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Whereas, the problem of passing migrant fish over and through these dams has not been completely solved and will not be solved in the opinion of competent fish authorities for at least 12 years without further extensive fisheries research, and

Whereas, the Salmon river, a tributary of the Snake river, is vital to the population and permanent maintenance of these valuable runs of fish,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners reaffirms its previous opposition to high dams and takes note of a recent study by the U. S. Corp of Engineers which recommended that in view of the fishery problem and the importance of the Salmon river as a fishery stream, that the construction of high dams on this river be postponed until fish passage problems are solved.

Be it further resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, being cognizant of the demands being made for further power development on the middle Snake river, stands unalterably opposed to the construction of the Nez Perce dam which would block the Salmon River and endorses the construction of the High Mountain Sheep dam as a power project which would be the least detrimental to the maintenance of this valuable fishery resource, provided that fish passage facilities proposed in the design of said dam are approved as practicable by the conservation departments of the states of Idaho, Washington and Oregon and the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

RESOLUTION NO. 18

WATER FOR RECREATIONAL PURPOSES

Whereas, the demand for water by the exploding human population for industrial, agricultural and other uses is increasing rapidly, and

Whereas, the need for recreation and the attendant use of water is absolutely necessary to preserve the health and welfare of the people of the United States, and

Whereas, there is pending in the congress certain legislation that would give control of waters originating in public lands to the states without regard to the public right to use these waters, and

Whereas, most state laws do not give adequate recognition to the use of water for recreation including fish and wildlife purposes,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the congress that any such legislation contain provision recognizing wildlife and recreation as a beneficial use of water and to safeguard the interest of the people in the use of water originating on public lands for recreation and fish and wildlife purposes.

RESOLUTION NO. 19

CONDOLENCES

The International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners mourns the recent death of a past president, Bruce Stiles, a loyal member of this association, director of the Iowa Conservation Commission for many years, a position he attained after serving as a conservation officer, director of fish and game, and assistant commissioner. He also was a president of the Iowa Ornithological Union.

We, hereby, honor his memory and acknowledge his many contributions in these fields.

We present our sympathies and condolences to his wife and family in deep respect for this sincere conservationist.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

COMMENDATION

Whereas, the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Army complied with the request of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners and changed the policy regarding the acquisition of areas around federal reservoirs and thereby are making these federal developments available for public recreational use, the association hereby commends them for their action.

Be it resolved that there be no reconveyance of previously acquired lands which are needed for access or recreational use.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

COLORADO RIVER SQUATTERS

Whereas, hundreds of individuals are known to have occupied illegally the federal lands along the lower Colorado river in California and Arizona, and elsewhere on public land throughout the U. S. and