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Resolution 2004-05-06

HOMELAND SECURITY PRESIDENTIAL DIRECTIVE 9

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Presidential Directive 9 (HSPD 9) of January 2004 establishes a national policy to defend agriculture and the food system from attack, major disasters, and other emergencies; and

WHEREAS, the Secretaries of the Department of Homeland Security, Agriculture, Interior, Health and Human Services and the Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency were directed to build upon and expand current monitoring and surveillance programs for animal disease, plant disease, wildlife disease, food, and public health and to develop national laboratory networks for food, veterinary, plant health and water quality; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies comprises the state fish and wildlife management agencies that have the primary authority and responsibility to manage and conserve the wildlife resources of the United States; and

WHEREAS, the state fish and wildlife management agencies have not been actively engaged to date by the Federal agencies directed to implement the policy established in HSPD 9;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Departments of Homeland Security, Agriculture, Interior, Health and Human Services, and the Environmental Protection Agency involve the state fish and wildlife management agencies, via the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, in the activities described in HSPD 9; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies request these Federal Agencies provide funding and other resources to the state fish and wildlife agencies to assist them in fulfilling their responsibility for conserving fish and wildlife resources of the United States consistent with the goals of HSPD 9.