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Area Study) by closing those Zones to petroleum leasing and all industrial development; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Department of Interior and Bureau of Land Management are urged to procure existing private in-holdings within the Special Area, to manage Zones 1 and 2 of the Special Area exclusively for the protection and maintenance of its fish and wildlife values, and to consider impacts on the Special Area of land management actions elsewhere in the National Petroleum Reserve.

#### **Resolution No. 4**

##### **Hazards of Plastic Debris to Wildlife**

WHEREAS, plastic debris is increasing worldwide and tends not to disintegrate;

WHEREAS, plastic debris may be crippling or fatal to aquatic and terrestrial wildlife when mistaken for food and may be transferred through the food chain; and

WHEREAS, fish, birds, and mammals die every year from entanglement in plastic debris;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies recognizes the existence of plastic debris as a serious environmental problem and encourages its members to inform legislative and administrative bodies and the general public of the danger of plastic debris to wildlife, and of the need to reduce its proliferation into the environment.

#### **Resolution No. 5**

##### **Extending Appreciation to Senator Wallop and Congressman Breaux for Sponsoring Legislation and Reaffirming Congressional Support of the Wallop-Breaux Act (Public Law 98-269)**

WHEREAS, Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming and Congressman John Breaux of Louisiana led the successful fight for legislation in the Senate and House of Representatives to increase funds available to States for sport fish restoration, aquatic education, public access, and boating facilities;

WHEREAS, countless numbers of sport anglers devoted their time and effort supporting that legislation to improve and restore the nation's sport fishery resources;

WHEREAS, the Congress and the President of the United States recognized this great need and endorsed that legislation establishing the Aquatic Resources Trust Fund (Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund);

WHEREAS, funding for the Wallop-Breaux Trust Fund is generated from a federal excise tax on fishing equipment, motorboat fuel taxes, and custom duties on imported watercraft and fishing tackle, and therefore is a user fee which is consistent with policies of the federal administration;

WHEREAS, the States and Territories of America expected and prepared to incorporate and expand their activities to provide additional benefits for sport fishing opportunities;

WHEREAS, the Federal Office of Management and Budget unilaterally proposed to alter the 30-year practice of allocating the funds automatically by requiring its appropriation through the budget process; and

WHEREAS, Senator Wallop and Congressman Breaux introduced Senate Resolution 130 and House Resolution 165 co-sponsored with their colleagues in the Senate and House of Representatives, respectively, which strongly reaffirmed the Congressional support of the Wallop-Breaux Act as passed in 1984, thereby assuring that the Budget Resolution for 1985 from the Senate and House of Representatives would not change the sport fish restoration program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies extends its appreciation to Senator Malcolm Wallop of Wyoming and Congressman John Breaux of Louisiana for their leadership in the Congress of the United States in sponsoring legislation leading to the establishment of the Wallop-Breaux Act funds and resolutions to ensure that the funds are allocated automatically as Congress had intended in Public Law 98-269; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this Resolution be sent to the Honorable Malcolm Wallop of the U.S. Senate and to the Honorable John Breaux of the House of Representatives, and to the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

## **Resolution No. 6**

### **Recognition of the 50-Year Anniversary of the P-R Act**

WHEREAS, The Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act, commonly called the Pittman-Robertson or P-R Act, was signed into law on September 2, 1937;

WHEREAS, this legislation has served as a model for other user-pay State grant programs that benefit fish and wildlife;

WHEREAS, September 2, 1987, will be the 50th anniversary of this landmark legislation; and

WHEREAS, the cooperative matching grants (grant-in-aid) program established by this Act has been instrumental in the development of wildlife management in the United States to include revitalization of numerous wildlife species through research, management, habitat acquisition and enhancement, and appropriate recognition to commemorate the 50-year history of the program is warranted;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that in recognition of the 50-year history of the Pittman-Robertson Act, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies requests that all appropriate action be taken by the International Association staff to secure the issuance of a commemorative stamp in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Act (September 2, 1987).