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Be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, therefore directs the officers and Executive Committee of this Association to take immediately whatever steps they deem necessary and advisable to bring directly and forcefully to the attention of the War Assets Administration or other proper authorities the sentiments of this body, and to proceed as they may find it desirable in an effort to accomplish such revisions in the interpretation and application of the act as will assure the carrying out of its original intents and purposes.

13. **Wildlife Conservation of National Defense Lands**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, urges the Secretary of National Defense to authorize the establishment and administration, by the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, or by state conservation agencies, in accordance with existing state and federal laws, of effective measures for the conservation of wildlife and other natural resources on all suitable lands under his jurisdiction, including the use of such lands for hunting, fishing, and other recreational purposes by the public, provided that such conservation measures and public uses do not conflict with the use of the lands for defense purposes. The Association further urges that no such lands be leased or otherwise devoted to private use for hunting, fishing, or recreational purposes.

14. **Miscellaneous Measures and Appropriations**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, urges adoption by Congress of the following measures, with adequate appropriations, as soon as possible:

- (1) Provision for a long-range rat and rodent control program;
- (2) Provision for the wildlife division of the U. S. Forest Service, with an appropriation of at least \$250,000 per year;
- (3) Provision for a comprehensive survey of waterfowl problems of the western hemisphere.

15. **Pollution Control**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, urges that adequate appropriations be made by Congress as soon as possible to give effect to the provisions of the Barkley-Taft Pollution Control Act, S. 418, passed at the last session of Congress. The Association further urges that all federal, state, and local agencies concerned with pollution exert their utmost efforts to carry out the purposes of this act, and to use all means at their command to eliminate water pollution in their respective jurisdictions.

16. **Soil Conservation**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, reaffirms its previous declarations of support for an adequate nation-wide soil conservation program as of paramount importance to the future welfare of the country. Recognizing that the National Soil Conservation Association has attained a position of leadership in this field and has rendered outstanding service in the advancement of soil conservation throughout the country, we urge all members of this Association to affiliate with that Association so far as they may be eligible, and to co-operate in the work thereof.

17. **Foot and Mouth Disease**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, reaffirms its previous resolutions emphasizing the serious menace to wild game and livestock in the United States caused by the foot and mouth disease prevalent in Mexico; the Association commends the responsible public agencies for the progress already made in dealing with this problem, especially the addition of big game technicians to the staff engaged in the work, and urges these agencies to redouble their efforts to cope with this problem and to speed up the construction of fences where necessary along the boundary and other effective measures for eradicating the disease and preventing the spread thereof among wild or domestic animals of this country.

18. **Merger-of Regional Associations**

Resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled at Atlantic City, New Jersey, this 17th day of September, 1948, instructs the Executive Committee of the Association to study the problem of merging the various regional