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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the governors of the states and provinces represented by this Association establish within their jurisdiction population advisory councils with ecological and demographic competence to treat adequately relationships of population to quality of our environment and to recommend solutions which will preserve an adequate quality of life.

Adopted by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners on September 18, 1970, at New York City, New York.

RESOLUTION NO. 4
LEGISLATION MODERNIZING THE P-R AND D-J ACTS

WHEREAS, the state fish and game agencies recognize the value of clarifying and modernizing the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act and the Federal Aid in Fish Restoration Act; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of S.3860 and similar bills will delete the engineering, maintenance and management limitations and effect other housekeeping changes which are desirable; and

WHEREAS, the bill's provisions would add the revenue of the federal excise tax of pistols and revolvers to the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Program; and

WHEREAS, one-half of these revenues would be apportioned among the states to, in part, support the cost of hunter safety programs; and

WHEREAS, the bill provides the option of documenting state-federal aid programs on the basis of comprehensive fish and wildlife resources plans which will encourage long-range, worthwhile planning and reduce the red tape in annual documentation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorses the principle of S.3860 (and similar bills such as H.R. 12475, S.3927, and S.3962) and urges its early enactment by the Congress.

Adopted by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners on September 18, 1970, at New York City, New York.

RESOLUTION NO. 5
FEDERAL WATER POLLUTION CONTROL AND CONSTRUCTION GRANTS

WHEREAS, existing funding authority needed to continue vital programs of Federal-State-Local cooperation in improving the quality of water, one of our basic natural resources, will expire on June 30, 1971:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges that the provisions of Section 7, "Grants to States for Water Pollution Control Programs," and Section 8, "Grants for Construction," of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Public Law 84-660, as amended, be extended to June 30, 1975, by appropriate and prompt action by the Congress of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the President, Secretary of Interior, and House and Senate Committees on Public Works.

Adopted by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners on September 18, 1970, at New York City, New York.

RESOLUTION NO. 6
INCREASE MIGRATORY BIRD HUNTING STAMP FEE

WHEREAS, there is a current and critical need to accelerate the acquisition of critical wetlands for waterfowl; and

WHEREAS, the present fee of \$3.00 for a migratory bird hunting stamp has been in effect for many years; and

WHEREAS, due to increased acquisition costs additional funds are necessary to complete the wetlands acquisition program:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners favors legislation to increase the migratory bird hunting stamp fee from \$3.00 to \$4.00 with the understanding that Congress will annually appropriate an additional amount from the General Fund equal to the revenue generated by this increase and to be used for continuation of the federal wetlands acquisition program, and none of these funds be rebated to the states.

Adopted by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners on September 18, 1970, at New York City, New York.

RESOLUTION NO. 7
HEAVY METAL CONTAMINATION OF THE ENVIRONMENT

WHEREAS, there recently have been recognized incidents of environmental contamination by mercury and other heavy metals which have had disastrous effects on fish, wildlife, public health and recreation, and food stocks; and

WHEREAS, incidents of such environmental contamination have been recognized in Japan and Sweden for many years, yet the significance of this information was not generally known to or recognized by environmental protection officials of the North American nations; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need to gather information on pollution problems throughout the world and to disseminate such information as may be pertinent, to alert federal, state, and provincial pollution control agencies to similar problems on this continent; and