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Resolution 20

DARIEN GAP HIGHWAY

WHEREAS, through an unprecedented joint effort between the United States and Mexico during the late 1940's and early 1950's, a major outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) was contained and eradicated from the North American Continent at a cost of \$136 million to taxpayers of both countries;

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is vitally concerned with diseases affecting the wildlife and domestic livestock resources of North America;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies opposes the completion of the proposed Darien Gap Highway until such time that the Secretary of Agriculture devises a program to insure that foot and mouth disease cannot be introduced in the United States through this land route.

Resolution 21

INDIAN HUNTING AND FISHING RIGHTS

WHEREAS, concern is mounting in many states that serious depletion of fishery resources is occurring by virtue of judicial determinations that certain Indians and Indian tribes possess superior wildlife resource rights and that state regulation may be exercised only in situations where the resource is seriously threatened; and

WHEREAS, such judicial determinations have frequently terminated responsible sustained yield management of the fisheries resource and provided no sensible resolution to management problems; and

WHEREAS, additional claims are being asserted by Indian tribes to secure superior hunting and fishing rights and to obtain immunity from state regulation for all hunting and fishing activity on reservation lands;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urge Congress to acknowledge that attempts by the judiciary to resolve these serious issues have failed and that Congress, as a matter of high priority, enact legislation to clarify Indian hunting and fishing rights so states can conserve the resource by regulations equally applicable to all citizens.

Resolution 22

APPRECIATION TO THE STATE OF MICHIGAN

WHEREAS, the success of any meeting depends to a great extent on the efforts and service of the host organization; and

WHEREAS, the State of Michigan through Governor William G. Milliken, Natural Resources Commission Chairman Harry H. Whitely, Department of Natural Resources Director Howard A. Tanner and his staff and their wives have provided the ultimate in service and hospitality to make the Sixty-sixth convention of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies an undisputed success;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife convey its gratitude and congratulations to the State of Michigan, the many host organizations, and helpful individuals for this rewarding and memorable conference.