



B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION

2024 – Draft Resolutions Package

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PROCEDURES FOR HANDLING RESOLUTIONS AT CONVENTION

The following shall be considered the procedures for handling Resolutions at the Annual General Meeting & Convention:

- All resolutions will be voted on by the assembly of voting delegates.
- Amendments may be move on the floor; amendment form must be used.
- All Resolutions will be debated in general assembly, which can be in the closed session if deemed necessary.
- Only registered delegates are eligible to vote, and they will be required to use the coloured voting card that will be issued to them upon registration.
- Scrutineers will be appointed by the Chair and must **NOT** be voting delegates.

Submission of Resolutions on important matters which were not evident before the December 31st, 2022 deadline, and which, by their very nature, cannot wait until the 2023 Convention **MAY** be considered an **EMERGENCY RESOLUTION** at the discretion of the Resolutions Committee.

These Resolutions must be submitted for consideration, in a readable form, to the Chair of the Resolutions Committee **PRIOR TO** a Resolutions session listed on the Convention Agenda. No Resolutions received during a session will be entertained during that session in order to allow for proper distribution, if appropriate, to the voting delegates.

Respectfully submitted by,



Mark McDonald, Chair
B.C. WILDLIFE FEDERATION Resolutions Committee

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RESOLUTIONS

1. International Halibut Allocation

Fisheries 01/23

Whereas Canada's Total Allowable Catch of halibut is negotiated with the United States in the International Pacific Halibut Commission process which currently allots Canada 18.3% of the total amount of halibut to be harvested by both countries, and

Whereas an increase in Canada's allocation of halibut would greatly benefit Canada's commercial, public and indigenous fishers,

Therefore be it resolved that the B.C. Wildlife Federation request that the Government of Canada work diligently to negotiate a larger allocation of halibut within the International Pacific Halibut Commission process.

Submitted by: Region 6 Skeena

Approved by: Region 6 Skeena

Passed _____

Defeated _____

Withdrawn _____

Amended _____

Deferred _____

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2. Domestic Halibut Allocation

Fisheries 02/23

Whereas halibut are a common property resource of the people of Canada, and

Whereas the public fishery has issues with the instability of the season and closures of 5 months in length, and

Whereas this is causing undue hardships whether it is residents being unable to have sustenance to fill their freezers, and also these early closures are also having a financial hardship for the lodges, charter operators, tackle shops, service providers, i.e. hotels, restaurants, and tourism, etc., and

Whereas the current split in allocations of halibut allots only 15% of the domestic Total Allowable Catch to the public halibut fishery, and

Whereas the requested 3% increase in domestic total allowable catch is less than the public fishery originally asked for, and

Whereas a meager 15 % of the domestic total allowable catch is unacceptable especially in times of reduced biomass, thus causing undue hardships for the people of Canada, and

Whereas the Fisheries Minister has the ability to vary the split for the domestic Total Allowable Catch,

Therefore be it resolved that the B.C. Wildlife Federation engage with the Federal Fisheries Minister and the Minister's staff in an effort to secure a more balanced sharing arrangement of the domestic Total Allowable Catch between the public fishery and the commercial sector.

Submitted by: Region 6 Skeena

Approved by: Region 6 Skeena

Passed _____

Defeated _____

Withdrawn _____

Amended _____

Deferred _____

3. Halibut Over/Under Harvest Provisions

Fisheries 03/23

Whereas the commercial halibut fishery has provisions in place to shuffle allocation if the fleet overharvests or underharvests its' quota, and

Whereas these provisions will allow the fleet to move any underharvested quota amount to the following season or subtract any overharvested quota amount from the following season, and

Whereas in the public fishery, there is only a provision in place to take an overharvest of quota amount from the following season and no allowance for an underharvest,

Therefore be it resolved that the B.C. Wildlife Federation request the Federal Minister of Fisheries implement an underharvest provision for the public halibut fishery to move any underharvested quota amount to the following season

Submitted by: Region 6 Skeena

Approved by: Region 6 Skeena

Passed _____

Defeated _____

Withdrawn _____

Amended _____

Deferred _____

4. Public Access

Access 01/23

Whereas the B.C. Wildlife Federation is British Columbia’s largest and one of the oldest conservation societies, and

Whereas as a society one of the B.C. Wildlife Federation’s purposes is “To ensure the sound, long-term management of British Columbia’s fish, wildlife, parks and outdoor recreational resources in the best interests of all British Columbians, and to co-ordinate all the voluntary agencies, societies, clubs and individuals interested in that objective.”, and

Whereas the Governments of British Columbia, Canada and British Columbia’s Indigenous Peoples are taking the lead in development of land use plans, the development of protected areas and the development of frameworks for the protection of biodiversity and ecosystems, and

Whereas all British Columbians must have priority access to public lands, waters and natural resources unless there are specific evidence-based conservation concerns, and

Whereas collaborative processes that are inclusive of stakeholders, local governments and the public promote trust, respect, transparency, balance, innovation, accountability, reconciliation and generally produce a better result for fish wildlife and their habitats,

Therefore Be It Resolved that the B.C. Wildlife Federation request that the governments of British Columbia and Canada, as representatives of the citizens of British Columbia and Canada, commit to the principles of public access to public lands, public waters, and public resources during land use planning, including the creation of protected and conservation areas, and

Be It Further Resolved that the B.C. Wildlife Federation request that the Governments of British Columbia and Canada commit to inviting representatives of the BC Wildlife Federation to participate in land use planning and the development of plans for protecting land, water, biodiversity and ecosystems early on in the processes as they occur.

Submitted by: B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors

Approved by: B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors

Passed _____

Defeated _____

Withdrawn _____

Amended _____

Deferred _____

Supporting brief: As we move forward with many different land use planning processes, changes to legislation like those proposed to the Lands Act, and creation of different conservation areas, the B.C. Wildlife Federation, as the largest organization representing resident hunters, anglers and trappers, needs to be a part of all of these processes. Not be consulted as an after thought or as window dressing.

5. Defeated Resolutions

Administration 01/23

Whereas the B.C. Wildlife Federation Resolutions Policy states:

Defeated Resolutions

Resolutions which were defeated at a Convention are not eligible for reconsideration for at least 3 years unless changes in circumstances warrant it. A request for reconsideration with supporting arguments must be submitted, in writing, prior to the deadline and through the usual channels. , and

Whereas the 3 year rule, when in regard to membership increases, restricts the B.C. Wildlife Federation Finance Committee’s ability to stay current when budgeting for membership costs and fees as related to inflation / Consumer Price Index,

Therefore be it resolved that the B.C. Wildlife Federation Resolutions Policy be changed to read:

Defeated Resolutions

Other than resolutions setting membership fees, which may be brought forward at any Annual General Meeting, resolutions which were defeated at an Annual General Meeting are not eligible for reconsideration for at least 3 years unless changes in circumstances warrant it. A request for reconsideration with supporting arguments must be submitted to the B.C Wildlife Federation Resolutions Committee in writing prior to the resolutions deadline (Dec 31 @ 11:59pm) and through the Resolutions Policy criteria.

Submitted by: the B.C. Wildlife Federation Finance Committee

Approved by: the B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors

Passed _____

Defeated _____

Withdrawn _____

Amended _____

Deferred _____

Supporting brief: It is fiscally prudent for the B.C. Wildlife Federation Finance Committee to review membership pricing and costs on an annual basis to be sure that our members are getting good value for their money and to be sure the B.C. Wildlife Federation remains in a good financial position. Under the current Resolution Policy, if a suggested membership increase resolution is defeated at an AGM, a new increase resolution would not be able to be introduced for 3 years. This restricts the Finance Committee in its’ ability to keep abreast on membership fees and costs to keep the B.C. Wildlife Federation in good financial shape so we can adequately service the membership. This resolution would allow the Finance Committee to introduce, if necessary, increases that although more frequent, could be smaller in scale.

SPECIAL RESOLUTIONS

6. Special Resolutions in the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws

Special Resolution 01/23

Whereas, for clarity it is important for information on a topic related to the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws to be provided in one specific section to reduce confusion, and

Whereas, currently provisions for Special Resolutions occur in two separate sections which is cumbersome,

Therefore Be It Resolved that, the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws be amended as follows: moving Section 1.5 Special Resolution to be included in Section 6.3 by adding provision (b) as indicated

6.3 Special Resolutions

(a) Special Resolutions will be dealt with under the provisions of the Societies Act of British Columbia, with the notice of proposed Special Resolution given to the members of the Federation not less than 60 days prior to the meeting at which the resolution will be tabled.

(b) The Federation may change its By-Laws by Special Resolution and the resolution is effective on the date of its acceptance by the Registrar, as being in compliance with the Societies Act.

Be It Further Resolved that, the B.C. Wildlife Federation executive be tasked with making the amendments to the Bylaws by moving Section 1.5 Special Resolutions to Section 6.3 Special Resolutions as a provision (b) in the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws, updating the Bylaws sections to reflect the changes and submitting the changes with the Registrar of BC Societies Act for adoption.

Submitted By: Past Presidents Advisory Council

Approved By: B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors

Passed _____ Defeated _____ Withdrawn _____
Amended _____ Deferred _____

SUPPORTING BRIEF

In the current Bylaws on Page 6, it states:

1.5. Special Resolution

The Federation may change its By-Laws by Special Resolution and the resolution is effective on the date of its acceptance by the Registrar, as being in compliance with the Societies Act.

however on Page 15 under **6 RESOLUTIONS**

6.3 Special Resolution

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It would be beneficial to have Special Resolution provisions covered under the Resolutions section in the B.C. Wildlife Federation Bylaws.

7. Membership Increase

Special Resolution 02/23

Whereas the B.C. Wildlife Federation membership dues are currently as follows:

Regular \$	Family \$	Senior \$	Junior \$
27.00	36.50	22.00	16.50

And,

Whereas the last membership increase was approved in 2018 and implemented in 2019, and

Whereas the Consumer Price Index / inflation has increased substantially since 2018 (over 18% change in this period), leaving the B.C. Wildlife Federation significantly behind in their ability to maintain member services,

Therefore be it resolved that the B.C. Wildlife Federation membership dues be increased by the following amounts:

%	Regular \$	Family \$	Senior \$	Junior \$
15	4.05	5.50	3.30	2.50
New Fee	31.05	42.00	25.30	19.00

Submitted by: B.C. Wildlife Federation Finance Committee

Approved by: B.C. Wildlife Federation Board of Directors

Passed _____ **Defeated** _____ **Withdrawn** _____

Amended _____ **Deferred** _____

Supporting brief:

Rationale for Fee Increase – AGM 2024

- The last fee increase for club members was approved by the membership in 2018 and took effect January 1, 2019
- If the proposed increase is approved, it will not come into effect until January 1, 2025

Please see chart below.

- From year end 2018 to year end 2022, income from club memberships and dues has decreased from \$1.076 million to \$1.034 million, a decrease of 3.9%.
- Over the same period, total expenses that are paid for by club memberships and dues have increased from \$1.069 million to \$1.408 million, an increase of 31.8%.
- Inflation has caused all costs to increase by 14.8% over this period.

(see chart on following page)

