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services for the drainage of surface water from private lands be terminated, and that the secretary of this organization is hereby instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Agriculture, and the chairman of the appropriations committees in both houses of congress.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

NEED FOR SPORT FISHERIES RESEARCH PROGRAM

Whereas, about 21 million United States citizens depend heavily upon sport fishing and hunting for their chief form of outdoor recreational use of leisure time, and that number is steadily increasing, and

Whereas, as shown by the national economic survey of hunting and fishing expenditures, recently completed, the sport fishery resource is the basis for a \$3 billion annual outdoor recreational industry which has grown up to serve the requirements of the many millions of citizens who look to the waterways, fields and woodlands for needed relaxation, and

Whereas, there is a widespread need for additional fundamental knowledge pertaining to the sport fishery and wildlife resource in order to sustain and properly develop it for the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people, and which cannot generally be met by the individual states, and

Whereas, the recent passage of Public Law 1024, known as the Fish and Wildlife Act of 1956, directs the Secretary of Interior to reorganize the United States Fish and Wildlife Service into a Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and a Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and otherwise authorizes him to allocate between the two bureaus such functions and personnel as he sees fit,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association, Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, assembled in annual convention, at Toronto, Canada, September 13 and 14, 1956 requests and urges the Secretary of the Interior to provide within the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife adequate provision for increased emphasis on sport fisheries and wildlife research by enlargement through additional funds and personnel with an appropriate administrative unit, and

Be it further resolved, that the association send a copy of this resolution to the Secretary of the Interior by telegraph as early as possible since such matters are under current study.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

OPPOSING HR. 12311, BILL TO INCREASE THE P. R. APPROPRIATION TO ALASKA

Whereas, there has been introduced into congress a bill (HR 12311) by Delegate Bartlett which would have the effect of increasing the present federal aid in wildlife restoration fund allocation to Alaska from the presently stated figure of \$75,000 to an amount equal to one-half of what Alaska would receive if it were a state, thereby increasing the said allocation to approximately \$250,000, and

Whereas, such an increase to Alaska would result in a reduction in sorely needed funds presently allocated to the several states, and

Whereas, Alaska has not yet established a territorial fish and game department nor made provision for matching federal aid funds with territorial funds,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that this association, while recognizing the need for further resource management and research in the territory of Alaska, holds that such monies should come from the general fund, and

Be it further resolved that the association holds that until such time as Alaska becomes a state, or until such time as Alaska contributes matching funds in the same manner as is required of the states, that the present allocation to Alaska from federal aid funds should be held at its present level.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

AMENDMENT TO THE COORDINATION ACT (PUBLIC LAW 732)

Whereas, the Coordination Act of August 14, 1946, sometimes known as Public Law 732, 79th Congress, has resulted in sound conservation gains for the fish and wildlife resources of the nation, and