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RESOLUTION NO. 1

NEED FOR LOW FLOW STORAGE IN RESERVOIRS

Whereas, the water quality of our streams and rivers is of increasing concern because of their many and varied uses, including industrial and domestic water supply, power, and irrigation purposes, navigation, fish and wildlife, and general recreation, and,

Whereas, notable efforts are being made by municipal and industrial interests to adequately refine waste water before returning it to streams and rivers, and,

Whereas, notwithstanding increased efforts to treat waste water it will not be possible, under existing known treatment methods, to adequately maintain satisfactory quality in many of our streams and rivers unless water flow is augmented;

Therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners encourages and supports planning to include adequate waters for augmenting the flow of streams.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

COMMENDATION OF U. S. FOREST SERVICE ROAD AND LOGGING PRACTICES

Whereas, the habitat for fish is greatly influenced by road construction and logging operations, and

Whereas, the U. S. Forest Service has been helpful in requiring that consideration for fish habitat be made during logging and road building, and

Whereas, the current economic situation of the lumber industry has caused criticism of the Forest service for its close regulation of logging methods, and

Whereas, the continuation and further refinement of this regulation is essential to the well-being of the fishery resource and the over-all natural resource economy of the nation, and

Whereas, the Forest Service has insisted that fish habitat and recreational values be safeguarded;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that the U. S. Forest Service be commended for its progress in this field and be assured of the association's support of its position in this matter.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

FEDERAL FARM PROGRAM

Whereas, practices that would benefit wildlife have been included in the Federal Farm Program, and

Whereas, these permitted practices frequently are disregarded by the state and local A.C.P. committees;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners requests the Secretary of Agriculture to urge the county A.C.P. committees to give greater recognition to the wildlife features of the farm program.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

CHANNEL STRAIGHTENING

Whereas, in meeting the demands and needs of our ever-increasing human population, the preservation of fisheries, wildlife and recreational areas is becoming increasingly difficult and critical, and

Whereas, vast amounts of public funds are being appropriated to Federal agencies for water developments, including drainage, flood control, domestic and industrial water supplies, navigation, irrigation and hydropower, and

Whereas, the channelization or straightening of streams is detrimental to the conservation of our outdoor recreational areas, and

Whereas, these projects should be evaluated as to their effect upon fisheries, wildlife and outdoor recreation in determining the true cost/benefit ratios;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges that no funds be appropriated by the Congress to any Federal, State and/or local governmental agency for any project which involves channelizing or straightening of streams unless such project is first approved by the State Game and Fish Department.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

AGRICULTURAL DRAINAGE

Whereas, it is impossible to delete from practices eligible for federal cost-sharing any practice which was listed among those eligible in 1957 or