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Whereas the authorities of the national government and the several states of Mexico have manifested increasing concern for an effective conservation program by the adoption of various progressive measures to that end;

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 commend the Mexican authorities for their progressive efforts in furtherance of the conservation of migratory birds and other natural resources, and that the officers and executive committee of this association be instructed to communicate with them regarding the adoption of such measures as may best promote co-operation between Mexico, the United States, and Canada in the advancement of conservation, and that the Mexican authorities be invited to send representatives to all future conventions of this association and to participate actively in the affairs thereof.

19. **Advance Appointment of Resolutions Committee**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that the President be instructed to appoint the Resolutions Committee at least 90 days in advance of each succeeding convention and that the secretary be instructed in the notice of each convention to urge all members intending to submit resolutions to forward a draft thereof to the chairman of the Resolutions Committee at least 15 days before the convention.

20. **Quetico-Superior Peace Memorial Forest**

Whereas this association has heretofore joined with many other organizations of the United States and Canada in supporting the program for establishment of an international peace memorial forest, dedicated to the war veterans of both countries, in the Quetico-Superior region, comprising an incomparable area of forests, waters and inter-lacing canoe routes, where primitive natural conditions remain largely unspoiled; and

Whereas the central aim of this program is to preserve the primitive wilderness character of the interior of this region for perpetual public use and enjoyment, and to conserve the natural resources of the entire region for the benefit of the people of the respective countries, signifying the common bond of friendship prevailing between them; and

Whereas the consummation of this great project is now threatened with defeat by increasing invasion and exploitation of the roadless areas of the Superior National Forest on the American side by unchecked commercial and private airplane traffic:

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:

(1) That we urge the President of the United States to sign and promulgate as soon as possible the proposed air space reservation now awaiting his action, providing for the exclusion of commercial and private airplane traffic from the designated roadless areas;

(2) That we reaffirm our previous action in support of the international peace memorial forest program, and we urge all governmental agencies concerned in both Canada and the United States to join in promoting the adoption of a treaty and other measures necessary to carry out this program.

Further resolved that we instruct the secretary of the association to telegraph the President of the United States immediately advising him of the adoption of this resolution, and send copies thereof to him and all others concerned.

21. **Federal Department of Natural Resources**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners in convention assembled at Winnipeg, Manitoba this 13th day of September, 1949, that in furtherance of better coordination and efficiency in the administration of all federal activities concerned with conservation of natural resources, we urge the adoption by Congress of the recommendations of the Report on Natural Resources, Appendix L, published January, 1949, by the Task Force of the Commission on Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, providing for a unified federal department of natural resources, except that we oppose the recommendation of the report for separation of fisheries administration from wildlife administration.

22. **Memorial Resolution for Deceased Members**

Whereas, the Creator in His infinite wisdom has called from the walks of men and from their incessant labours our fellow workers in the field of wildlife conservation and development, Dr. A. K. Fisher, Washington, D. C., E. Sydney Stephens, Columbia, Mo., Ben C. Morgan, Tallahassee, Florida, F. C. Walcott, Norfolk, Conn., and R. G. Parvin, Denver, Colorado:

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 deplore the irreparable loss occasioned by the untimely passing of these men, and we urge every member of this association to emulate, so far as possible, the fine contribution which they made to the cause of protection and development of the natural renewable resources of the North American Continent.

23. **Appreciation of Courtesies**

Resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that we hereby express our sincere thanks and appreciation—

To the Honourable J. S. McDiarmid, Minister of the Department of Mines and Natural Resources, province of Manitoba; to Mr. G. W. Malaher, Director of Game and Fisheries; to Mr. G. E. Butler, Supervisor of Fish Culture, and to their associates in the Manitoba Department, for the fine courtesies extended to the association during the 39th Annual Convention, for the splendid arrangements made for the meetings of the association and the accommodation of its members and guests, and for the other incomparable contributions which they have made to the success of its meeting;

To the management of the Hotel Royal Alexandra for the hospitality extended to the association and its members and for the many comforts and conveniences made available during this convention;

To the T. Eaton Company and to the Hudson's Bay Company for the courtesies and entertainment provided for the wives and families of the members and guests of the association;

To the National Parks Service of Canada for its contribution to the success of the annual banquet by supplying buffalo meat for this memorable occasion;

To Ducks Unlimited and the Delta Waterfowl Research Station for their co-operation;

To all others whose hospitality, courtesy, and service have contributed to the success and enjoyment of this meeting.

Now, Mr. President, I move the adoption of all the resolutions read, except those which have been withheld for discussion, namely those relating to Federal Department of Natural Resources, Quetico-Lake Superior Peace Memorial Forest, and Advance Appointment of Resolutions Committee.

Mr. H. A. Rider: I second the motion.

(Carried.)

Mr. Chester Wilson: The first resolution held over for discussion relates to Advance Appointment of the Resolutions Committee. I move the adoption of the Resolution.

Mr. Gutermuth (Washington, D. C.): The only point I want to bring up is that the time should be extended. I do not think 60 days is enough. I certainly have not been able to get as much done as I could. I would like to see a minimum of ninety days.

The second thing I am wondering about is: Does that last provision limit the acceptance of resolutions during the convention?

Some Delegates: No.