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## Resolution 1959-24-25 Importation of Obsolete Military Firearms and Sports Fishing Tackle

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Whereas, these "squatters" have in many instances denied public access to, and in other ways prevented the sound management and highest beneficial multiple use of the occupied lands and adjacent public lands:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners supports and encourages the responsible authorities in the initiation of action through appropriate legal channels to stop this illegal occupancy of public lands and prevent further diversion of public lands to such private use.

Be it further resolved that this Association recommends that by legal action such uninhibited use of public land be stopped. It is mandatory that the ownership and guaranteed right of the public to free access upon these lands for recreational purposes, including hunting and fishing, be recognized and that any solution arrived at shall include the reservation for public use and benefit those lands known to have special recreational potential.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 22**

### **OPPOSING THE ASSIGNMENT OF DUTIES UNDER THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR MEMORANDUM NO. 12**

Whereas, under Department of Interior Memorandum No. 12, the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries will carry out studies on both anadromous and resident fish species on all types of river basin projects as required by the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in order to meet scheduled report deadlines . . . and the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries will conduct the necessary investigation, assemble the necessary data on the fishery aspects of these projects for inclusion by the Bureau of Sports Fisheries and Wildlife in completed reports.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that Memorandum No. 12 either be abolished or a subsequent memorandum drafted that will give equal status to each bureau and to exclude the clause covering resident fish and those anadromous fish that are controlled under state game and fish department regulations without consideration by these bodies.

Be it further resolved that this resolution is expected to correct the possibility of severe management problems under a succeeding administration and to prohibit the possibility of creeping commercial controls to an unbearable status.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 23**

### **APPORTIONMENT OF FEDERAL AID FUNDS**

Resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners now endorses the present apportionment policy of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the disbursement of federal aid funds, and that it urges states which are not satisfied with their own license structure to seek a correction of that license structure in their respective state legislatures.

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 24**

### **IMPORTATION OF OBSOLETE MILITARY FIREARMS AND SPORTS FISHING TACKLE**

Whereas, the large increase in the importation of obsolete military weapons and certain kinds of sports fishing tackle will result in an estimated \$3,000,000 decrease in the excise taxes that provide the funds for the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson federal aid funds, which are apportioned to the states for their fish and game management program; and

Whereas, the expected increase in the importation of these obsolete military rifles and sports fishing tackle will undoubtedly cut still deeper into the federal aid funds of the states.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners hereby urges the president of the United States to limit by mandatory quotas the importation of obsolete military firearms and sports fishing tackle to somewhere near the total number of such commodities that were being brought into this country during the period from 1945 to 1955.