

# Camp owners approve four resolutions

Four resolutions were approved by the Northwestern Camp Owners Association at its fall meeting here on Saturday, Nov. 9, for presentation to the Northern Ontario Tourists Outfitters' annual meeting.

The resolutions are as follows:

## Resolutions

### + Hunting season — Aulneau Peninsula

#### Problem:

The present primitive weapons regulations have effectively removed from utilization, the prime hunting area for some 25 Outfitter Camps on and adjacent to Lake of the Woods.

Hunting pressure has been greatly increased on the islands and mainland areas, particularly close to roads.

On the south portion (Morson area), hunting has been significantly increased in the farming and inhabited areas, as there is no other area in reasonably close proximity to hunt. For island camps and those on the Aulneau Peninsula, there is almost no area left to hunt.

The area of the Aulneau has been effectively denied use to both resident and nonresident by institution of the primitive weapons only requirement, except for a very small minority. Too, the vastness of this area so set aside for the almost exclusive use of so small a minority is not compatible with reasonable use of this resource.

There is no indication that gun hunting has caused any decline in wildlife populations. Only the fringe area is hunted and the interior provides an ideal propagation area.

Present general hunting regulations already provide for an extended period for archery hunting prior to the opening of the gun season on nearly all Crown land.

Jobs and investments in the tourist and related industries are being jeopardized by the arbitrary restrictions imposed on the Aulneau area.

#### Recommendations:

Both the archery-bow hunting and gun hunting regulation be reinstated as was formerly the case for both resident and non resident hunting.

## Make plans for music festival

### Closed season. Walleye and Northern Pike.

#### Problem:

The present regulations do not provide for any closed season on northern pike.

The present angling success is becoming more limited, both in number and size, for northern pike in many areas.

The present ability to fish for the larger northern pike in, or adjacent to northern and walleye spawning areas, before all ice has disappeared from the lakes, results in many being caught before they have had an opportunity to spawn, and also results in disturbance of the walleye spawning areas.

#### Recommendation:

That the northern pike season be closed April 1 and opened in conjunction with the Walleye season in May.

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### Trout Fishing.

#### Problem:

Since the new trout fishing regulations have been in force, it has become apparent that these regulations are too restrictive in some areas and not restrictive enough in other areas. We feel in order to properly manage the trout populations the Ministry must take a look at zone management by lakes to more effectively reduce the overharvest of this species. We also suggest that there are trout lakes in Northern Ontario that are not being overharvested by the angler.

#### Recommendation:

The ministry institute a plan of zone management for the control of lake trout.

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### Retail Sales Tax

Double taxation of Retail Sales Tax on building and maintenance materials, furnishing etc. used in rental units which are subject to accommodation tax.

#### Problem:

Under present regulations, building and maintenance materials, furnishings etc. used in rental units subject to the 7 per cent accommodation tax, are also subject to the 7 per cent Retail Sales Tax at time of purchase, therefore, double taxation is being collected by the government on such items.

#### Recommendation:

That all building and maintenance materials, furniture etc. to be used on rental units subject to the 7 per cent accommodation tax, be purchased free of Retail Sales Tax.

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