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## Resolution 1980-09-14 Ad Hoc Fisheries Task Force Report on National Park Service Fisheries Policies and Practices

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WHEREAS, the Great Basin is an area of limited water distribution and availability thus making water an extremely critical environmental component; and

WHEREAS, wildlife, endangered plants, recreational values, mining and ranching operations, archaeological sites, proposed wilderness inventory areas, and the proposed Great Basin Park will be greatly disturbed; and

WHEREAS, the huge work force required for the project will dramatically alter the life style of the present residents and overload the carrying capacity of the area's natural resources;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies hereby strongly recommends that all feasible alternatives, including systems and sites, be evaluated fully in an Environmental Impact Statement; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all legal requirements, especially those under the Federal Land Policy Management Act, be scrupulously adhered to; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges that, should the current MX proposal be adopted, all reasonable measures be adopted to avoid, mitigate and compensate the loss of fish and wildlife values.

## **Resolution No. 9**

### **Ad Hoc Fisheries Task Force Report on National Park Service Fisheries Policies and Practices**

WHEREAS, the Task Force did not include representatives of state fish and wildlife agencies; and

WHEREAS, representatives of state fish and wildlife agencies were not consulted during preparation of the report; and

WHEREAS, the report unfairly characterizes state management practices and policies as being overly concerned with harvest; and

WHEREAS, the total spectrum of sport fishing experiences in park waters is virtually ignored in favor of "catch-and-release" aspects; and

WHEREAS, existing sport fishing patterns and fisheries management practices are, for the most part, compatible with park values; and

WHEREAS, these activities are unjustly criticized or given inadequate treatment in the report;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies opposes the report as written; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges the Department of the Interior to actively seek input from the various states and to give serious consideration to these views before the final report is issued.