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## **Resolution No. 4**

### **The 1985 Survey of Fishing and Hunting**

WHEREAS, the 1980 National Survey of Fishing, Hunting and Wildlife-Associated Recreation, conducted by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, provided the most comprehensive analysis ever completed of the role fish and wildlife resources play in the activities of the citizens of the United States;

WHEREAS, the survey results show that wildlife-associated recreation is one of this country's most popular outdoor pursuits and that approximately 100 million persons participated in one or more activities related to fish and wildlife;

WHEREAS, concerns about the cost of the 1980 survey caused the Fish and Wildlife Service and the IAFWA to develop an option paper and seek advice from individual states about how, or whether, to proceed with a survey in 1985;

WHEREAS, a substantial number of states responding to the questionnaire expressed a desire to continue with a national survey in 1985 similar to the one conducted in 1980.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies supports a 1985 survey of fishing and hunting and wildlife-associated recreation at approximately the same level as the 1980 study.

## **Resolution No. 5**

### **Federal Fishery Stewardship Responsibilities**

WHEREAS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) budget request for fiscal year 1983 reduced its fishery program, including termination of the National Reservoir Research Program, closures of twelve Fishery Assistance Stations, and the closure or transfer of fifteen fish hatcheries; and did further propose to increase the rate of abandonment of federal fishery involvement during fiscal year 1984 by closing additional fish hatcheries, elimination of the Anadromous Fish Conservation program, and elimination of both budget and personnel ceilings for the Cooperative Fishery Research Unit program;

WHEREAS, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) budget request for fiscal year 1984 proposed a cut of 38 percent from the previous year, including the elimination of the Commercial Fisheries Research and Development program, elimination of the Anadromous Fish Conservation Act program, a 57 percent reduction in the level of funding for the Regional Fishery Management Councils, a 50 percent reduction in fisheries habitat research activities, withholding \$6.9 million from the Columbia River Basin hatcheries program, closure of NMFS labs and facilities at Gloucester, Massachusetts; Oxford, Maryland; Tiburon, California; Galveston, Texas; and Bay St. Louis, Mississippi; and reduction of support at Sandy Hook, New Jersey and Beaufort, North Carolina labs;

WHEREAS, the Administration's fiscal 1984 budget reduction proposals impairing the federal government's ability to provide care and protection for fishery resources are not limited to the programs of the USFWS and the NMFS, but also include reduced funding requests for the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's habitat improvement and maintenance program, the Soil Conservation Service's soil and water conservation programs, the U.S. Forest Service's fishery resources programs,