*

**1993 – 07** Although this would not be our direct responsibility, DNRE could not support a policy of restricting the issuing of building permits on lands adjacent to shooting ranges as this procedure would not be fair to land owners who happen to own land next to a shooting range, especially if they owned the land prior to the construction of the range.

DNRE, however, recognizes the importance of having range sites strategically located throughout the Province and the importance of protecting these sites from future development in the area. Range sites should only be selected after careful consideration of long term future development in the area or when



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there is enough of a buffer zone around the site to protect the site from residential or business development. We are also awaiting direction from DOJ on this issue.

**1993 – 08** Generally, populations of ruffed and spruce grouse fluctuate and are regulated by factors other than hunting. Currently, the grouse hunting season begins October 1<sup>st</sup> until the end of the deer hunting gun season; a period of 7-8 weeks of hunting opportunity.

Many sportsmen have expressed an interest in having an extended grouse season beyond the end of the deer season. In the past, when the grouse season was extended, there were no significant problems encountered by DNRE.

However, during the mid 1980's when grouse populations "crashed", the extended season and coyotes were blamed for the decline. This led to pressure on DNRE to curtail the grouse season. As predicted by DNRE, grouse populations have recovered in many areas of New Brunswick and the decline had been a natural phenomena rather than hunter or coyote induced.

DNRE would be prepared to amend the regulation to extend the grouse season to the first Saturday in December, which would represent an approximate 2 week extension. This regulation change may not be able to be implemented until 1994.

## 1994

**1994 – 01** DNRE is aware that some of these devices are being marketed throughout Canada and New Brunswick. We have not as yet encountered violators using this equipment in any of the nighthunting incidents that our staff has investigated. If they are being used, there is a provision in the Fish & Wildlife Act that illegalizes their use in night hunting situations. Hunting at night, no matter what type of equipment is used, is punishable under the Fish & Wildlife act. Penalties presently range from \$2,000 to \$4,000 and 7 days in jail for a first offence to \$3,000 to \$5,000 and 2 months in jail for a subsequent offence within 5 years. As well, cancellation periods are applied ranging from 5 years to life. However, in view of the poaching problem and recognizing the need to establish a strong deterrent, the Department is prepared to work towards amending the Act so that the penalties will increase from \$3,000 to \$5,000 and 10 days jail for a first offence to \$4,000 to \$6,000 and 3 months in jail for a subsequent offence within 5 years.

DNRE will closely monitor any development these devices may create. While it may be possible for the Department to ban the use of these devices in hunting, it would be beyond our jurisdiction to ban the sale or purchase of these items by the general public at large.

**1994 – 02** DNRE concurs with the thrust of this resolution. A barrier pool has been set up on the Tobique River and the earliest run salmon captured at Mactaquac which would potentially include Serpentine fish



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have been transported there. Some of these MSW fish have also been kept as broodstock at the Mactaquac hatchery.

**1994 – 03** DNRE recognizes the importance of informing the public relative to changes in legislation, however, Bill C-17 was Federal Legislation coming under the jurisdiction of the Federal Department of Justice. For this reason we (DNRE) could not take a lead role in advertising these changes.

With the incorporation of the Federal Firearms Safety Education Program into DNRE's Hunter Education Program and effort was made to inform the public regarding this new training program. This was done through the media and our direct contact with the public. We will be using TV ads and other media outlets this fall to reinforce this message.

Letters to the Solicitor General have been sent indicating that more emphasis be placed on informing the public of these changes.

**1994 – 04** DNRE has been consolidating its field operations and has reduced the number of field offices around the province. Opening a new office in Riverview is not consistent with the current initiative to downsize.

**1994 – 05** Currently there are approximately 125 Deer Registration Stations and 60 Bear Registration Stations province-wide, with no overlap between the two types of registration stations. There are several important differences between the two types of registration stations that do not permit Deer Registration Stations to register black bear kills. (1) Since 1991, all non-residents who register a black bear require a Federal CITES Export Permit if they wish to export any part of the bear from Canada. This seven copy permit is part of an international permit scheme and each permit must be tracked and accounted for. As well, these permits must be filled out correctly as they are international trade documents for use at any country's Customs Ports. The Black Bear Registration Agents we currently have are instructed in those "extra" registration procedures. Most Deer Registration Stations are convenience stores or gas stations with a variety of staff who register deer through relatively simple procedures. Simply put, international and federal regulations governing black bear trade require stringent record keeping procedures. (2) Registration of black bears also requires a premolar tooth be collected from each animal to age it. This is an additional task beyond the "normal" registration procedure that Deer Registration Agents currently do. As well, the tooth must be stored and accounted for when registration materials are turned in. (3) Deer Registration Agents receive remuneration for each deer they register. Black Bear Registration Agents do not receive any remuneration. All current Black Bear Registration Agents are outfitter/guides who handle a quantity of non-resident hunters. These agents are offered the convenience of registering their client's bears in exchange for receiving good information needed for management. These agents must register ALL legally harvested bears presented to them, including those harvested by residents.



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Since normal registration procedures expected of Deer Registration Agents are not entirely compatible with bear registration, we have chosen to have separate Bear Registration Stations. DNRE would prefer most hunters use its District Offices to register Black Bears, particularly during the week. During the spring bear season, most of our offices are staffed on Saturday and Sunday (8:00 AM – 1:00 PM) for forest fire duty. Bears can be registered at this time but please be aware that fire activities take priority. Similarly, during the fall season, most of our offices are officially closed on weekends and holidays, however, this is also the busiest time for wildlife law enforcement and staff are periodically in the offices on those days. It is best to phone ahead first.

Moncton is one area that does not have many bear outfitters. The nearest locations to register bears (other than the Moncton DNRE Office) are Hillsborough and Sussex. We are exploring the possibility of locating a deer registration agent that could reliably register bears in the Moncton area.

**1994 – 06** Yes, DNRE supports this concept. This initiative is feasible under a quota system but will likely result in increased hunter success rates. Although we might be able to have more residents afield to hunt moose with a party licence, we would likely have to reduce the total number of permits available to ensure that we do not exceed the harvestable surplus for various zones.

The effect of current changes such as introducing the new quota system, dropping the test and waiting period and modelling in native harvest, should be available before additional changes are made. Changes to a harvest system should be made incrementally.

Two (2) party hunting will be implemented as soon as possible (hopefully within 2 -3 years).

**1994 – 07** DNRE does not concur with this resolution. A limited number of licences (< 100) could be made available to non residents with significantly reducing chances for residents to hunt moose.

NB is the only jurisdiction in North America having huntable moose populations that does not allow opportunities for non residents to hunt moose. The economic spin-offs for the tourism and outfitting industry are considered to be substantial.

**1994 – 08** DNRE recognizes purple loosestrife as a problem in NB wetlands. Unfortunately, NB has no noxious weed legislation and the sale of the plant cannot be banned through existing legislative mechanisms. Through the CWS we have now made contact with seed distributors and asked for a self-imposed ban on the sale of the plant and domestic cultivars. This request has met with favourable response from the major distributors, however, we recognize the plant is likely available from smaller growers.

DNRE has recently sought Wildlife Federation support as well as support of other interested parties for an Environmental Trust Fund proposal to initiate a public education program. This program will be modeled after “project purple” of the OFAH. Details of the proposal have already been sent to the NBWF.



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**1994 – 09** The incorporation of a notice in the hunting summary to indicate that tampering with traps or snares is illegal has been completed for the 1994 Hunting Summary.

**1994 – 10** DNRE will take this resolution into consideration during a proposed revision of the crown reserve salmon draw. This review is now underway and implementation is expected for 1995-96.

## **2013**

**2013 – 03** DNR acknowledges the value of dialogue with stakeholders concerning our common interest in natural resource management issues. DNR would be prepared to participate on a fisheries liaison committee with the NBWF to discuss issues of concern. Similar liaison committees currently exist with the NB Professional Outfitters Association (NBPOGA), as well as the NB Trappers & Fur Harvesters Federation (NBTFHF). Based on the experience and working of these existing committees, DNR would understand the six basic parameters of an NBWF Fisheries Management Liaison Committee to be:

1. The committee would be organized and chaired by the NBWF.
2. The NBWF would be responsible for the agenda and minutes of committee meetings.
3. DNR would provide a meeting location within DNR at the dates and times as requested by NBWF, probably 2-3 times per year.
4. The focus of the committee would be to discuss issues related to the angling or habitat of sport fish species in New Brunswick.
5. DNR would provide resource persons for discussions about particular issues, depending upon meeting agenda items.
6. The committee would act as an information and discussion forum.

The NBWF executive should contact Mike Sullivan, Director of the Fish & Wildlife Branch ([Mike.Sullivan@gnb.ca](mailto:Mike.Sullivan@gnb.ca) or 453-7114) to arrange and establish the particulars of a liaison committee.

**2013 – 05 (DNR RESPONSE)** The moose hunting signs that hunters commonly post are similar to those that waterfowl hunters also post every year; they are simply notification that a person intends to hunt in a given locality and can help avoid inadvertent conflicts during the hunting season. These signs or notices have no legal basis, and cannot be used to claim hunting areas. They do serve to help distribute hunting pressure on a voluntary basis, but any person is free to hunt on any portion of Crown Lands that is open



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to hunting, regardless of these informal signs or any other indication that someone plans to hunt. Therefore the resolution is not supported.

**2013 – 06 (DNR RESPONSE)** Crossbows were permitted in 2011 to be used in NB for the hunting of all species and in all hunting seasons with the exception of the bow-only hunting season for deer. At that time crossbows were deemed to have similar shooting ranges as bows, therefore were given the same minimum discharge distance as bows, which is 100 metres from dwellings.

In 2011, 11 deer were harvested with crossbows, and in 2012 this increased to 27 deer. So far the uptake of crossbows has been less than anticipated. The reality is that crossbows perform similar to bows and have comparable range and velocities. As a tool for harvesting deer, crossbows are far more similar to bows than they are to firearms. A recent survey across the 13 Canadian jurisdictions found that 5 provinces and territories included crossbows in the archery season while 5 provinces permitted them in the firearms season only (3 provinces do not permit them at all). Similarly in the United States, 16 states allow crossbows in the archery season and 13 states restrict them to the firearms season (the remaining states permit limited use of crossbows, primarily for senior or disabled hunters). DNR will further investigate the potential impact to deer management if crossbows were included in the archery season. This will also involve discussions with key stakeholders to solicit input.

**2013 – 08** DNR acknowledges the value of dialogue with stakeholders concerning our common interest in natural resource management issues. Similar to the proposal for fisheries dialogue, and to the existing liaison committees with NBPOGA and the NBTFHF, DNR would be prepared to participate on a wildlife management liaison committee with the NBWF to discuss issues of common concern. Based on the experience and workings of those existing committees, DNR would understand the basic six parameters of an NBWF Wildlife Management Liaison Committee to be:

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**2013 – 09** Except in circumstances of extreme hunting pressure, the influence of hunting mortality on ruffed grouse populations is recognized as being of minor importance compared to natural factors such as weather conditions, and natural grouse population cycles. As you state, ruffed grouse hunting seasons do continue until the end of December in New Brunswick's neighbouring jurisdictions, including also Quebec and Maine.

DNR is prepared to propose an amendment to the *Hunting Regulation* to move the closing date of hunting season for ruffed grouse and spruce grouse from the first Saturday in December (as currently stated) to December 31<sup>st</sup>. Because of the timelines involved in regulations amendments and publication of the annual regulations summary, this proposed season extension, if accepted by government, would not come in effect until after the 2013 hunting season.

## 2016

### **2016-01 Forestry Herbicide Spraying**

#### **DNRED Response**

The Department respectfully disagrees with this resolution. Vegetation management programs are an essential piece of caring for the future crop of valuable trees planted each year on a small fraction of our Crown forest. Glyphosate herbicides are the only cost effective way for us to prevent these trees from becoming overgrown with unwanted brush and lower quality species. Just as a gardener must tend to their vegetables, our growing forests need care. It should be noted that these highly productive plantations provide more volume on a per hectare basis than any natural stand. These stands help reduce pressures on the remaining forest that supports a wide variety of values.

The products being applied are carefully regulated by Health Canada and the N.B.'s Department of Environment & Local Government. The chemical products used in these operations break down very quickly in the environment. Aside from controlling unwanted vegetation, we know of no credible sources who have found lasting environmental impacts associated with this type of treatment when all application requirements are met. It is important to state that the harvest level on Crown Land is approximately 60,000 ha per year in which plantations make up only 11,000 ha of this harvest area. Also, of the approximately 11,000 ha of plantation established annually, 75% requires a herbicide treatment. That equates to only 0.5% of total Crown land being sprayed on a yearly basis.



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Glyphosate herbicides continue to be safely used in forestry and agriculture around the world as stated in a recent review by the NB Chief Medical Officer and supported by Ontario's Chief Science Officer and Senior Scientist. After more than 30 years of registered use in forest vegetation management, there has never been a scientifically documented case of mortality of moose or deer attributed to glyphosate-based herbicide exposure or use. Additionally, glyphosate has shown no direct or toxic effects to deer and moose populations living in treated areas. For more information on vegetation management programs, please take the time to visit [www.forestinfo.ca](http://www.forestinfo.ca).

The Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency (PMRA) has recently completed a review of glyphosate as part of their periodical reviews and has re-approved the use of glyphosate in Canada. In their recent report, PMRA also commented on the World Health Organization's (WHO) International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) hazard classification for glyphosate as follows: "It is important to note that a hazard classification is not a health risk assessment. The level of human exposure, which determines the actual risk, was not taken into account by WHO (IARC). Pesticides are registered for use in Canada only if the level of exposure to Canadians does not cause any harmful effects, including cancer."

Regarding the Nova Scotia and Quebec forest sectors, Quebec has seen major reductions in the allowable cut on their Crown lands. Nova Scotia continues to allow the use of glyphosate products however does not directly fund it on Crown Land. Nova Scotia has increased the area of protected forest and also reduced allowable cuts. Both of these provinces have seen major reduction in sawmill and pulp mill capacity over the same time period that New Brunswick has seen investment and expansion in both those sectors.

## **2016 – 02 FIVE DAY MOOSE HUNT**

### **DNRED Response**

Moose hunting season is an issue that seems to continually hold the attention of the hunting public. The Department is considering how best to address the Government commitment to reduce the length of moose season to three days, while increasing the number of resident moose licences available. One of the options under recent consideration, as was communicated to your Federation this past spring, is the idea of a split moose season with two 3-day hunting seasons spaced several weeks apart. Moose season will remain at five days in length for the 2016 hunting season. However, at this point there has been no decision made regarding future seasons for hunting this highly-valued public resource. The resolution of the NB Wildlife Federation will certainly be a consideration along with the other input received, as Government moves forward with this issue.

## **2016 – 04 EXTEND BEAR SEASON**



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## DNRED Response

Predation of deer fawns by black bears is not viewed by the Department to be a significant limiting factor to the white-tailed deer population in New Brunswick. However, there is already widespread opportunity to hunt black bears that is available to any deer hunter who has those concerns. New Brunswick currently has a bear hunting season of 20 weeks duration annually, the third longest in Canada. The month of September was opened to firearms bear hunting in 2014 in an effort to provide additional hunting opportunities from the black bear resource. In addition, since 2014, successful bear hunters have been allowed to immediately purchase a second bear licence. This essentially allows any licensed hunter to harvest up to two bears per calendar year. Currently the bear hunting season overlaps the firearms deer hunting season by either 1 or 2 weeks depending upon the annual calendar. Previous to 1997, fall bear hunting season did run until the end of deer hunting season. Few bears were harvested during that period of the season (less than 5% of the total annual harvest). In 1997, the fall bear hunting season was regulated to close on the first Saturday in November which allows some opportunity to hunt both deer and bear at the same time, but reduces the potential for illegal harvest of deer and moose, which is a significant management concern.

The Department believes that the current bear hunting season structure, licensing format and bag-limit provides ample opportunity for residents to kill/harvest black bears throughout much of the year.

## **2016 - 05 DEER HERD SURVIVAL**

## DNRED Response

The New Brunswick deer population has been significantly impacted by the two severe back-to-back winters of 2014 and 2015. While the deer population has been reduced, the Department does not believe it to be "at a critical level" at this time. The provincial deer population was at similar levels in 2001, and doubled in five years without extraneous management efforts.

However, the Department is very interested in learning more about deer population dynamics in New Brunswick and the possible influences from forest management practices. For this reason, ERD is partnering with the University of New Brunswick, Mount Allison University, University of Maine, University of New Hampshire, Canadian Forestry Service division of Natural Resources Canada and J. D. Irving Ltd to conduct research on potential effects of forestry practices on deer populations. A large-scale, 3 year study in New Brunswick and Maine will investigate how deer are influenced by factors such as food availability, forest structure, wintering habitat, winter feeding, and predation. The study was initiated this past February, and will continue until 2019.

ERD believes this significant research will provide new information and perspectives on landscape management practices and will address many of the concerns expressed by the NBWF.



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## 2016 – 06 ADDITIONAL OPEN LAKES FOR ICE FISHING

### **DNRED Response**

As the Federation is likely aware, opening lakes to recreational angling in the winter requires an amendment to the Maritime Provinces Fishery Regulation under the federal Fisheries Act. As such, the Province (through ERD) made a formal request to the federal Department of Fisheries and Oceans - Canada (DFO), asking that agency to initiate the regulatory amendment process to add an additional 77 lakes to the list of those open for winter fishing in New Brunswick. In support of the NBWF Resolution, ERD will amend its request to DFO and ask that the list be amended to include Serpentine Lake. In addition, ERD will investigate the possibility of opening a winter fishery on Rolston Lake and also open Sisson Reservoir to winter fishing, a waterbody which is wholly located on Acadian Timber Company's industrial freehold (private) lands.

## **2017**

## 2017 – 04 FISH HABITAT PROTECTION

### **DFO Response:**

Since the time the NBWF made the resolution regrading restoring fish habitat protection, the Government of Canada has been working on this file, by proposing amendments to the Fisheries Act (C68) that would repeal the prohibition causing serious harm to fish and replacing it with prohibitions against causing the death of fish (other than by fishing) and the harmful alteration, disruption or destruction of fish habitat. New tools are also enabled to protect fish and fish habitat, including ecologically significant areas, as well as measures relating to authorization and permitting of work, undertakings and activities, establishment of standards and codes of practice, creation of fish habitat banks by proponents of a project and the establishment of a public registry. (RDG Gulf Region, DFO)

## 2017 – 05 ATLANTIC SALMON ADVISORY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

### **DFO Response:**

I would like to assure you that the Department will continue to work on recommendations from the Atlantic Salmon Advisory Committee (ASAC). Subsequent to launching the DFO forward Plan for Atlantic salmon in the summer of 2016, DFO implemented a number of measures, such as:



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- The Atlantic Salmon Research Joint Venture, which brings together the resources and insights of many organizations, international scientists and other experts to better understand the science behind the declines of these stocks.
- Working with members of ASAC, the Department revised the Wild Atlantic Salmon Conservation Policy in 2017 to put more clarity and emphasis on conservation.
- Last year, DFO also initiated a process to implement precautionary approach management in the Atlantic salmon fisheries in the Gulf Region. New limit reference points were defined for the main salmon rivers of the Gulf Region, and the work will continue in 2018 towards the definition of upper stock reference points and harvest decision rules for the recreational fishery on the Miramichi River system.
- Work is also ongoing regarding the transformation of the New Brunswick licence and management regime towards a system that aims at favouring anglers' participation and involvement, as well as better controlling the harvest of grilse in the recreational fishery when the stocks are deemed able to sustain it. I want to thank you for the participation of NBWF on this important work.

Presently, our officials are also working with ASAC members again, to develop a two-year plan of specific initiatives with the goal to restore and maintain healthy salmon populations. Under DFO headquarters leadership, a group composed of DFO staff in Ottawa and in regions, stakeholders and Indigenous groups, have started regular conference calls on this file. The NBWF is invited to take part in this discussion, and although your organization has not participated yet, the door is still open. You can get in touch with your DFO Resource Management regional contact, if you would like to connect with this group. (RDG Gulf Region, DFO)

## **2017 - 06 TERMINATE THE CULL OF MUSKELLUNGE AT DAMS ON THE SAINT JOHN RIVER**

### **DFO Response:**

The Saint John River watershed falls under the responsibility of the Maritimes Region of DFO and I will make sure that my counterpart receives a copy of this resolution. I would also advise you to bring this topic to the discussion at the next Saint John River Management Advisory Committee in July 2018, which is the proper forum where this question should be debated. (RDG Gulf Region, DFO)

## **2018 - 02 EXTEND SALMON ANGLING LSW MIRAMICHI**

### **DNRED Response:**



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Changes to the salmon fishing season would need to be made by DFO. We expect DFO would consult our department.

## **2018 - 05 INCREASE NUMBER OF MOOSE LICENCES**

### **DNRED Response:**

The Department of Energy and Resource Development manages the moose hunt with a goal of allowing as much recreational hunting opportunity as the moose population can provide, while maintaining sustainability so that future hunting opportunity can be maintained. Moose populations have increased in some parts of the province in recent years' and the Department has increased the allowable moose harvest, and the number of resident moose hunting licences, accordingly. Over the past 10 years (2008-2017), the moose harvest has increased by 71%, from 2231 to 3817 moose.- This management goal, which achieves the intention of your organization's resolution, will be continued moving forward.

## **2018 - 06 WILD TURKEY RESEARCH PROGRAM**

### **DNRED Response:**

Turkeys are not a native species to New Brunswick but turkeys have been observed in various parts of the province in recent years, particularly in southern and western NB. The arrival of these exotic birds is partly the result of illegal releases of captive turkeys, and partly due to movements from wild turkey populations re-introduced into the State of Maine. It is estimated that up to 1,000-2,000 turkeys may currently exist in these areas. Such a small population would provide very little recreational hunting opportunity, and would generally not be sustainable, especially if future population growth was desired. The Department of Energy and Resource Development does not envision directing any resources towards active monitoring and management of turkeys in New Brunswick at the present time.

## **2018 - 07 ANY CALIBRE RIFLE FOR VARMINTS**

### **DNRED Response:**

The Department of Energy and Resource Development has particular concern for the use of large calibre firearms to poach big-game animals immediately prior to, during and immediately after their open hunting seasons, which run from the last week of September until the end of November. Resolution W05-18 seeks to allow varmint hunting license holders to be in possession of a large calibre firearm during the March to mid-September period, which is not a time-frame when poaching of big-game animals is a major concern. Therefore, the Department will consider changing the Hunting Regulation to allow varmint hunting license holders to be in possession of any calibre firearm for the purposes of hunting varmints during the varmint hunting season prescribed in the regulation.



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## 2018 - 09 ANTLER SHEDS

### **DNRED Response:**

The New Brunswick Fish & Wildlife Act prohibits commercial trade in most by-products of big game animals (white-tailed deer, moose and black bear), as these species are regulated primarily to support recreational hunting opportunity. Commercial trade in wildlife species in which the current demand for the species exceeds the supply of the species is viewed as a threat to conservation. For both moose and white-tailed deer in New Brunswick, public demand for hunting greatly exceeds the supply of animals. The only by-product allowed in the commercial marketplace is the hide/pelt of each of these three biggame species. The hides/pelts of these species are: (1) traditionally traded items; (2) traceable through mandatory registration and tagging of the hide/pelt and (3) saleable only through licensed Hide Dealers who must maintain and report trade records. These regulated controls and tracking mechanisms make the entry of illegally harvested items into this trade difficult and help ensure this trade does not pose a conservation risk for these species. In the case of shed antlers for moose and white-tailed deer, the Fish & Wildlife Act allows the personal use of these by-products but prohibits commercial trade as there are not any established mechanisms to identify and track individual by-products in the marketplace. It would be difficult to keep entry of “modified” antlers from non-shed sources out of the commercial marketplace, making the unregulated trade in these by-products a conservation risk. DNRED does not support this resolution.

## 2018 - 11 MAKE DRONES ILLEGAL WHEN HUNTING

### **DNRED Response:**

Recreational drone aircraft have become more readily available to, and popular with, the public in recent years. Under subsection 43(1) of the NB Fish & Wildlife Act, it is an offence to use an aircraft in connection with hunting, except as a means of transportation. Under federal legislation, the definition of aircraft very clearly includes drones. As a result, the Fish & Wildlife Act currently meets your organization’s resolution to name drones as illegal for use in hunting in New Brunswick. Thus DNRED does not see a need to amend the Act, however the department will amend wording to the annual Hunt & Trap Guide to clarify to clients that drones are considered to be aircraft, and are therefore subject to the Act’s prohibition against the use of aircraft while hunting.

## 2019 -03 HUNTING SMALL GAME ON A RESIDENT BEAR HUNTING LICENCE

### **DNRED Response:**



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- In accordance with a government platform commitment, ERD is currently proposing amendments to the Hunting Regulations to allow the bundling of some hunting/angling licences to reduce costs and increase value for licence purchasers.
- As part of this bundling proposal, a reduction in licence fees for hunters purchasing both a small game hunting licence and a bear hunting licence can also be considered.

## 2019 – 04 - ANTLERLESS DEER LOTTERY

### **DNRED Response:**

- Currently about 9,500 deer hunters apply annually for approximately 3,600 antlerless deer hunting permits selected by random draw, giving a 40% annual success rate.
- Establishing a tiered antlerless deer permit draw would require amendments to the current draw prescribed in the Hunting Regulations to establish weighed draw pools for unsuccessful applicants.
- ERD would need to create an applicant database and a mechanism to track each applicant's draw history, like the moose draw poll process.
- The draw application fee would increase to \$9 from the current \$4.
- The Minister would like to have further discussion with the NBWF executive given the level of involvement with making this change electronically and the associated fee increase for a draw that has a 40% annual success rate.

## 2019 – 06 – PHEASANT HUNTING SEASON

### **DNRED Response:**

- Resolution would require establishment of regulations to prescribe a hunting licence, licence fee, season, bag limit and possibly a limited-entry draw.
- ERD will consult with NBWF on additional details of the Federation's proposal for a limited pheasant hunting season.

## 2019 – 07 – DEER REGISTRATION STATIONS

### **DNRED Response:**

- Option 1 of the resolution proposes an increase in the fees ERD pays to private deer registration agents as an incentive to recruit more agents.
- While the current \$1 per deer registration was never intended to cover the efforts of the registration agent, nor is it the key reason that past agents have withdrawn, only a significant fee increase may help retain agents or recruit new ones.
- ERD will investigate amendments to the Hunting Regulations:



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- To increase the fees paid to deer registration agents as an incentive to retain current agents and recruit new agents
- To modify the registration process to reduce the time and effort required for deer registration agents to collect management information
- Examine the possibility of trying a pilot project for an on-line deer registration system

## **2019-08 – IMPROVE TAG SYSTEM FOR FISH AND GAME**

### **DNRED Response:**

- The current harvest tag design used by ERD for the tagging of big game animals and salmon is the same design deployed by many other jurisdictions in North America for use by hunters and anglers.
- The tags are at least as durable as the previous design that was attached directly to the hunting licence, and ERD is not aware of any significant tag issues being reported by other wildlife management agencies using similar tags.
- ERD will investigate whether there are unique batch or supplier problems associated with the specific tags being used by the Department and will contact other agencies to determine if others are reporting any product problems from this supplier.

## **W-2020-01 SUNDAY HUNTING**

## **W-2020-14 SUNDAY HUNTING , SPRING BEAR SEASON**

## **W-2020-26 EXTENDING SUNDAY HUNTING IN NEW BRUNSWICK**

### **DNRED Response:**

On March 17, 2020, Government amended the Fish and Wildlife Act to extend the period of hunting on Sunday in New Brunswick to include all Sundays between October 14th and December 31<sup>st</sup>. Prior to that amendment, only the three Sundays following within firearms deer season were permitted for hunting. This initiative provides significant new hunting opportunities for hunters during the very popular fall hunting seasons. In the short term, there are no plans to further revisit the sunday hunting issue.

## **W-2020-2 DEER HUNTING IN WMZ 4, 5, AND 9**

### **DNRED Response:**

The New Brunswick deer herd is at its most northern extent of its range in North America. Whitetailed deer are well known to suffer high death rates during harsh winter conditions across its northern range. Weather stations in WMZs 4, 5 and 9 have recorded the most severe conditions of all stations in New Brunswick over the past 20 years. Winter mortality rates have averaged 28% in the five past winters here in these WMZs. Research indicates that winter mortality exceeding 18% leads to population decline.



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Winter mortality is believed to be the reason for no recent growth of deer population in the zones as noted in the Resolution.

Additionally, mortality caused by a recreational hunt would likely threaten the long term sustainability of local deer herds. It is not recommended to open these WMZs for deer hunting at this time period. Each WMZ will be reassessed on an annual basis to determine the potential for a recreational deer hunt.

## **W-2020-5 DOE HUNTING**

### **DNRED Response:**

The New Brunswick deer herd is at its most northern extent of its range in eastern North America. Whitetailed deer are well known to suffer high death rates during harsh winter conditions across its northern range, with female and fawn deer being most susceptible to winter mortality. Additional mortality of female deer through a recreational hunt would greatly reduce the breeding capacity of the deer herd in Wildlife Management Zones (WMZs) currently closed to anterless deer hunting, likely below self-sustainable levels. Current population information indicates little to no deer herd growth in northern NB and slight growth in central NB over the past 10 years, mostly caused by historically severe winters during that time. Unregulated hunting on female deer would hinder future growth of the herd in those areas. The department of Natural Resources and Energy Development does not have any information or data that suggests deer herd is adequately healthy to offer an unregulated harvest of female deer across the province, and there are no indication that sex ratios are imbalanced. However, individual WMZs may be assessed to have deer herds that can sustain a recreational hunt on female deer and may have anterless deer permits (ADPs) issued on an annual basis as determined.

## **W-2020-7 NO ORANGE IN TREE STAND WITH BOWL**

### **DNRED Response:**

The department will investigate the feasibility and the legislative procedure associated with amending the Hunter Orange Regulation to allow colours other than hunter orange to be worn by archery hunters in the archery season while in a tree stand. Department is also looking at an amendment to allow manufactured break-up or “camo” blaze orange in the place of solid orange.

## **W-2020-08 USE OF DOGS TO TRACK AND RECOVER WOUNDED GAME ANIMALS**



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## **DNRED Response:**

The New Brunswick Fish and Wildlife Act prohibits the use of dogs while hunting deer, moose, or bears, which would include the tracking of wounded big game animals. Establishing the opportunity to use dogs to track wounded big game animals would require amendments to the act and the establishment of a standard or “certified” performance or training level for such dogs in regulation. Some North American jurisdictions have legislated such tracking dogs services, and often include an operating license with an animal fee as a means to recover agency costs and ensure serious and committed participants. Most agencies consider these endeavors to be commercial business offering services to hunters (similar to hunting guide services), rather than activities that hunters will do themselves.

## **W-2020-09 THE ELIMINATION OF CAPTIVE DEER BREEDING FACILITIES**

### **DNRED Response:**

New Brunswick has less than 10 known captive facilities that contain whitetailed deer (WT). NBDNRED has a permitting system in place to ensure conditions and standards are met to properly contain WT deer. In accordance with the NB Fish and Wildlife Act, marketing of any WT deer meat or by-products from these facilities is prohibited. Any movement of cervids between facilities are controlled by the Cervid Movement Policy administered by the federal Canadian Food Inspection Agency (CFIA). The ministers working with the NBDNRED and other colleagues to explore the possibility of taking steps to eliminate captive deer breeding industry in New Brunswick

## **W-2020-10 PROHIBITION OF FIREARMS ON TIDAL WATERS**

### **DNRED Response:**

All species which may be legally hunted on licenses issued outside of migratory bird season (varmints, bear, coyotes) are hunted in inland areas, and are unaffected by this prohibition, with the exception of cormorants. The inclusion of cormorants on the varment license, and in the nuisance wildlife provisions, was intended to allow private land owners with a mechanism to deal with specific nuisance issues, particularly at inland fish production facilities. The prohibition on possession of firearms on coastal waters outside of the fowl season is a protective measure for seabird colonies, where cormorants typically nest together with other, protected colonial bird species. It also serves as an enforcement tool to counter illegal harvest of coastal waterfowl, which has been an issue in some areas in previous years, as well as to counter illegal take of seals. The only impact on cormorant harvest from removing these prohibitions would be to allow harvest to occur at breeding colonies, which is not desirable. The current prohibitions still allow the take of cormorants in inland areas where they may cause nuisance issues.



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## **W2020-11 USING MOOSE IN DEER SCRAPS FOR BAIT**

### **DNRED Response:**

The Fish and Wildlife act does not allow transfer of parts of carcasses of wild game from a butcher shop to an individual other than the individual who legally harvested the animal. The act prohibits possession of wildlife or any part thereof except in accordance with this act in the regulations. The act has higher penalties for illegal possession of bear, moose, or deer in order to discourage illegal trade of these big game species, as the public has placed a high value on these wildlife resources. In a situation where the individual who harvested the bear, moose, or deer would have the carcass processed by a butcher, the owner of the carcass is required to provide the butcher with the true copy of the registered permit which allows the holder of the registration permit to be in legal possession of the carcass. The holder of the permit is restricted on where the carcass or any part of the carcass may be stored, such as at the holder's residence or in a cold storage plant. These regulations are in place to minimize the opportunity for illegal trade of highly valued species and/or their byproducts.

## **W-2020-12 SQUIRREL HUNTING**

### **DNRED Response:**

Currently squirrels are considered a furbearer in New Brunswick and can be trapped or hunted under Fur Harvesters or Minor Fur Harvesters license. Red squirrels are typically harvested for their fur and less so as a food item; the pelts are prepared and put into trade. Individuals must complete a Trappers Education Course to purchase a license to be able to trap or hunt squirrels; however, the license also allows him the opportunity to trap, hunt, ensnare other furbearers. The department will investigate the possibility of including squirrels as a small game species in the future.

## **W-2020-13 AGE OF MOOSE DRAW APPLICANTS BE AMENDED TO THE AGE OF 16**

### **DNRED Response:**

The department will consider amending the Moose Hunting Regulations regarding the eligible age to apply to the Resident Moose Draw going from 18 down to 16 years of age. Consideration will be given to the fact that there have only been an average of 300 youths between the ages of 16-17 purchasing deer licenses since the inception of e-licensing. In addition, there were on average only 7 youth age 16-17 year olds who purchased designated moose licenses over the last four years (range of 6-9.)

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## **DNRED Response:**

- Requires an amendment to the Fish and Wildlife Act to modify the manner in which transfer permits are issued. Transfer permits are established under the Fish and Wildlife Act as an enforcement tool to facilitate the identification of illegal harvest, possession, and trade of wildlife parts
- Transfer permits record hunter identification, hunting license, registration permit information, ensuring that parts being transferred have been lawfully killed ie: the permits maintain a record of “chain of custody” of possession
- Meat cutters generate wildlife scraps (heads, offal, bones, etc.) during the normal operation of their services to hunters. These scraps are typically considered waste material, which the hunter/client does not wish to retain, and would normally be disposed of by the meat cutter at some point following processing of carcasses.
- Possession of those carcasses parts has not been formally transferred by hunters to the meat cutters as a result, the Fish and Wildlife Act does not currently have a mechanism to allow “re-transfer” of those parts by meat cutters to other hunters who are requesting them for bait
- The Fish and Wildlife Act could be amended to broaden transfer permits to allow transfer of parts by meat cutters. However, this would require meat cutters to retain records of the source of all wildlife meat scraps on premises that are available to transfer to ensure that those parts are from wildlife lawfully killed. A mechanism to allow review of those records by conservation officers, to ensure legal legality of wildlife parts, would be desirable
- These measures are likely to be resisted by meat cutters, as many meat cutters of wild game operate on an informal business basis, outside of this standard food processing/retail industry
- Demand for this service by bear hunters and fur harvesters is expected to be minimal relative to the amount of work required to create and maintain the transfer mechanism
- Currently this is permissible if the hunter who harvest the animal, retains scraps or gets them back from the butcher and receives a transfer permit to present to the individual who would like to use them

## **W-2021-02 LIVE TRAPPING OF BLACK BEARS BY LICENSED NUISANCE CONTROL OFFICERS**

## **DNRED Response:**

- Would require both Act and Regulation amendments
- Black bears are a valued big game species with major penalties for unauthorized killing, trade, and possession
- Nuisance bear situations are usually perceived by the public to be imminent threats to property or public safety, so a consistent and timely response is expected



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- A Nuisance Wildlife Control Officer (NWCO) has a license to provide control services for abundant and relatively unrestricted wildlife species, for which the NWCO charges a fee for service directly to the landowner
- NWCO's providing the service of live trapping bears would mean either the landowner or the Department would have to pay the NWCO for service, and would require a network of NWCO's to provide a timely service throughout New Brunswick
- Bear live traps are unique equipment and expensive to build/tend and demand is very seasonal, so margins for a profitable enterprise are small
- The department believes the public interests in the public black bear resource are best served by continuing to address most bear - human conflicts Using the resources, expertise , and equipment of the Department mandated to deal with natural resource and Wildlife issues

Note: Following the cancellation of the spring bear hunt in Ontario in 1999, nuisance bear complaints in the province increased sharply, so the ministry of natural resources privatized nuisance bear control as a business opportunity and dissolved its supporting infrastructure. After several years of complaints by the public of poor service, suspected business practice and concern for animal welfare, the province resumed nuisance bear control activities through the natural resources department at a cost of approximately \$25 million.

## **W-2021-04 MUZZLE LOADER HUNTING SEASON EXTENSION FOR WHITE TAILED DEER**

### **DNRED Response:**

1. Requires regulation amendments
2. This resolution proposes an extension to the existing deer hunting season allowing all licensed deer hunters to participate if they use the prescribed hunting implement (muzzleloading firearm)
3. The resolution proposes a six day extension (Monday to Saturday) to the existing deer hunting season, however the current regulation prescribed season length in seven weeks, seven days (Which would be Monday to Sunday)
4. It will be difficult and mostly unenforceable to devise a regulation that restricts deer hunters during this one week season extension to using only a muzzleloading firearm with open sights (no telescopic sights) and which does not have the mounting rails to attach a telescopic sight, as their deer license allows concurrent hunting of additional species where these restrictions do not apply to a muzzleloading firearm



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5. If deer harvest during the one week extension to the season only occurs with muzzle loading firearms, the projected harvest will have minimal impact to deer populations in the southern WMZ's and will not affect sustainability
6. The extension to deer hunting season may require additional wildlife law enforcements resources be allocated in those areas
7. NBWF to consider the following with follow up comments
  - a. Enforcement and monitoring during extended model muzzleloader season with no calibre restrictions
  - b. Requirement of an additional tag- regular season (bow and rifle) tags not valid during muzzleloader season
  - c. Extra charge for muzzleloader
  - d. 48 hour waiting period after purchase of deer license - must require regular license first?  
Waive waiting period?

## **W-2021-7 TO MOVE WHITE TAIL DEER SEASON**

### **DNRED Response:**

- Requires regulation amendments
- This resolution proposes a later start and end date for all WMZ's, making the season 30 days in length, two days longer than the current 28
- Traditionally, deer season start dates are set in regulation begin on a Monday, floating dates are proposed as proposed will at some point fall on a Saturday, which was believed in the past to be a safety issue with large numbers of deer hunters in the woods for opening day
- Without other deer season changes, the proposal would also add an addition week to deer bow/crossbow season in most years
- In northeren WMZ's, by late November deer have already started yarding behavior in most years, and with potentially significant snowfall on the ground, increase hunter success could have local deer population impacts in some WMZ's
- The department would not support a later general firearm season for deer hunting, particularly for northern WMZ's with lower deer populations

## **W-2022-01 EXTEND THE ANNUAL DEER SEASON**

### **DNRED Response:**



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- Requires regulation amendments
- The proposal would increase the firearms deer hunting season from 4 weeks to five weeks period ending on November 25th to December 1st, depending upon the calendar year
- Despite some hunters beliefs, there is no evidence that warming fall temperatures have made for later rutting for deer, which is strongly tied to photo-period (day-length) not ambient temperature
- In northern WMZ's, by late November deer have already started yarding behavior in most years, and with potentially significant snowfall on the ground, increased hunter success could have local deer population impacts in some WMZ's
- In some WMZ's the department would not support a later general firearm season for deer hunting particularly for northern WMZ's with lower deer populations

## **W-2022-03 LENGTHENING FALL BLACK BEAR SEASON**

### **DNRED Response:**

- Requires regulation amendments
- Since the 1980s there's been concern about bear license sales during the deer firearm season, as many licenses were sold but few bears were harvested
- Successful deer hunters were using the bear license as an opportunity to continue to carry the large caliber firearm for the remainder of the deer season, allegedly to poach deer or fill an additional tag
- As 2/3 of bears are harvested by non residents and few bears were killed beyond October, Outfitters proposed and supported a fall bear season that ended in the first week of November, allowing 1 week where they could market bear/deer combination hunts
- The department supported the earlier end to the fall bear season as it reduced the opportunity for purchasing a Bear license simply to continue to carry a large caliber firearm during deer season
- With the department eliminating caliber restrictions for most season/license classes In 2021, any license holder can carry a large caliber firearm in any open season, Including deer season, so the current restriction on the end date of the fall bear season is moot
- Currently, deer hunting season has two different end dates, depending on a particular WMZ, with a proposed extension of a muzzleloader season adding a third date for some WMZs

For bear management purposes it is recommended that there be one end date for the fall bear hunting season throughout New Brunswick, regardless of the deer season in a particular WMZ. It is recommended that the end date be set in regulation and not directly tied to deer hunting season dates.



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## **W-2023-01 USING A DOG TO RECOVER WOUNDED GAME ANIMALS**

### **DNRED Response:**

Regulation and Act changes are required which does not detour but requires that we examine where this would actually be acceptable/applicable.

- The use of a dog would have to be regulated to only a trained or certified tracking dog on a leash
- It would not be allowed for wounded bears given the higher risk to both the participants and the dog
- While a dog may be useful for finding a dead deer, using a dog on a wounded deer. Wounded deer often immediately bed down when beyond imminent danger, succumb to their injuries in the following hours. With the dog (i.e. “wolf”) pursuing its trail soon after, the deer would be continually pushed off its bed ahead of the pursuing animal, keeping its adrenaline flowing and not be recovered.
- That leaves moose, which has a short, five day hunting season, and very few moose that are wounded are not recovered by the hunters. Those parameters do not make a great case for someone to invest in training a dog for recovery activities.

In conclusion, there seems very limited opportunity associated to recover wounded game animals. If a resolution was put forward to recover dead deer in the business case would need to be strong as it seems very limited.

## **F-2023-01 STOCKING ATLANTIC SALMON IN THE PETITCODIAC RIVER**

### **DNRED Response:**

- The province supports the resolution and spirit, however Fort Folly, First Nation has the lead for this stocking project.
- The department is willing to support their efforts, potentially with staff or resources if requested as available.
- The province currently supports project funding via the New Brunswick Wildlife Trust Fund. The department would continue to support related applications to the NB Wildlife Trust Fund.

## **G-2024-01 PROVINCE OF NB PERMANENTLY ALLOW THE USE OF Digital COPIES AS VALID LICENSES**

### **DNRED Response:**



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This initiative has been in progress for some time and following legal advice from the office of the attorney general, the Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development has drafted a policy governing the use of electronic licenses. It is anticipated the signature requirements for electronic licenses under the Fish and Wildlife Act Policy will be finalized in the coming weeks. The new policy will permit hunters and anglers to present a digital copy of certain licenses as per the NBWF resolution the "not valid until signed" line will be removed from relevant licenses eliminating the requirement for a physical copy. When this policy is published, relevant stakeholders including the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation will be notified by department staff. Changes will be effective immediately upon publication.

## **F-2024-02 OPEN THE TROUT SEASON ON THE ACADIAN PENINSULA PORTION OF THE CHALEUR REACATIONAL FISHING ON APRIL 15<sup>TH</sup>.**

### **DNRED Response:**

As you are aware, the department intends to host a stakeholder consultation session this coming fall regarding the management of brook trout. Pending the outcome of this larger more holistic discussion on New Brunswick's brook trout populations, the department will consider your request for longer brook trout angling season on the Acadian Peninsula

## **F-2024-03 AMEND TO EXTEND TROUT FISHING UNTIL SEPTEMBER 30TH ANNUALLY BETWEEN SEPTEMBER 15TH AND SEPTEMBER 30TH TROUT FISHING WOULD BE REDUCED TO CATCH AND RELEASE USING SINGLE BARBLESS HOOKS ONLY**

### **DNRED Response:**

Similar to resolution F-2024-02 above, the department intends to hold a stakeholder consultation session this coming fall regarding the management of brook trout. Following the consultation session, the department will consider your request for a longer trout angling season.

## **W-2024-01 PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK ALLOW THE USE OF DOGS STILL IN CONTROL OF THEIR HANDLERS TO ASSIST IN THE TRACKING AND RECOVERY OF WOUNDED GAME**

### **DNRED Response:**



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The department is currently investigating the use of tracking dogs in other jurisdictions to assess the feasibility of implementing a similar program in New Brunswick. Although the department cannot commit to a regulatory amendments at this time, the request is under careful consideration.

## **W-2024-02 THE PROVINCE OF NEW BRUNSWICK ALLOCATE A CERTAIN PERCENTAGE (SUGGESTED 20%) OF ANTERLESS DEER TAGS AVAILABLE IN EACH WMZ WHERE ANTERLESS DEER TAGS ARE AVAILABLE TO YOUTH HUNTERS BETWEEN THE AGES OF 12 AND 16 INCLUSIVE TO ENHANCE THEIR PROBABILITY TO HARVEST A DEER**

### **DNRED Response:**

The department has considered your request and is not considering its implementation at this time. However, staff have been asked to evaluate options for a more holistic approach to encourage youth participation and would welcome future discussions in the matter.

## **W-2024-05 THE DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY RESOURCES AND DEVELOPMENT HAVE THE BIOLOGISTS REVIEW THE DATA REGARDING WMZ 9 AND DETERMINE IF THERE COULD BE A POSSIBILITY OF A REGULATED DEER HUNT IN THAT ZONE**

### **DNRED Response:**

Department of Natural Resources and Energy Development staff have reviewed this proposal and have determined there is not a sufficient deer population to sustain a regulated harvest. Therefore, the request for an open deer season in Wild Management Zone 9 not being considered at this time.

## **F-2025-04 SUPPORT FOR A NEW PROVINCIAL FISH HATCHERY**

### **DNRED Response:**

As you are likely aware, the provincial fish stocking program is being reviewed from a variety of perspectives. It has been identified that a new provincial hatchery facility would require significant capital investment in addition to the on-going operational costs. The current stocking program is supported solely by a fish stocking fee, applied to the sale of each angling license. The stocking fee alone is not sufficient to address the capital investment required to build and staff a new facility.

## **W-2025-01 FREE FIREARMS SAFETY / HUNTER EDUCATION FOR YOUTH**

### **DNRED Response:**



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Over the past several years, the department has undertaken several initiatives intended to reduce barriers and increase participation in recreational hunting activities by youth: the Minors Hunting License is provided at no cost and the minimum age to purchase a deer or bear license was lowered from 16 to 12 years. In addition, you may not be aware that the current fee of \$40 for youth to take a Firearms Safety / HunterEducation course is far less than the estimated cost of \$135 per student. With more than 20 per cent of Conservation Education clients being 16 years old or younger, removing the \$40 fee would create a significant financial burden for the department and further impact delivery of these important courses.

## **W-2025-02 ELIMINATION OF CERTAIN STORAGE PERMITS**

### **DNRED Response:**

The department is committed to preventing unregulated harvest, possession, and trade of any wildlife - including beaver, raccoon and muskrat. However, the department is currently making changes to allow the permitting process to be more flexible and convenient for fur harvesters. Development is underway (in response to a previous New Brunswick Trappers and Fur Harvesters Federation resolution) to create an electronic Cold Storage Permit, authorizing possession of unrestricted furbearer species (not for bobcat, otter and marten). The proposed electronic permit will be available online and will not require fur harvesters to travel to a Department of Natural Resources District Office. Although the development of an online Cold Storage Permit is in progress, it is unlikely to be available before the end of the 2025-26 winter trapping season.

## **W-2025-04 ADOPT THE IBEP ONLINE BOWHUNTER EDUCATION COURSE**

### **DNRED Response:**

The department is currently undergoing a complete revision of the bowhunter education course, with the objective of developing an online or hybrid version. Once the bowhunter education classroom course update is completed, the department will explore options regarding a hybrid or fully online version of the revised classroom course. Development of an online bowhunter education program will run concurrently with an update to the trapper education program.

## **W-2025-07 SIGNAGE BY LOGGING COMPANIES**

### **DNRED Response:**

As you are aware, Crown timber licensees are required to publicly post annual operating plans each Spring, prior to the start of forest operations. Scheduling a cut-block for harvest depends on several dynamic factors, including market conditions, weather, site conditions, and the availability of



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contractors, all of which are subject to change. Hunters who are planning to hunt on Crown land are best advised to directly contact the licensee in advance of the moose hunting season to determine if any forest operations are planned for their area(s).



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### BASIC POLICY PRINCIPLES

The basic conservation policy of the Federation is to foster sound management and wise use of the renewable and non-renewable natural resources of this Province and of the nation, in order that their very great economic, recreational and aesthetic values may continue to benefit this and all future generations of our people.

In this document the term conservation shall mean wise use, and reuse, wherever possible, of our renewable and non-renewable natural resources.

The renewable and non-renewable natural resources of New Brunswick are economic, social, recreational and aesthetic assets which must be restored, wisely used and perpetuated for posterity, and realizing that this can be achieved only through an aroused and enlightened opinion among the people of this Province.

In order to promote the objectives of the Federation it will be necessary to co-operate with and support the work of National, Provincial and Regional public authorities and conservation societies whose interests and objectives are similar to those of the Federation.

**Reference:** Constitution & By-Laws of the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation.

### RIGHT TO HUNT & FISH

1. A person has the right to hunt and fish in accordance with the law.
2. No person shall interfere with the lawful hunting or fishing of wildlife by another person, or with any lawful activity preparatory to such hunting or fishing, with the intention of preventing or impeding hunting or fishing or the continuation of the activity of hunting and fishing.
3. Disturbance of wildlife; No person shall disturb, or engage in an activity that will tend to disturb, wildlife with the intention of preventing or impeding its being lawfully hunted or fished.



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4. Disturbance of hunters and anglers; No person shall disturb another person who is engaged in the lawful hunting or fishing of wildlife or in any lawful activity preparatory to such hunting or fishing with the intention of dissuading that person from hunting or fishing or otherwise preventing the hunting or fishing activity.

**References:** Refer to the Hunting & Fishing Heritage Act presented to DNR, August 2004 and Resolution 1992 – 14.

## 1. WILDLIFE

### 1.1. DEER HUNTING

- 1.1.1. Advance opening of deer season to open on the last Monday in October. **References:** 2007 – 09, 2006 – 02, 2001 – 24, 2001 - 03 and 2001 - 15.
- 1.1.2. The Government of NB should provide the same number of deer registration stations for bow hunters during the early bow season as is established for gun hunters. **Reference:** 2019-07.
- 1.1.3. Open the deer season in WMZ 2 with a limited bucks only five (5) week bow and two (2) week rifle season in 2005. **Reference:** 2005 – 06.
- 1.1.4. Hunter's should be required to produce identification as well as their hunting licence when registering deer. **Reference:** 2005 – 03.
- 1.1.5. DNRE should direct more attention and resources to the conservation of the Province's deer herd. **Reference:** 2002 – 02.
- 1.1.6. An additional week of bow hunting should be put in place at the end of the rifle season for deer. **Reference:** 2001 – 23.
- 1.1.7. The NBWF is in favour of a “Primitive Hunting Season” with muzzleloaders for deer in open WMZ Province-Wide; this would take place for one week immediately after the end of the regular deer season; only traditional caplock and flintlock blackpowder muzzleloaders with metallic sights to be used; no modern in-lines or scopes permitted; minimum of 45 calibre; hunter orange required and no motorized vehicles to be used. **Reference:** 2001 – 09.
- 1.1.8. The NBWF is in favour of second deer tag being issued to bowhunters (only) who first harvest an antlerless deer on Grand Manan Island; this would be a Pilot Project in WMZ 27. **Reference:** 2001 – 05.
- 1.1.9. DNR requested to improve the deer tag currently used so that it will stand up better to the often severe weather conditions which should prevent loss and difficult situations for hunters. **Reference:** 2001 – 11.
- 1.1.10. DNR must conduct regular consultations with the public regarding the declining deer population. **Reference:** 2013 – 08.
- 1.1.11. NBWF has serious concerns with deer farming in the Province related to the spread of disease, interbreeding with wild deer, illegal and the potential uncontrolled sale of wild deer meat.



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**References:** Letter to the Editor (Times & Transcript) from President Michaud, January 19, 2012 and correspondence from the President to the Minister of Natural Resources of January 18, 2012.

- 1.1.12. Wildlife fencing requested to prevent larger wildlife from entering the new four – lane highway between Norton and Sussex. **Reference:** 1999 – 19.
- 1.1.13. The NBWF requests the issuance of antlerless deer permits for WMZ 20 in 2014. **Reference:** 2014-06.
- 1.1.14. review WMZ 9 deer herd for possible reopening. **Reference:** 2017 – 12.
- 1.1.15. Primitive Weapon Deer Hunting Season. **Reference:** 2019-02.
- 1.1.16. Institute a tiered antlerless deer lottery. **Reference:** 2019 – 04.

## **1.2. MOOSE HUNTING**

- 1.2.1. Lower the age of designated moose hunters from 18 to 16 years of age. **Reference:** 2010 – 04.
- 1.2.2. Non resident moose licence availability must reflect the trends experienced by resident hunters since the opening of the non resident moose hunt in 1996. **Reference:** 2005 – 04.
- 1.2.3. The posting of signs on Crown Land by moose hunters should be banned. **Reference:** 2013 – 05.
- 1.2.4. Maintain five day season. **Reference:** 2016-02.
- 1.2.5. Increase number of moose licences. **Reference:** 2018-05.

## **1.3. BLACK BEAR HUNTING & TRAPPING**

- 1.3.1. Increase black bear bag limit to allow an annual harvest of two (2) black bears per year. **Reference:** 2012 – 03 and 2001 - 06.
- 1.3.2. DNR set up a program whereby trappers are encouraged to trap nuisance bears using the Aldrich type snare. **Reference:** 2011 – 02 & 1993 -08.
- 1.3.3. extend bear season to end of deer season. **Reference:** 2016-04.

## **1.4. GAME BIRDS (UPLAND, MIGRATORY & OTHERS)**

- 1.4.1. A full season for Pheasant should be established in WMZ 25. **Reference:** 2006 – 01, 2004 - 07 and 2001 – 17.
- 1.4.2. When implementing culls of Canada Geese or other nuisance migratory birds CWS are requested to use licensed and qualified hunters who will use the meat of any birds harvested as food. **Reference:** 2013 – 07.
- 1.4.3. Extend grouse season (Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> to end of December). **Reference:** 2013 – 09.
- 1.4.4. The NBWF has concerns with “hybrid” black ducks which are the result of breeding with the ever present population of mallards and would like to see an extended season for mallard drakes in areas where they are prevalent; also concerned with the variation in bag limits for black ducks between the three Maritime Provinces and request that a limit of three (3 black ducks) be established for all of the Maritime Provinces; the NBWF is pleased with the early fall season for



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Canada Gees and hope that it continues and is also in favour of a spring season for Greater Snow Geese in the Campbellton area. **Reference:** Correspondence from President Michaud to the Regional Director, CWS (Sackville, NB) dated February 19, 2009.

1.4.5. Pheasant Hunting Season. **Reference:** 2019-06

## **1.5. WILD TURKEY INTRODUCTIONS**

1.5.1. Wild Turkeys should be introduced into New Brunswick. **Reference:** 2011 – 04, 2003 – 03

1.5.2. Wild Turkey Research Program. **Reference:** 2018-06

## **1.6. MOOSE DRAW**

1.6.1. The NBWF is not totally happy with the current draw system and are in favour of restricting all applicants to only those who are eligible to obtain a licence. The NBWF is not in favour of requiring successful applicants or second gun (designated hunters) to wait for 5 years before being eligible to apply again. **Reference:** Moose Draw Questionnaire as reported in the Minutes of the 2012 AGM in Tracadie – Sheila.

1.6.2. Applicants must provide proof of meeting the requirements to obtain a moose licence before becoming eligible to apply for the draw. **Reference:** 2011 – 01.

1.6.3. DNR should have a closing day to purchase a moose permit (August 15<sup>th</sup>) and establish a special pool, including those permits available for unsuccessful applicants. **Reference:** 2001 – 28.

1.6.4. A special pool should be established for applicants who have not received a moose licence in the past 10 years. **Reference:** 2001 – 26.



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## 2. HUNTING ISSUES

### 2.1. HUNTING GENERAL

- 2.1.1. DNR must reject requests from Municipalities to control hunting within Municipal boundaries and DNR must maintain the control of hunting and wildlife management within NB. **Reference:** 2009 – 11.
- 2.1.2. The hunting age for youths in the Province must be lowered to permit 12 year olds to hunt (Youth Hunting Initiative). **Reference:** 2002 – 05 and 2011 – 03.
- 2.1.3. Porcupines should be added to the list of varmints. **Reference:** 2010 – 02.
- 2.1.4. Varmint hunters should be permitted to discharge a firearm at a minimum distance from a dwelling of 100 meters with the owners permission (.223 or smaller calibre). **Reference:** 2010 – 01.
- 2.1.5. Current legislation should be amended to allow crossbows to be used in hunting for all species of game that is currently permitted for bow hunters; crossbows should be permitted during the 3 week archery season for deer. **Reference:** 2009 – 07 & 2013 - 06.
- 2.1.6. The wearing of blaze orange should not be required until the end of varmint season. **Reference:** 2009 – 05.
- 2.1.7. Sunday hunting should be allowed. **Reference:** 2007 -07.
- 2.1.8. The Fish & Wildlife Act should be amended to allow the possession of a firearm within 50 meters of salt water from the end of the Migratory Bird Season until June 1<sup>st</sup>. **Reference:** 2007 – 06.
- 2.1.9. The Fish & Wildlife Act should be amended to allow for variation of seasons, dates, addition or removal of species and alteration of bag limits all through the issuance of a variation order. **Reference:** 2005 – 07.
- 2.1.10. The existing twenty-seven (27) Wildlife Management Zones (WMZ) should be marked at major highway intersections which serve as boundaries of the various WMZ's and at no less than one kilometer intervals that serve as the boundaries of these zones. **Reference:** 2004 – 08.
- 2.1.11. The registration of all deer, moose and bear must apply to all persons harvesting such game. **Reference:** 2003 – 01.
- 2.1.12. The Province should set aside a certain area of woodland which is currently unavailable to hunters and designate this area as a “bow hunting zone only” where hunters would be allowed to hunt with bows and wear full camouflage. **Reference:** 2002 – 06.
- 2.1.13. The requirement to wear hunter orange during the month of December should be removed for varmint hunters. **Reference:** 2001 – 18.
- 2.1.14. Only those people who currently have a POL/PAL should be able to apply for big game licences. **Reference:** 2001 – 14.
- 2.1.15. The holder of a varmint licence should be permitted to hunt with a rifle of any calibre with a bullet weight of 100 grains or less. **Reference:** 2001 – 04.
- 2.1.16. Amend definition of hunting to allow the stalking , attracting , searching for or lying in wait for wildlife as long as the person is unarmed. **Reference:** 2014 – 01.



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- 2.1.17. Create 3 time zones across the province so that hunters anywhere in the province can legally hunt  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour before sunrise until  $\frac{1}{2}$  hour after sunset. **Reference:** 2019 – 05.
- 2.1.18. DNR must amend the Fish & Wildlife Act to show that they promote hunting and hunting related activities. **Reference:** 2014-05
- 2.1.19. bow hunters should be permitted to hunt on Sundays during the early archery season for deer and gun hunters should be permitted to hunt these same days for species for which a hunting season exists at this time. This policy compliments Sunday Hunting as per 2007-07. **Reference** 2015-01
- 2.1.20. allow the use of dogs to recover wounded game animals. **Reference** 2017-10
- 2.1.21. .22 centrefire for medium game (deer & bear) but not for moose. **Reference** 2017-11.
- 2.1.22. allow Sunday hunting during the Spring Bear Season. **Reference** 2017- 15.
- 2.1.23. Hunting & Trapping Guide must accurately indicate procedures regarding posting of land. **Reference** 2017-02.

## **2.2. FURBEARERS**

- 2.2.1. Trappers should be permitted to carry a cased rim-fire rifle on Sunday to dispatch live animals. **Reference:** 2006 – 03.
- 2.2.2. Beaver trapping should be banned for 5 years on Grand Manan Island. **Reference:** 2002 – 04.
- 2.2.3. Holders of Varmint Licences should be permitted to hunt with a rifle of any calibre during the varmint season. **Reference:** 2018-07.
- 2.2.4. Drones illegal for hunting. **Reference:** 2018-11.

## **2.3. HUNTER EDUCATION**

- 2.3.1. Teenagers attending school (13 to 16 yrs of age) should have their Hunter Education Course fees reduced. **Reference:** 2007 – 03.

## **3. FISHERIES ISSUES**

### **3.1. FISHERIES**

- 3.1.1. DFO must immediately approve and fund a chemical eradication program for Miramichi Lake to eradicate smallmouth bass. **Reference:** 2010 – 10.
- 3.1.2. A picture of a salmon parr should be placed in the NB Fish Booklet that is distributed with all fishing licences. **Reference:** 2007 – 11.
- 3.1.3. Increase daily limit of grilse (Miramichi Watershed) to 2 grilse per day. **Reference:** 2007 – 10.
- 3.1.4. DNR must take appropriate steps to ensure that all proposals which could result in changes to access to the Crown Reserve System be presented to all stakeholder organizations for review and comment before being acted upon. **Reference:** 2005 – 12.



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- 3.1.5. The Government of Canada must develop and implement a strategy for the recovery of Atlantic Salmon. **Reference:** 2005 – 10.
- 3.1.6. Retention numbers and size limits for Chain Pickerel be changed to 45 cms and a daily bag limit of only 5 fish per day. **Reference:** 2005 – 09.
- 3.1.7. The NBWF is not in favour of a resolution requiring all hooks used in angling to be either barbless or have their barbs pinched to become such. **Reference:** 2005 – 08.
- 3.1.8. All holders of hook and release Atlantic Salmon licences must release all species of fish caught. **Reference:** 2004 – 03.
- 3.1.9. The angling season for pickerel in the tidal waters of the Lower Saint John River, Grand Lake, Indian Lake, French Lake and Maquapit Lake be extended until the last day of November. **Reference:** 2004 – 02.
- 3.1.10. As long as there are leased public waters in NB, the Province must only view the system in its entirety including maintenance and upgrades and continue to fund the Crown Reserve Program in consultation with user groups. **Reference:** 2010 -09.
- 3.1.11. Green Brook (Bartibogue River) be re-opened for a regulated sport fishery. **Reference:** 2003 – 06.
- 3.1.12. DNR should require all applicants for Crown Reserve Waters to purchase their salmon angling licences prior to making an application and the number of the salmon licence be included in the application. **Reference:** 2003 – 05.
- 3.1.13. The trout season on Grand Manan Island should open on the third Saturday in April of each year. **Reference:** 2002 – 07.
- 3.1.14. An angling season for striped bass should be established in the Southeastern portion of the Province. **Reference:** 2013 – 01.
- 3.1.15. Catch and retain angling for striped bass should be established for the Miramichi system. **Reference:** 2013 – 04.
- 3.1.16. Establish a province-wide limit for trout of 5 (**Tabled**). **Reference:** 2013 – 02.
- 3.1.17. Consultations should be done on a regular basis with the public regarding fisheries management issues.
- 3.1.18. The NBWF is totally opposed to the amendments to the *Fisheries Act* that have totally gutted the habitat provisions of the *Act*. **References:** Correspondence from President Leblanc to DFO Minister Ashfield dated May 30, 2012 and April 11, 2013.
- 3.1.19. The NBWF is totally against the live retention of smallmouth bass, chain pickerel and muskellunge anywhere in the Province; this does not include the retention of live fish of these three species where anglers are fishing under the authority of a licence or permit concerning tournament species where a condition allows the release of these fish back into the waters from which they were taken; the NBWF recommends to DFO that regulations be created regarding the possession of these fish in a live state except in accordance with the stipulations above; the NBWF is also concerned with the illegal introduction of any and all Aquatic Invasive Species (AIS) through ballast water discharges; the NBWF also recommends an increase in bag limits for smallmouth bass fishing year round and requests a catch and retain fishery rather than a hook and



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release fishery year round. **References:** Correspondence between President Leblanc and Chris Connell, DNR Fish & Wildlife Branch, dated January 21, 2013 and a written response to DFO regarding AIS dated April 10, 2013.

- 3.1.20. Open the recreational angling season in RFA 7 on April 15<sup>th</sup> (rivers, streams and lakes). **Reference:** 2014-07
- 3.1.21. The NBWF endorsed fully the Open-Pen Aquaculture Policy as prepared by the NB Salmon Council (NBSC Feb. 17, 2014) at the Board of Directors Meeting on April 11, 2014. This policy supports land-based closed contained aquaculture operations until other closed technologies such as floating, closed confinement systems with either rigid or flexible walls have proven effective in eliminating risks to Wild Atlantic Salmon. Refer to the NBSC Policy for more info.
- 3.1.22. DFO should increase salmon populations by seeking viable alternatives such as using nurseries to raise fingerlings for release in NB waters. **Reference:** 2015-05.
- 3.1.23. Crown reserve stretches (regular, daily or live release with the exception of the Patapedia stretch be valid for a 48 hour consecutive period beginning at 2:00 PM (first day) and ending at 2:00 PM on the last day. **Reference:** 2015-06.
- 3.1.24. add additional winter ice fishing lakes in Madawaska and Victoria Counties. **Reference:** 2016-06.
- 3.1.25. Open additional lakes in Madawaska and Victoria Counties for winter ice fishing. **Reference:** 2016-06.
- 3.1.26. do not restrict the use of double hooks unless there exists Scientific data to warrant this ban. **Reference:** 2016-07.
- 3.1.27. extend fly fishing only restrictions for the Bartibogue River until May 15<sup>th</sup> while black salmon are still in the area. **Reference:** 2016 08.
- 3.1.28. open trout season Acadian Peninsula (Chaleur RFA) on April 15<sup>th</sup>. **Reference:** 2017-03.
- 3.1.29. terminate the cull of muskellunge on the Saint John River. **Reference:** 2017 – 06.
- 3.1.30. Open fishing season on rivers and lakes earlier in the season. **Reference:** 2018-01.
- 3.1.31. Extend salmon angling to September 30th on a portion of the LSW Miramichi. **Reference:** 201811.

## **3.2. FISH HABITAT**

- 3.2.1. Open the Petitcodiac Causeway Gates. **References:** 1980 – 01; 1986 – 17.

## **4. FORESTRY ISSUES**

### **4.1. FORESTRY**

- 4.1.1. The main premise of the Jaakko – Poyry Report is rejected. **Reference:** 2004 – 01.
- 4.1.2. The Provincial Government must re-evaluate their policies and regulations regarding hardwood spraying and chemical use. **Reference:** 2003 – 07.



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- 4.1.3. DNR should not permit increased plantations areas on Crown Land to accommodate the proposed doubling of the annual cut. **Reference:** 2002 – 03.
- 4.1.4. DNRE must re-evaluate thinning practices on Crown Land so that when opportunities to promote or enhance wildlife habitat are encountered that those areas be treated separately for the benefit of wildlife. **Reference:** 2001 – 01.
- 4.1.5. NBWF must publicly state their position regarding the spraying of herbicides on Crown Lands and petition the Government of NB to cease spraying on these lands. **Reference 2016-01.**

## 5. ENFORCEMENT ISSUES

### 5.1. ENFORCEMENT

- 5.1.1. DNR must re-establish the number of enforcement personnel to their former levels. **Reference:** 2007 – 02.
- 5.1.2. NB Government must provide more enforcement of laws regarding ATV's. **Reference:** 2005 – 13.
- 5.1.3. That the government spends more money on enforcement officers to curb the poaching of deer in the Northern portion of NB and that additional funds be allocated for programs aimed at increasing the deer herd in the North. **Reference:** 2004 – 06.
- 5.1.4. DNR must increase enforcement of fish and wildlife on the Acadian Peninsula. **Reference:** 2001 – 25.
- 5.1.5. DNR must protect our fish and wildlife by making sure that properly trained and armed wardens are in the woods at all times and in sufficient numbers to do their job properly. **Reference:** 2001 19.

## 6. FIREARM ISSUES

### 6.1. FIREARMS & SHOOTING RANGES

- 6.1.1. DNR should work closely with Branches of the NBWF who currently own and operate their own shooting ranges to establish a system whereby DNR would have the information and be able to direct individuals requesting a sight-in //transport permit to the closest NBWF branch shooting range. **Reference:** 2003 – 04.
- 6.1.2. DNR Wardens should not actively enforce the registration of firearms. **Reference:** 2001 – 20.
- 6.1.3. online sight in permits to be put in place. **Reference 2017 – 08.**

## 7. ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

### 7.1. WATER QUALITY



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- 7.1.1. DNRE, Dept. of Fisheries & Aquaculture and DOE must take all necessary measures to enforce the Clean Water Act and promote compliance by farmers and woods workers with good management practices to ensure stabilization of eroding stream and riverbanks and restoration and preservation of adequate riparian buffer zones. **Reference:** 2001 – 01.
- 7.1.2. Federal Government urged to continue and complete negotiations with the USA an agreement to establish air quality and emission controls for both countries and thereby reduce the effects of acid rain. **Reference:** 1980 – 02.

## 8. ABORIGINAL ISSUES

### 8.1. ABORIGINAL HUNTING & FISHING SEASONS

- 8.1.1. The Government of NB and Canada are requested to ensure that for conservation purposes aboriginal adhere to and abide by the same hunting and fishing seasons to which the nonaboriginal citizens of this Province and country are required to adhere to. **Reference:** 2000 – 08.

## 9. FISH & WILDLIFE ADMINISTRATION

### 9.1. FISH & WILDLIFE LICENSING

- 9.1.1. DNR must implement a “Wildlife Identification Number” to eliminate abuses of the licence system. **Reference:** 2012 – 02
- 9.1.2. DNR should amend current legislation to allow members of the Canadian Armed Forces and the RCMP who were born in the Province to apply for and obtain hunting licences as a resident. **Reference:** 2011 – 05.
- 9.1.3. DNR must make the “Minor’s Licence” more accessible by allowing these licences to be purchased at local vendors. **Reference:** 2010 – 03.
- 9.1.4. The Migratory Bird Act should be amended to allow for the issuance of a replacement permit at a minimal fee to a hunter who swears an affidavit that a permit has been lost or misplaced. **Reference:** 2007 – 08.
- 9.1.5. DNR should consider the development and implementation of a new, cost effective licensing document that will include all species in one document, be easy to carry, be waterproof and durable. **Reference:** 2004 – 05.
- 9.1.6. The current “Deer & Game Bird Archery Licence” should be changed to “Deer & Small Game Archery Licence” so as to include small game to the end of the small game season in February at no additional cost. **Reference:** 2001 – 22.
- 9.1.7. Request discounted licence fee for disabled trappers. **Reference:** 2017-14.
- 9.1.8. Allow the hunting of small game on a resident black bear hunting licence. **Reference:** 2019-03.
- 9.1.9. Improve tag system for fish & game. **Reference:** 2019-08.



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## **9.2. TRUST FUND**

9.2.1. The imbalance in project funding be withheld until projects addressing the management /improvement of the deer herd are received and funded. **Reference:** 2012 – 01.

## **9.3. OTHER ISSUES**

9.3.1. DNR should separate the Fish & Wildlife Branch from DNR so that a new Fish & Wildlife Department will be in control of a dedicated budget and those funds protected from appropriation by other departments/interests by the Act creating this new Department. **Reference:** 2007 – 01.

9.3.2. DNR should undertake a merganser and cormorant cull on NB waterways in order to decrease significantly the number of mergansers and cormorants. **Reference:** 2004 – 04.

9.3.3. The NBWF is concerned with the live trapping of “feral cats” and then neutering them and releasing them into the wild. The NBWF believes that “feral cats” are serious threats to song birds, small mammals or game birds such as grouse. **Reference:** Correspondence from President Michaud to the Minister of DNR dated January 5, 2012

9.3.4. On April 11, 2014 at the Board of Directors Meeting a motion was passed requiring every letter forwarded by the Federation to the Minister of Natural Resources be copied directly to the Premier. Refer to the Minutes of the meeting identified for more information.

9.3.5. Allow the sale of moose and deer antler sheds. **Reference:** 2018-09.



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## RESOLUTION PROCEDURES

**Article 3 of the By - Laws of the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation Inc. states as follows concerning Resolutions:**

### **RESOLUTIONS**

- Shall be submitted by Active Members (members of the executive committee) to the Resolutions Chairman of the Federation by November 15th of each year.
- Shall be distributed by the Federation Secretary to Active Member Clubs at least sixty days (60) prior to the Annual Meeting for consideration.
- Shall be reviewed and voted on by all Active Member Club's Delegates during the Saturday session of the Annual Meeting.
- Shall not be submitted directly to the government departments by individual member clubs.

### **PREPARATION OF RESOLUTIONS**

Resolutions passed at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the New Brunswick Wildlife Federation (NBWF) are submitted to the appropriate level of government for consideration. It is therefore essential that each Resolution sustains the Federation's credibility by accurately, fairly and reasonably setting forth certain elements which are explained below.

***It is important that where the ability exists to write Resolutions in both official languages that the proponent should do so. If this is not possible the proponent may submit the Resolution in either language and the Federation will look after translation.***

It is also important to note that since these Resolutions are in fact Resolutions of the NBWF and should be written considering the objects of the Federation on a generally provincial wide basis. The creditability of the Federation ride on the Resolutions presented to government and their quality and accuracy. It is important that this be borne in mind when preparing and voting on Resolutions.

So, it is very important that statistics, so-called facts and circumstances contained in each and every Resolution be totally supportable.

It is also important to note that the date established by the By-Laws concerning submission of Resolutions is "written in stone" and any Resolutions received after that date will not be accepted.



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## **SPECIFIC RESOLUTION PROCEDURES**

- 1) The “Whereas” clauses establishes:
  - a) the problem,
  - b) brief, clear and specific statements based on accurate facts and available technical data which set forth the reasons for the Resolution. Note: The first clause begins with “Whereas” and subsequent clauses are “And Whereas”.
- 2) The Resolution itself:
  - a) sets out a statement of the proposed Resolution of the problem,
  - b) identifies the government or other agency responsible for handling the problem, and
  - c) a clear and specific description of the geographical area to be addressed.
- 3) Background:
  - a) “Background information and statements of fact can be included in a broader statement given in support of the Resolution. This approach keeps the “Whereas” clauses brief.

### **REMEMBER:**

- 1) The credibility of the Federation is reflected in each and every Resolution passed by it.
- 2) Resolutions should generally be supportive of an existing Federation policy. If it is intended to change existing policy the existing policy should be stated in full and complete reasons for the policy change should be stated.
- 3) Repetition of existing policy or past Resolutions should be avoided unless the issue is important or no action has been taken by government. In this case it is often suitable to request the Board of Directors to resubmit a previous Resolution to the appropriate government authority.
- 4) It is desirable to obtain data from biologists, views and recommendations (for or against) and include them in the background.
- 5) Use separate pages for each Resolution.
- 6) Include the name of the Branch/Club submitting the Resolution and the name, address, email address and telephone number of a contact person who can be called upon to explain the position put forward and respond to questions at the AGM.
- 7) Avoid putting two separate resolutions in one Resolution.
- 8) Be brief and to the point in the “Whereas” clauses of the Resolution. Expanded information should be included in the “Background”.
- 9) Take the time to research and prepare your Resolution; otherwise they will not be well received at the AGM and may not go forward.
- 10) If you require assistance in preparing a Resolution contact the Resolutions Chair or refer to previous Resolutions.==2w