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- arrangements and agreements to maintain both resident and migratory fish and wildlife in the two countries;
- (2) Commends the federal governments in both countries for their pre-convention consultations with state and provincial fish and wildlife agencies, and
 - (3) Strongly urges that neither government assent to the convention because of its potential for disrupting the continued sound management of North American wildlife.

Resolution No. 9

IUCN Report on Migratory Wild Animal Convention

WHEREAS, the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN) is an independent international body whose membership comprises governments, government departments and private institutions; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, a member of IUCN, is a voluntary association of the state, provincial, and federal agencies of Canada and Mexico, as well as individual associate members; and

WHEREAS, the IAFWA and many of its members, collectively and separately, took active roles in seeking to help develop a sound and workable Convention on the Conservation of Migratory Species of Wild Animals, an agreement that would assist the worthy objective of instituting and expanding efforts to aid migratory animals in areas of the world currently lacking such authority and capability; and

WHEREAS, failing to obtain amendment of the Convention so as to remove hazards to the well-established fish and wildlife programs and international agreements involving North America, Canada and the United States did not endorse the Convention in the final vote; and

WHEREAS, the IUCN monthly *Bulletin*, dated June 1979, a report on the Convention proceedings, referred to Canada, the United States, and other nonsignatory countries as "backsliders" who "will surely be shamed into reassessing their current posture."; additionally, the IUCN *Bulletin* article states that countries endorsing the Convention "would not compromise in order to 'buy' the support of a handful of wealthy countries more concerned about their own fishing interests than with protecting the 'common heritage of humanity;'"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, a member of the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources and itself an international organization of governments and others in the Western Hemisphere, hereby (1) expresses dissatisfaction and disappointment with the content and the tone of the report, A Convention is Born, in the June 1979 issue of the IUCN *Bulletin*, (2) calls upon IUCN to cease further

publication of such intemperate and inaccurate commentary, and (3) observes that continued publication of such materials as that cited herein, as well as some articles in other recent issues of its *Bulletin*, will erode confidence in IUCN's objectivity and professionalism on a world scale.

Resolution No. 10

Amend the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act

WHEREAS, the demand for sport fishing is continuing to increase, doubling approximately every 20 years; and

WHEREAS, the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act (Dingell-Johnson Act) has provided a sustained source of federal funding to the states for the past 28 years for sport fish conservation programs; and

WHEREAS, the Dingell-Johnson Program has provided substantial benefits to fishermen with a minimum of administrative costs; and

WHEREAS, the present level of funding does not allow the states to meet increasing needs for development and restoration of the fisheries resource; and

WHEREAS, the facilities that have been paid for with these excise taxes are heavily used by recreational boaters and others who have contributed little or nothing to acquisition, development, and maintenance of these sites;

WHEREAS, under the present Act, as amended, taxes on many items of tackle and other equipment used by sport fishermen are not paid into the fund; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies, hereby supports efforts in Congress to amend the Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Act to include additional articles of sport fishing tackle and certain recreational boats and boating equipment as taxable items at rates determined appropriate for purposes of sport fish restoration and conservation as provided and proposed in S. 1631; and also

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that funds raised from the boat and boat equipment tax may be used for construction and maintenance of boating facilities.

Resolution No. 11

Amendment to the Relocation Act

WHEREAS, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies previously passed resolutions requesting the Congress to amend Public Law 91-646, the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, to exclude acquisitions of fish and wildlife habitat from willing sellers; and