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Resolution 19

IMPLEMENTATION OF ENDANGERED SPECIES CONSERVATION ACT

WHEREAS, this Association supported enactment of Endangered Species Conservation legislation containing provisions for scientific resources management of listed species, as well as provisions which mandate cooperation with States, which provide a period of time for States to harmonize their laws with federal standards, and which authorize federal financial assistance; and

WHEREAS, Congress in Public Law 93-205 finds that enlistment of the capabilities of State wildlife agencies is a key to accomplishment of the high purposes of the Act; and

WHEREAS, administrative approach to the listing process effectively places the burden on States to prove the negative of classification proposals rather than as required by the Act, placing the burden on proponent; and

WHEREAS, certain species are improperly listed as endangered, such as, the Apache trout which is being reared in and planted from State hatcheries and the Gila trout which is successfully established in several drainages, as well as the Eastern Timber Wolf and the American Alligator which are at saturation levels in certain portions of their range; and

WHEREAS, delay in developing guidelines for federal-state cooperation has effectively deprived States of the full benefit of the establishment period and in the case of the Timber Wolf, the Department of the Interior would completely defeat the establishment period by its interpretation of the obscure Pan American Convention of 1940; and

WHEREAS, the promise of federal financial assistance has not yet been fulfilled and no funds are available to assist states in mounting programs for fish and wildlife species clearly recognized to be endangered; and

WHEREAS, unscientific and unrealistic administrative interpretations and existing uncertainty are beginning to seriously strain federal-state cooperation in this area;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the Secretary of the Interior and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to intensify efforts to fulfill the congressional mandate of maximum cooperation with States, to remove administrative obstacles to such cooperation and to work with State wildlife agencies through the Association to identify provisions of existing laws which may require amendment in order to accomplish stated congressional goals.

Resolution 20

APPRECIATION TO HAWAII, OUR HOST

WHEREAS, the 64th Annual Meeting of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners held in Honolulu, Hawaii, has been a well organized and informative event; and

WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii, Department of Land and Natural Resources and its Division of Fish and Game have done an excellent job in developing an outstanding program and have been most gracious hosts;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners extends its most sincere appreciation to the State of Hawaii, the Department of Land and Natural Resources and the Division of Fish and Game for their hospitality and for a rewarding and memorable conference.

DR. FRYE: Unfinished business. First, one thing, I would like to call to the group's attention is the fact that I have a real nice letter from Mrs. Roberta Wynn whom we awarded a plaque last year. We didn't give the award to her in person but to someone in her office and she's just expressing her appreciation, which we will acknowledge.