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5. Establishment of Sonoran Desert National Park as provided in H. R. 11695 unless the Cabeza Prieta Game Range and National Land Reserve areas are retained under existing agency control.
6. Enlargement of Grand Canyon National Park as provided in H. R. 14176 as related to the transfer of agency jurisdiction of the Grand Canyon National Game Preserve and the Kaibab National Forest.

Be it further resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners supports the following legislation now pending before Congress: provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall imply that this Association endorses any provision of any federal statute or regulation which prohibits the management and regulation of public hunting of resident wildlife species and of public fishing on federal lands by the various states.

1. Indiana Dunes National Lakeshore (H. R. 51).
2. Sleeping Bear Dunes National Lakeshore (S. 936).
3. Pictured Rocks National Lakeshore (H. R. 8678).
4. Oregon Dunes National Seashore (H. R. 7524).
5. Bighorn Canyon National Recreation Area (S. 491 and H. R. 2778).
6. Guadalupe Mountains National Park (H. R. 698).
7. Protection of Endangered Species of Wildlife (H. R. 9424).
8. Strengthening of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (S. 2947 and H. R. 16076).
9. Strengthening of the Clean Air Act (S. 3112).
10. Protection of fur seals and sea otter on the high seas (S. 2102 and H. R. 9602).
11. Establishment of a National System of Estuarine Areas (H. R. 13447) provided that the legislation does not infringe on the present rights of any states having jurisdiction over fisheries.
12. Extension of United States fisheries jurisdiction to twelve miles (S. 2218 and H. R. 14961).
13. Extension of the emergency waterfowl wetlands loan program, with allocations to states (S. 3308 and H. R. 13495).
14. Establishment of a Redwood National Park approximately 45,000 acres in size, with any other acquisitions to be funded from monies other than the Land and Water Conservation Fund.
15. Using Land and Water Conservation Funds to acquire public access to Federal lands for recreational purposes (H. R. 17662).
16. Extending and strengthening wildlife laws and their enforcement (S. 3475).
17. Establishing a National Water Commission to review water problems (S. 3107 and H. R. 14151).
18. Establishing a Wild or Scenic Rivers Preservation System (H. R. 12797 and S. 1446).

Be it further resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners directs its officers and urges its members to advise the appropriate committees and members of Congress of this Resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

HONORING SETH GORDON

Whereas, the by-laws of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners provide for the recognition of outstanding service rendered by a conservation administrator; and,

Whereas, this authority has been used sparingly in recognizing those who have, by long years of devotion to duty, demonstrated outstanding leadership, willingness to aid in the administration of the Association, and, generally, have left their influence over the people of North America who administer renewable natural resource work;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that Mr. Seth Gordon, former Director of the Pennsylvania Game Commission, former Director of the California Fish and Game Commission, President of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in 1940-41, and present General Counsel for the Association, a diligent, unselfish and devoted worker for the Association, mankind and the management of our natural resources, be extended honorary life membership in the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners.

RESOLUTION NO. 22

APPRECIATION

Whereas, the 56th annual meeting of this Association in Kansas City, Missouri, has been an outstanding and memorable one; and,

Whereas, the efforts of the Program and Arrangements Committees have resulted in one of our most successful conferences;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners extends its appreciation to Governor Warren E. Hearnes, to the Missouri Conservation Commission, to the management of the Muehlebach Hotel, and to all the others for the many courtesies and favors which contributed so much to this convention; and,

Be it further resolved that thanks and appreciation be extended also to all who appeared on the program, thereby making this convention one of the most interesting and profitable in the history of this Association.

RESOLUTION NO. 23

REALIGNMENT OF SMALL WATERSHED PROGRAM - P. L. 566

Whereas, the original intent of the P. L. 566 program was to attain the wisest use of all resources within individual watersheds; and,

Whereas, this concept recognized the desirability and necessity of coordinated efforts between landowners, various government agencies and scientific disciplines; and,

Whereas, these original concepts are considered to be the soundest approach to effective resource management in the public interest; and

Whereas, experience has revealed that administration of the small watershed program by the Soil Conservation Service has resulted in deviations from well-rounded resource management principles in the form of:

1. Destruction of essential natural wildlife habitat that could yield public benefits if preserved.
2. Insufficient emphasis on the application of land treatment practices before water control structures are installed.
3. Accelerating the movement of water instead of emphasizing water retention.
4. Failure to provide adequate public access, in recognition of the legitimate public interest justified by the expenditure of public funds.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that the U. S. Soil Conservation Service be urged to realign their administrative guidelines and procedures to:

1. Encourage greater participation of State Conservation Departments in initial planning of watersheds.
 2. Preserve essential types of natural habitat.
 3. Develop fish and wildlife habitat while holding water within watersheds.
 4. Mitigate fully for valuable natural habitat destroyed directly and indirectly as a result of construction.
 5. Give additional emphasis to land treatment practices before water control structures are installed.
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