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RESOLUTION NO. 6

REORGANIZATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Whereas, it is the opinion of the association that dual administration of the public lands causes many conflicts in administration and public service policy, and,

Whereas Section 7A of Senate Bill 1149 would, if passed, transfer from the Department of the Interior to the Secretary of Agriculture the functions of the Bureau of Land Management and the functions of the Secretary of the Interior in relation thereto

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners support the proposal as included in Section 7A.

Be it further resolved that the legislative and executive committee be authorized to support the principles contained in the bill for its passing provided that the measure in its entirety does not conflict with the policies or objectives of this association.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

MODIFICATION OF MINING LAWS

Whereas, The headwaters and spawning areas of salmon and steelhead are being destroyed by dredging and mining operations, and

Whereas, The demand for monazite sands and other metals has been greatly increased because of the expansion of our armed forces, and

Whereas, anyone may file on and lay claim to any land containing valuable metals or minerals by showing proof of its presence, and

Whereas, much of the land being acquired under our present mining laws is used for other purposes than the production of metals or minerals, such as dude ranches, summer homes and private recreational programs or unrestricted grazing, and,

Whereas, under present laws neither the Forest Service, nor any other public agency, has any jurisdiction over land acquired for mining purposes and used for other purposes.

Therefore, be it resolved that this association work toward the modification of our mining laws to allow such claims to apply only to the sub-surface and that such mining interests be required to restore the terrain as nearly as possible to the original topography and comply with other regulations which may be established by state or federal conservation agencies.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

APPOINTMENT OF FEDERAL AID COMMITTEE

Whereas the federal aid program is an important and complicated force effecting the interests of all states and

Whereas technical questions of procedure, interpretation and policy frequently arise between sessions of the International Association and often require prompt decisions

Therefore we recommend that a permanent committee be appointed to continue to be a clearing house for federal aid matters even though questions of major policy must of necessity be referred to the association. We urge the states and regional associations to clear these questions with the International Association through its federal aid committee before taking independent action even though it is evident that neither the association nor any of its committees can legally bind any state of the U. S. Government.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

CONSERVATION EDUCATION

Whereas, all progress in conservation depends on public support, which in turn depends on education and information:

Therefore be it resolved, by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Rochester, New York, this 11th day of September, 1951, that we deem it vitally important to promote the utmost possible expansion and development of all activities for conservation education and information through the schools, press, radio, television, and other means, and we urge the Congress, the state legislatures, and other authorities concerned to provide all necessary funds and facilities for adequate conservation education and information programs.