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Whereas, pollution from oil operations is also destructive to aquatic food plants; and

Whereas, Catahoula Lake is of national significance as a major waterfowl wintering area in that it provides food for hundreds of thousands of birds each year through its large natural beds of aquatic food plants that require a fluctuating level; and

Whereas, a sound combination management program can be effected for both recreation and waterfowl; and

Whereas, the importance of this area requires that all those interested in conservation, including the state conservation agencies, stimulate widespread and effective opposition to the destruction or impairment of this urgently needed waterfowl wintering area;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in annual convention assembled at Dallas, Texas, this 12th day of September, 1952, petition the Governor and State Legislature of Louisiana to preserve the area in its present natural state.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

FLYWAY COUNCILS AND A NATIONAL WATERFOWL COUNCIL

Whereas, Resolution number 10 of the Forty-First Annual Convention of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners established among the states, Flyway Councils and a National Waterfowl Council to work with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service in an effort to insure the participation of the States in National Waterfowl Management; and

Whereas, the several States have efficiently organized such Councils for the four flyways and the National Council; and

Whereas, this principle and program has been accepted and implemented by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, which agency has recognized these State groups and has cooperated fully with them by setting up machinery for further close teamwork on a year around basis;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention assembled at Dallas, Texas, this 12th day of September, 1952, does hereby commend the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service for its progressive action which, through the coordinated activities of the Federal and State agencies, will lead to better and more effective waterfowl management; and

Be it further resolved that the Association endorses the progressive statement of objectives made by the National Waterfowl Council and presented to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as a course of action for the improvement of waterfowl management; and

Be it further resolved that the Association does hereby instruct the National Waterfowl Council to complete its permanent organization in accordance with the previous resolution of the Association, and to adopt by-laws for the government and procedure of the National Waterfowl Council and the several Flyway Councils under uniform provisions; and

Be it still further resolved that the President of the Association be instructed to appoint from the membership of the National Waterfowl Council a temporary Chairman with power to call meetings, to appoint a committee to draft by-laws, and to serve as and perform the usual duties of a Chairman until the permanent organization is completed.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

FLOOD CONTROL, OVER-ALL PLANNING, AND UPPER WATERSHED PROJECTS

Whereas, disastrous floods continue to occur in spite of vast sums spent by the federal government and local agencies on flood control projects, which have consisted chiefly of protective works along main streams or tributaries, without effective co-ordination and with little concern for upper watershed problems;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in annual convention assembled at Dallas, Texas, this 12th day of September, 1952, that we urge Congress to re-evaluate the entire flood control program with a view to better over-all planning and co-ordination of future projects, and with greater emphasis on upper watershed projects for water conservation and flood prevention.