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RESOLUTION NO. 20

LAND WITHDRAWALS UNDER THE COORDINATION ACT

Whereas, the Coordination Act of 1934, as amended in 1946 and 1956, clearly expresses the intent of Congress relative to the use of federal lands in connection with fish and wildlife resources, and

Whereas, the withdrawal of certain public lands for use by the states for fish and wildlife purposes, as provided by the Coordination Act, is essential to assure tenancy to justify expenditure of state funds for their proper development in the public interest, and

Whereas, there appears to be some reluctance to use the Coordination Act to withdraw public lands for fish and wildlife purposes, and

Whereas, Secretary of Interior Stewart Udall has encouraged the purchase of public lands at a nominal price by the states for recreational purposes, including fish and wildlife;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that the Bureau of Land Management comply with the provisions of the Coordination Act for the withdrawal of lands for fish and wildlife purposes and that the BLM be instructed to conform to the Act when requested to do so by the Fish & Wildlife Service.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

REGULATING USE OF INSECTICIDES, PESTICIDES, AND HERBICIDES

Whereas, the use of powerful chemical controls are increasing, and

Whereas, the use of these largely poisonous compounds is, in part, promiscuous and unregulated, on or in the immediate vicinity of vast acreages of human, livestock, and wildlife foods, and in drainages leading to direct contamination of waters serving human, industrial, livestock, fish, and wildlife needs, and

Whereas, the immediate effects of insecticides, pesticides, and herbicides on human and all other animal life is only vaguely understood, and the residual, long-time effects of these compounds on life are almost totally unknown, and

Whereas, it is known that some insecticides, pesticides, and herbicides are violently toxic to warm-blooded animals,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the executive and legislative agencies of government, especially at the national level, to effect better regulation of insecticide, pesticide and herbicide use, to make both manufacturers and users more responsible for such use, and to initiate stronger and more intensive research leading to an adequate understanding of both the immediate and long-time effects of their use on animal life.

RESOLUTION NO. 22

SUBSIDY PAYMENTS FOR WATERFOWL PRODUCTION AREAS ON PRIVATE LANDS

Whereas, there has been for many years strong support for the payment of subsidies to landowners to secure retention of valuable waterfowl production areas, and

Whereas, funds are now or will be available through the Department of Interior and Agriculture for the preservation of wetlands, for the retirement of agricultural lands and for development of fish, game and recreational values;

Be it therefore resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners strongly recommends that provision be made to make incentive payments from U.S.D.A. A.C.P. funds to stimulate creation, restoration or preservation of water areas which are or would be of value in waterfowl production and, if necessary, such incentive payments be supplemented by payments by the Department of Interior from funds appropriated in the future for this purpose.

RESOLUTION NO. 23

DISPOSITION OF ILLEGAL OCCUPANCY OF UNPATENTED MINING CLAIMS

Whereas, the public domain lands are devoted to various uses of all the people of the United States and, as such, are used extensively for hunting, fishing and other recreational purposes, and

Whereas, S. 3451 by Senator Church, as passed by the Senate, would satisfactorily solve certain local problems by allowing some illegal occupants of unpatented mining claims to purchase at a fair value lands under five acres that they have been using for residential purposes;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the prompt enactment of S. 3451 by the House of Representatives without amendment.