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Resolution 1975-20-22

ANIMAL DISEASE CONTROL PROGRAMS

WHEREAS, it is sometimes desirable or necessary to reduce wildlife populations to prevent the establishment or spread of animal diseases in the United States; and

WHEREAS, agricultural interests may be the major beneficiaries of such population reductions; and

WHEREAS, wildlife often may be only peripherally involved in such animal disease problems;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, insists that the appropriate state wildlife agency participate on an equal basis with the U.S. Department of Agriculture in any decision to reduce wildlife populations in the interest of animal disease control, with said state wildlife agency continuing to exercise full jurisdiction and control over resident wildlife; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the U.S. Department of Agriculture reimburse the state wildlife agency for the cost of reducing, relocating and restocking wildlife in connection with disease control for the benefit of domestic livestock and poultry.