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Whereas, the duck stamp as a means of raising funds for the above-mentioned purposes was accepted by the American public with the pledge that the funds would be used primarily for wetland acquisition, and

Whereas, congress has failed to meet its obligation to the millions of people interested in the preservation of waterfowl, and

Whereas, the waterfowl resources of the North American continent are a public responsibility recognized by International Treaty, and

Whereas, it is recognized that land costs are much higher than they were a few years ago, requiring the outlay of considerably more money to accomplish the objectives, which, coupled with a corresponding increase in other governmental costs, has rendered the present \$2.00 duck stamp inadequate.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners goes on record approving a one dollar increase in the duck stamp to aid the above objectives with the definite understanding that (1) the entire income from duck stamps will be matched by appropriations from general public funds, (2) that not less than 50 per cent of such combined funds be allocated to the acquisition or leasing of wetland areas for waterfowl management purposes, (3) that substantial areas in the so-called pothole country of the prairie states be acquired or leased for nesting and feeding grounds, (4) that not more than 40 per cent of said funds be available for administration, operation, management, and maintenance of said waterfowl management and wetland areas, and (5) that the remainder be used for enforcement, and for the distribution of these stamps.

RESOLUTION NO. 29

HARVEST OF GAME ON FEDERAL REFUGES

Whereas, the fish, upland game birds and big game animals now located on federal refuges belong to the states, and their proper management is the responsibility of the individual states, and

Whereas, the establishment of refuges for the protection of one species prevents the harvest of other species for which such protection is not required, and

Whereas, in most federal refuges harvests are needed in order to manage properly the fish and game resourced thereon, and

Whereas, it now appears that the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has given serious consideration to proper management of federal refuge areas, from the standpoint of allowable harvests in some areas, but has not made available many fish and game resources that should be public harvested,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby commend the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its more realistic attitude with reference to proper management of these refuges, and

Be it further resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby urge the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to give further study, in cooperation with the states, to the full development of public harvest plans for their entire refuge system in order that fish and game which can be harvested will not be wasted.

RESOLUTION NO. 30

APPRECIATION OF COURTESIES

Be it resolved by the 47th annual convention of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners assembled in Las Vegas, Nevada this 10th day of September, 1957, that we wish to thank the Nevada Fish and Game Commission, Chairman Wayne Kirch, Director Frank Groves, and all their staff for the very fine manner in which they have provided for this convention and for the pleasure and comfort of all those in attendance. The success of this convention and the pleasant memories that we will all take home with us are due in a very large measure to the untiring efforts of the Nevada Fish and Game Commission who have so ably represented the people of Nevada.

We commend also the New Frontier Hotel and its management for their excellent work in providing necessary space, facilities and services for the benefit of this convention.

We express our appreciation to the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce, and to the press of this city for their efforts in our behalf.

Finally we express our appreciation to all those who have participated in the organization and conduct of this convention and its work, whose numbers and names are far too numerous to set down here, but whose efforts are none-the-less appreciated as fully as the work of those we have named.

We shall long remember the hospitable welcome and efficient work of all, and we close this convention with gratitude to all who have made this convention so pleasant and successful.