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Resolution 2013-05-06

**SUPPORT FOR THE NATIONAL FISH, WILDLIFE, AND PLANTS
CLIMATE ADAPTATION STRATEGY**

WHEREAS, A changing climate is one of the many stressors currently impacting populations of fish, wildlife, and marine species and the habitats upon which they depend, and it also exacerbates other stressors, both directly and indirectly; and

WHEREAS, as stewards of the nation's natural resources, state fish and wildlife agencies need to continue to help address the impacts of climate change through adaptation actions appropriate for their jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, the National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy (Strategy) lays out a framework for those adaptation actions for the major landscapes of the nation; and

WHEREAS, state fish and wildlife agencies were well represented on the teams that directed and drafted the Strategy and helped make the Strategy a truly inclusive collaborative national approach; and

WHEREAS, the Strategy provides useful information and relevant guidance to assist state fish and wildlife agencies in their work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, in adopting this Resolution, recognizes the National Fish, Wildlife, and Plants Climate Adaptation Strategy as an important resource that will enable state fish and wildlife agencies to better understand and determine how they can contribute to progress on helping our natural resources adapt to a changing climate.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies recognizes the perseverance of the state participants and thanks them for helping bring the Strategy to fruition.

Submitted by the Climate Change Committee