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## Resolution 1971-22-27 Federal Legislation to Establish a BLM Organic Act

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WHEREAS, proponents of S. 249 erroneously declare that next to direct human alteration of the environment, excessive hunting and fishing constitute the largest threat to animals; and

WHEREAS, in fact few species or subspecies on the current list of rare and endangered species are sought by sportsmen, and further, sportsmen have shown greater interest in preserving wildlife populations than the general public:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners requests Congress not to enact legislation such as S. 249; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all of the States are encouraged to intensify their programs for the protection of non-game and endangered species.

**RESOLUTION NO. 22  
FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH  
A BLM ORGANIC ACT**

WHEREAS, the Report of the Public Land Law Review Commission has demonstrated the need for greater guidance from Congress in stating the national policies governing use and management of the public domain; and

WHEREAS, several bills have been introduced which attempt to fill the existing void by establishing an organic act for the Bureau of Land Management and management guidelines:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges that Congress move to insure wise management of these national resource lands by fashioning an organic act for the Bureau of Land Management which draws upon the best features for managing, preserving, and enhancing the wildlife resources and environment on public lands, as found in S. 921, H.R. 9911, S. 2401 and H.R. 10049, 92nd Congress.

**RESOLUTION NO. 23  
FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO PROHIBIT  
SHOOTING ANIMALS FROM AIRCRAFT**

WHEREAS, most States prohibit the taking of game and nongame birds and animals from aircraft; and

WHEREAS, enactment of federal penalties involving suspension or revocation by the FAA Administrator of an airman's certificate as provided by H.R. 5060, 92nd Congress, would strengthen existing State measures; but

WHEREAS, State wildlife personnel engaged in management activities should not be required to obtain permits in discharging official State functions as required by the provisions of H.R. 5060; and

WHEREAS, State wildlife agencies which issue permits should not be required to file annual reports, it appearing adequate that information concerning issuance of permits be available from State agencies upon request:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges Senate approval of H.R. 5060 with amendments referred to above.

**RESOLUTION NO. 24  
FEDERAL LEGISLATION TO ESTABLISH  
WILDLIFE, FISH AND GAME CONSERVATION  
AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMS ON  
CERTAIN FEDERALLY OWNED LANDS**

WHEREAS, fish and wildlife resources are totally dependent upon their habitat; and

WHEREAS, the several States and the Federal Government must work in harmony to achieve the common objective of developing and utilizing the fish and wildlife resource; and

WHEREAS, the provisions of H.R. 9754 seek to harmonize the interests and responsibilities of the several States and of federal agencies in connection with fish and resident wildlife found on certain federally owned lands:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urge that Congress enact H.R. 9754.

**RESOLUTION NO. 25  
NON-DIVERSION OF FISH AND WILDLIFE FUNDS**

WHEREAS, there is a movement, both at the state level and at the Federal level, to consolidate natural resource agencies under a single department to be administered by a single policy making head or commission and a move at the Federal level to consolidate grant-in-aid programs into a single agency or at least fewer agencies; and