

Lake Minchumina Fish and Game Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes

December 9th, 2021

Lake Minchumina Community Library

- I. Call to Order: 1:00 by Mike Gho
- II. Roll Call:

	Chair Mike Gho	Vice Chair	Secretary Kari Gimbel	Tom Green	Bruce Wilson	Nate Turner			
Present	Present		Present	Present	Present				
Absent									
Abs/Excused						Absent			

- III. Number Needed for Quorum on AC: 3 (Lake Minchumina AC seats 9 members, 4 currently vacant)
- IV. Fish and Game Staff Present: Kyle Campbell, Tony Hollis, Andy Gryska
- V. Guests Present: Marty Wilson, John Isom, Jonathon Blackburn, Miki Collins, Julie Collins, Walt Maakestad
- VI. Approval of Agenda: not applicable for this meeting
- VII. Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes: Minutes for February 27, 2020 meeting approved by Mike Gho, seconded by Tom Green
- VIII. Reports:
 - A. Chair's Report: Mike Gho talked about a possible restriction of gill net size to less than 4 inches, and suggested following up on the particulars of how that would impact fishing in Lake Minchumina, which has few salmon.
 - B. ADF&G Report: Tony Hollis presented an overview of historic moose harvest numbers in Unit 20C as fall harvest moose numbers are not available until December-January. The moose population estimate in 2011 was 3800 moose with an estimated 49 bulls per 100 cows. Harvest data indicated roughly 170 bulls harvested per year over the last five years. The population objective for the area is between 3-4000 moose, with a harvest objective of 150-400 moose. In the area of Lake Minchumina the number of moose harvested has increased slightly from an average of 10 per year 2008-10) to 12 per year (2018-20).
The habitat of the Minchumina area of 20C, local population density, and recent burn areas were discussed. It was mentioned that Pat Owens of the Park was interested in a possible moose survey.
Mike Gho asked about predator population information, and Tony Hollis noted that wolf numbers for 20C were low overall in a 2012 survey.
Wood bison introduction in 20C or 20B is a possibility, AC and community members may be asked for input.

Lice and follicular dysplasia in wolf populations was discussed, noting that there are reports of lice in Minto flats wolf populations, and that more information is needed on follicular dysplasia.

Tony Hollis asked about marten numbers. Tom Green and Miki Collins mentioned that they seemed low compared to the last few years, but that vole populations seemed to be high.

- C. Fish: Andy Gryska asked about getting local fish harvest information, and mentioned possible methods of getting funding through Subsistence Management for a population and harvest study if local residents are interested. The community was interested in follow up information of gill net size restrictions.
- IX. Public Comments: Some discussion on a 50 inch minimum and brow tine restriction for moose harvest for non resident hunters. Department noted that ratios of 20-30 bulls per 100 cows is the ratio generally managed for.
- X. Old Business: Bruce Wilson nominated Mike Gho as official AC Chair, Mike Gho accepts. Nate Turner was nominated as Vice Chair.
- XI. New Business: AC/Community discussed deadlines and forms for submitting comments and proposals.
Mike Gho agreed to follow up on gill net restriction information and suggested January 20th, 1 pm for discussion.

Meeting Adjourned: 2:23 pm.

Minutes Recorded By: _____

Minutes Approved By: _____

Date: _____