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Whereas, these refuges prevent substantial crop depredation losses in California by retarding the annual fall migration,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this association hereby reaffirms and renews its request that the Department of the Interior refuse to consider any proposals that would reduce the area of effectiveness of the aforementioned refuges, and

Be it further resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners again urges the Secretary of the Interior to recommend and the members of Congress to enact legislation along the lines of S. 1988 that will establish and permanently dedicate the Tule Lake, Lower Klamath, and Upper Klamath National Wildlife Refuges for the purposes of waterfowl preservation and management, rather than to allow their future existence to rest entirely upon the insecure foundation of executive orders.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

APPLICATION OF PRINCIPLES OF COORDINATION ACT TO FEDERAL HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION

Whereas, the construction of modern highways in many instances impedes fish runs, results in detrimental stream realignment, destroys spawning areas, obstructs deer and other big game migration routes, and otherwise creates damage to fish and wildlife resources, and

Whereas, public access to important hunting and fishing areas is not always adequately programmed in highway construction plans, especially along sparsely settled areas in public land states, and

Whereas, Public Law 732, better known as the "Coordination Act," has been determined as not applicable to highway construction by a ruling of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and

Whereas, highway construction is being accelerated and the problem concerning wildlife is still unsolved,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges immediate action on the part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in conjunction with the U.S. Bureau of Public Roads to concur on an action program to alleviate the situation either by protective legislation or through agreement between the two agencies; and

Now, therefore, be it further resolved that in the event Congressional action is required to accomplish this objective, the Association does hereby endorse and urge the necessary amendments to the Coordination Act.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

FEDERAL AID TO STATES FOR COMMERCIAL FISHERIES PROGRAMS

Whereas, S. 1230 to amend the Saltonstall-Kennedy Act, for the purpose of providing funds to the states for commercial fisheries research, rehabilitation and development has been introduced in the United States Senate, and

Whereas, the conservation, development, and utilization of the commercial fisheries stocks is a critical problem because of the increasing demands placed on the fisheries resources to meet the needs of our rapidly expanding population, and to avoid undue encroachment on our resources by foreign powers, and

Whereas, the states are financing work on the stocks of commercial fish to the best of their ability, and

Whereas, passage of S. 1230 would have the same effect on commercial fisheries research, rehabilitation, and development as the proven and eminently successful programs of Federal-State participation in our recreational game and sport fish resources based on the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby urge the Congress of the United States to press for early enactment of S. 1230 to provide Federal-State participation in commercial fisheries research, rehabilitation and development.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution shall be provided to all members of the United States Senate and the United States House of Representatives.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

COMMENDING THE CANADIAN AND U.S. FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS FOR PROGRESS MADE TOWARD MORE EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT

Whereas, the Federal Governments of Canada and the United States have made considerable progress toward the development of greatly intensified international cooperation in waterfowl management, and

Whereas, a serious crisis exists with respect to the preservation of the waterfowl of North America;

Be it therefore resolved, that the International Association commends the two governments for the action taken to date, and

Be it further resolved, that the International Association urges the newly created International Committee of the two countries to move with the greatest possible speed in developing an action program aimed at the preservation of the continental waterfowl breeding grounds and the waterfowl population.