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Resolution 2014-02-04

RAISING AWARENESS OF E-15 (ETHANOL FUEL BLEND) AND IMPACTS ON BOATING

WHEREAS, The Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies would like to emphasize with their constituents, being boaters in state waterways, the importance of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to mandate that E-10 Gasoline remains available in the marketplace.

WHEREAS, E-10 fuel blend is the maximum legally allowable blend for use in boat motors and other small engines. With the introduction of E-15 Nationally, it is important that E-10 remains available in the marketplace and boaters remain vigilant in what they are putting in their boat motors while recreating on state waterways.

WHEREAS, recognizing that this growing issue will be important for boaters and people who use small-engine operated equipment and spreading the message of the importance of using E-10 in boat motors through state fish and wildlife agencies.

WHEREAS, A summer 2013 OPEI/Harris Interactive study shows the vast majority of Americans (71 percent) are "not at all sure" if it is illegal or legal to put high level ethanol gas (i.e., anything greater than 10 percent ethanol) into engines such as those in boats.

WHEREAS, understanding that several resources are available for Boaters to ensure they are aware of what to pump before they head out on the water are provided by partners to state fish and wildlife agencies. The National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA) and the Outdoor Power Equipment Institute (OPEI) have teamed up on a "Look Before You Pump" Ethanol Education Campaign, advocating for customers to be aware of the fuel they are pumping for boat motors and small engines at fuel retailers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOVED, that the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies and its member state agencies recognize the importance of educating boaters to use a maximum of E-10 Ethanol blend fuel in their boat motors while recreating on state waterways.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that with the ever changing renewable fuel standard being implemented by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to provide more and diverse blends of ethanol fuel, the Association of Fish & Wildlife Agencies remains steadfast in mandating that E-10 remain available in the marketplace for recreational boaters.

