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## Resolution 1957-16-30 Mosquito Control

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mission for purchase of individual parcels of land in an approved acquisition project, and

Whereas, there is extreme urgency to expedite acquisition of important waterfowl habitat to prevent its destruction,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the Migratory Bird Commission adopt a procedure of approving the overall project boundaries and the negotiation price as ascertained by land appraisals of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and thus permit the service to acquire individual tracts within the approved project boundaries and the negotiation price.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 16**

### **MOSQUITO CONTROL**

Whereas, the expanding program of mosquito control work is jeopardizing the existence of valuable waterfowl habitat through drainage and other measures destructive to wildlife inhabiting such wetlands; and

Whereas, such control programs are of vital interest to state and federal land use agencies; and

Whereas, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is the appropriate agency to provide advisory aid to state and federal land use agencies in devising mosquito control measures which are least destructive to the wetlands and wildlife resources using them; and

Whereas, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service is not presently staffed to provide such advisory assistance,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service obtain the services of a competent entomologist to assist state and federal land use agencies in working with Mosquito Control Commissions so that mosquito control programs can be so devised as to reduce or eliminate destructive loss of valuable waterfowl habitat.

## **RESOLUTION NO. 17**

### **HIGHWAY IMPOUNDMENTS**

Whereas, by congressional action huge sums are to be utilized in a long term program of constructing a nationwide network of multiple-lane highways in the United States, and

Whereas, in modern highway construction the common practice is to cut through the hills and fill the valleys instead of following natural contours, and

Whereas, it appears that in many states and places the valley fills might be utilized to good public advantage for water impoundment in an area of greatly increasing water needs for all purposes, and

Whereas, the essential differences between highway fills and earth filled dams appear to be chiefly that the dams require additional amounts of more nearly impervious materials and extra compacting to prevent leakage of water, and

Whereas, it does not appear insurmountable to devise and design riprap works and spillways that can prevent water damage to highway fills and if they are also utilized as earthfilled dams, and

Whereas, it is recognized that numerous federal and state departments and agencies would be affected if such utilization of highway fills was attempted, and that it might be necessary to bring about amendment of some federal and state laws to make such a proposed program feasible, as well as to enter into a number of agreements between agencies to assure adequate coordination, and

Whereas, it is believed that the proposal is of sufficient worth to justify both intensive and extensive exploration to determine feasibility,

Therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that we heartily and earnestly commend to the constituted authorities of the federal government and the several states the proposition that, where feasible, fill areas in the said nationwide highway construction program be utilized for water impoundment as well as to carry highway traffic, such impoundment to be for any suitable individual or combination purpose, including flood control, public, industrial or agricultural water supply, recreation, including fishing, boating, swimming and so on, and low stream flow augmentation;

Be it further resolved, that copies of this resolution be distributed to the office of the president of the United States, to the heads of all affected federal departments, commissions, and other agencies, to the members of the federal congress, to the governors of the several states, and to the highway, agriculture, commerce, recreational and other affected departments and agencies of the states.

And be it further resolved that a copy of this resolution be submitted to the chairmen of the Committees on Public Works of the House of Representatives and the U. S. Senate with the request that a study be undertaken on the subject matter of this resolution.