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Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish, and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 13th day of September, 1949, that we protest all such restrictions, urge that the control of the wildlife resources of such areas be restored to the states for public use and benefit, and that Congress enact appropriate legislation to that end if necessary.

9. **Federal Water Pollution Control Act**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we commend the Congress and all other agencies instrumental in securing passage of the Barkley-Taft Water Pollution Control Act; that we urge Congress to provide adequate funds necessary to implement the Act; and that we pledge the support of the association to a nation-wide program of action to make the Act effective.

10. **State Rights in Navigable Waters**

Whereas by decisions of the United States Supreme Court the jurisdiction of the states over certain navigable waters and the lands thereunder appears to have been substantially curtailed, thereby threatening the proper exercise of state authority in respect of the conservation and control of fish, wildlife, and other natural resources in and under such waters:

Therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish & Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we urge the passage by Congress of necessary legislation to clarify the limits between state and federal jurisdiction in such waters and lands and to confirm to the states full authority therein so far as necessary for proper conservation and control of the natural resources thereof for the public benefit.

11. **Federal Wildlife Regulations in National Forests and Other Public Lands**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we oppose the exercise of authority by any federal agency in prescribing regulations for the taking of any species of wildlife in the national forests or upon lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, or the charging of any license or permit fees therefor by any federal agency. We urge the several states in which such national forests or other public lands are located to adopt and carry out all measures necessary for the proper management and control of wildlife therein and for the protection of the timber, range, and other natural resources therein against damage from wild animals, so that the exercise of federal authority therefor will be unnecessary.

12. **Recreational and Wildlife Development in National Forests**

Whereas we recognize the great value and importance to the public of the recreational and wildlife resources of the national forests of the United States, embracing over 180,000,000 acres of public land, and including some 5,000 recreational areas open to the public for hunting, fishing, camping, and related recreational uses, in charge of the U. S. Forest Service; and

Whereas previous appropriations to the U. S. Forest Service for protection and development of these resources have been utterly inadequate to meet the growing needs of maintaining the recreational areas in the National Forests and supporting necessary work in habitat and wildlife management in co-operation with respective states:

Therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we urge Congress to enact as soon as possible the measure known as S.2409, H. R. 2419, authorizing expenditure by the Secretary of Agriculture of 10 per cent of the annual receipts from the respective National Forests for the development, maintenance, and operation of recreational resources and areas, including wildlife resources, therein.

13. **Alaska Public Domain Lands**

Whereas there is pending before Congress proposed legislation designed to open up large areas of public domain land in Alaska for settlement by veterans; and

Whereas the history of such movements in the past has demonstrated that while originally intended for the benefit of veterans, the ultimate effect has been to promote speculation and enable speculators and others to profit by the misfortune of those who attempted to settle such lands; and

Whereas such settlement schemes have usually resulted in the abuse of land and the unwarranted dissipation of natural resources;

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba, this 13th day of September, 1949, that we oppose legislation for the aforesaid purposes.

14. **Botulism Control in Lower Klamath Lake Waterfowl Refuge**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we request Congress to authorize an appropriation of not less than \$600,000 for the purpose of botulism control on the Lower Klamath Lake Wildlife Refuge in Northern California and to do necessary work to prevent future outbreaks of botulism in this area and other areas in United States.

15. **Fencing on Public Grazing Lands**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we urge the U. S. Bureau of Land Management to include in its regulations governing the leasing and use of public grazing lands, provisions prohibiting the construction of fences on such lands which will interfere with the migrations or movements of big game animals.

16. **Conservation of Basic Resources**

Whereas this association has heretofore been concerned chiefly with the conservation and management of wildlife and related natural resources; and

Whereas the future success of the entire wildlife conservation program depends in increasing measure on conservation of the soil, waters, and forests which comprise the habitat for wildlife; and

Whereas the survival of the free way of life prevailing in Canada, and the United States and other democratic nations of the world depends on the utmost efforts in providing for the good care and wise use of all basic natural resources, including soil, waters, forests, and minerals, as well as wildlife:

Therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we instruct the officers and executive committee of the association, in planning programs for future conventions and activities of the association, to give greater consideration to conservation of the basic resources, commensurate with their importance, as well as wildlife resources.

17. **Representation at Convention of the Association**

Whereas this association is the chief organization representing the administrative agencies of the States of the United States and the provinces of Canada concerned with conservation of wildlife and other natural resources, and has played a leading part in the progress of conservation on this continent for nearly 40 years; and

Whereas maintenance of a strong international association is essential to secure united action among the states and provinces in promoting an effective conservation program and in maintaining their mutual rights and interests therein;

Therefore be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that we instruct the officers and executive committee of the association to adopt and carry out all measures which they deem most effective in impressing upon the executive and conservation authorities and other interested agencies of the several states and provinces, especially those that have not been active in the affairs of the association, the importance of sending official representatives to the conventions of this association and actively supporting its program.

18. **Co-operation with Mexico**

Whereas there are strong bonds of mutual interest between the Republic of Mexico and her sister countries to the north in the conservation of migratory birds and other natural resources; and