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RESOLUTION NO. 10

NATIONAL WATERFOWL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, the flyway plan of administering the waterfowl resources of the Continent has been adopted by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service as the basis for migratory waterfowl regulations; and

Whereas, each of the states within the several flyways should participate more actively in annual surveys, both on the nesting grounds and in wintering areas, to determine the status of waterfowl and especially the development of more adequate midwinter inventories; and

Whereas, the state wildlife agencies within the several flyways bear a major share of the burden for enforcing migratory bird hunting regulations in the shaping of which they have practically no voice; and

Whereas, conditions prevail in each of the flyways which present difficult problems for both the states and the federal government, including waterfowl depredations on agricultural crops in some flyways; and

Whereas, in order to bring about better understanding and cooperation, representatives of the official state agencies should participate fully in the formulation of the annual migratory bird hunting regulations of the United States,

Now, therefore, it is hereby recommended that there be established a flyway council in each flyway composed of representatives of the official state wildlife conservation agencies; and that each flyway council in turn appoint or elect two of its members to serve on a national waterfowl council, and that the federal government departments of Canada and Mexico in charge of waterfowl management each be invited to appoint two advisory members, without voting powers, to meet with this national waterfowl council; said national waterfowl council to meet with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to recommend annual regulations and such management practices and policies as they deem fitting.

Be it further resolved that coordinators be selected and assigned to each flyway by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to act as liaison agents for the coordination of research and management work of the various states and the federal government, and to combine state and federal findings and make such findings available to the respective flyway councils.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

PUBLIC FISHING RIGHTS ON IMPOUNDED WATERS

Whereas, many good fishing waters are being impounded by the Bureau of Reclamation and the Army Engineers for power development, irrigation of new lands, and flood control, and

Whereas, these waters basically belong to the people of the state, and

Whereas, in years to come the jurisdiction and management of these waters and the area surrounding them may revert to private, corporation or municipal ownership, and access of the general public restricted therefrom,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners hereby requests the Bureau of Reclamation and the U. S. Army Engineers to provide in the initial planning and agreements of all dams and impoundments that public fishing rights will be protected, and free access thereto provided in perpetuity and so encumbered in the deed of the lands thereto, and

Be it further resolved, that these agencies provide in the initial planning of such projects as well as in the operation of all existing impoundments provisions for a minimum conservation pool in order that adequate fish life may be maintained in these impoundments.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

WILDLIFE CONSERVATION PLANNING COMMITTEE

Whereas there is great need in the field of wildlife conservation for progressive planning—especially of a long-range nature and,

Whereas this need has been emphasized at this conference by Dr. Ira N. Gabrielson and Dr. Clarence Cottam, as a challenge to this association,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that a standing committee on wildlife conservation planning be established within this association by the president thereof, and that the committee be directed to submit an annual planning report to each succeeding conference.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

FENCING OF PUBLIC GRAZING LANDS

Whereas, the erection of sheep-tight fences and other such structures has resulted in hampering the natural movements of big game, particularly antelope, to and from water and has resulted in hampering their natural migrations from summer range to winter range and return, and