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## Resolution 1984-01-12 Reauthorization and Funding of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act

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# RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by the  
International Association of  
Fish and Wildlife Agencies

*at its  
74th Annual Convention  
Juneau, Alaska, September 11, 1984*

1. **Reauthorization and Funding of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act**
2. **Reauthorization of Endangered Species Act Funding**
3. **Enhancement of Marine Fishery Habitat Programs**
4. **Reaffirming Opposition to the Stevens Amendment**
5. **Broadening Latitude for Expenditures of Dingell-Johnson Funds**
6. **Promoting Legislation to Restrict Interstate Transportation of Live Furbearers**
7. **Promoting Intra-Interagency/Academic Personnel Exchanges**
8. **Encouraging Management of Fish and Wildlife in Urban Environments**
9. **Supporting Accession to the Convention on Wetlands of International Importance**
10. **Supporting the Interstate Management of Migratory Marine and Freshwater Sport Fish**
11. **Supporting the Fifth International Waterfowl Symposium**
12. **Appreciation to Alaska, Our Host**

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## THE "INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION . . ."

The I.A.F.W.A. is composed of agencies, organizations and individuals engaged in the conservation of fish and wildlife resources in Canada, Mexico and the United States. Its objectives are to cultivate friendly relations and mutual understanding among officials engaged in natural resources conservation and to coordinate the programs they administer; to promote public understanding and appreciation of the importance of conserving natural resources; and to encourage the rational management of fish and wildlife resources.

*Governmental* memberships are open to states, provincial, commonwealth, and federal agencies responsible for administration of fish and wildlife and its habitat. Only governmental members enjoy voting privileges. *Associate* and *life* memberships are open to present and former officials or employees of wildlife conservation agencies or organizations. Nongovernmental organizations and corporations, and individuals, may support the work of the Association as *contributing* members. Memberships are also available for related *regional* associations and for *affiliated* professional organizations.

The Association holds meetings, publishes its proceedings, a newsletter, and reports on issues of immediate or special concern. Through its committees, representation in Washington, and participation in study commissions, the Association brings its expertise and prestige to bear in behalf of needed advances and reforms in fish and wildlife management at both the state and national levels. Its concerns include related problems and programs in Canada and Mexico. It represents the interests of its membership in sound wildlife conservation before congressional committees and executive departments, and in judicial proceedings.

The Association's annual meeting is held every year usually during the second week of September. A spring meeting is held in conjunction with the North American Wildlife and Natural Resources Conference. Sessions cover current fish and wildlife conservation policy issues. The joint meetings promote exchanges of ideas and philosophy between administrators and the professional fish and wildlife biologists, managers, and technical workers in related fields.

Organized on July 20, 1902, at a meeting of state wardens and officials at Yellowstone National Park, the Association has played a major role in the evolution of national conservation affairs. Its officers and members have included many of the nation's conservation leaders. It annually bestows the Seth Gordon Award to an individual who has contributed significantly to the administration of fish and wildlife and related programs.

## **Resolution No. 1**

### **Reauthorization and Funding of the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Congress enacted the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980 to provide grants to the states to assist in preparing fish and wildlife conservation plans and executing management actions to maintain and perpetuate nongame fish and wildlife;

WHEREAS, the states unanimously endorsed the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act, and despite the lack of any appropriated funds to date, at least 34 have responded by enacting state laws to provide some special state funds which would be available to match anticipated federal grants under the 1980 Conservation Act;

WHEREAS, consistent with requirements contained in section 12 of the Act, a comprehensive study to identify an equitable and effective mechanism for funding this program will be completed this year, with recommendations to be delivered to Congress by the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on or before December 31, 1984;

WHEREAS, by directing attention to nongame species/populations and by integrating all vertebrate fish and wildlife under a single management umbrella, the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980 represents a keystone in the system of federal grants to the states for the conservation of all wild, unconfined vertebrates; and

WHEREAS, authorization for this Act expires on September 30, 1985;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges the Congress to reauthorize the Fish and Wildlife Conservation Act of 1980, and that the Congress be requested and urged to establish a source of continuing and adequate funding to enable this Act to become fully operational, and that at least \$5 million of general funds be authorized and appropriated annually, starting with fiscal year 1986 (October 1, 1985), until funds become available from an identified and approved continuing source for allocation to the states.

## **Resolution No. 2**

### **Reauthorization of Endangered Species Act Funding**

WHEREAS, the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended in 1978 and 1982, is a vital part of the nation's wildlife conservation effort;

WHEREAS, authorization for funding of the Act will terminate at the end of fiscal year 1985;

WHEREAS, the Act, among its provisions, authorizes grant-in-aid funding to the states as an essential component of the endangered species program;

WHEREAS, the Act cannot be effectively implemented without the continued involvement and active cooperation of the states; and