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Whereas, provisions under the Boulder Canyon Act permit the U. S. government to take water from the Colorado river for its lands according to legal counsel, and such diversions shall not be chargeable either to Arizona or California as individual states,

Whereas, the future of the Great Basin Canada Goose is in jeopardy, and

Whereas, the Department of Interior has not taken definite steps to correct this situation,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the Secretary of the Interior to order the diversion of water to permit a flow of 26,500 acre feet annually through the Topock area, not more than 4,500 acre feet of which will be for consumptive use, and that a determination of the amount of water necessary for the future maintenance of Topock Marsh be made, and

Be it further resolved that the secretary should order a study made immediately of the minimum amount of water that must be permitted to flow through this area to maintain wildlife values.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

DISPOSAL OF RADIOACTIVE WASTES

Whereas, the increasing use of radioactive materials has created a disposal problem which may in the future affect all marine resources and sea-side communities, and

Whereas, radioactive materials once disposed of into marine waters cannot be retrieved, and

Whereas, ocean disposal of these materials has resulted in concern on the part of public officials and consumers as to the safeness of ocean products as human foods, and

Whereas, this concern itself may result in irreparable damage to the fishing industry,

Now therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners recommends to all public agencies concerned that radioactive wastes be disposed of in appropriate underground depositories.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

MAINTENANCE OF FISH STRUCTURES ON COLUMBIA RIVER DAMS

Whereas, the United States government, through the Bureau of Reclamation and Corps of Engineers, has constructed more than 40 dams on the Columbia river watershed, and

Whereas, an agreement has been entered into between the United States and the several states concerned in the Columbia Basin regarding the construction of fishways, salmon hatcheries, and other facilities to provide for the passage of fish, resulting in the completion of many of these projects and the planning of others, and

Whereas, the maintenance of these structures will result in a continuing cost that has not been provided for in the original agreement, and

Whereas, the several states concerned, through their legislatures, have petitioned the president and congress of the United States to recognize the permanent maintenance of these structures as a federal responsibility,

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 recognize the permanent maintenance and operation of these facilities as a federal responsibility and to appropriate monies for their continued operation and maintenance on a permanent basis.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

LAND WITHDRAWALS FOR SALMON RIVER SPAWNING AREAS

Whereas, the perpetuation of the anadromous fish resources of the Snake River Basin generally and of the Salmon river particularly depend on the adequate passage of fish through the various dams constructed in this system, and vast sums of money have been expended to insure such fish passage, and

Whereas, adequate provisions are needed not only for fish passage, but also for the protection of the natural spawning areas in the headwaters of the Salmon river,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners goes on record as endorsing the request