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Whereas the President of the Association, Mr. Seth Gordon, has efficiently and effectively acted in the capacity of a coordinator and liaison officer between the Federal agencies and the members of the Association, and

Whereas as a result of his diligence and effective work the several states have been promptly advised of important developments from time to time:

Now therefore be it resolved that by means of this resolution the Association express our appreciation to Mr. Gordon for his efforts in this connection, and

Be it resolved that succeeding Presidents of the Association be urged to continue such work and to continue the dissemination of timely information to the members, thereby rendering a real service not only to the various members, but also to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other governmental agencies.

UNIFORM ACCOUNTING FOR FISH HATCHERY PRODUCTION

Whereas we recognize that many of the difficulties involved in present-day fish-restocking activities result from lack of uniformity of methods and standardization of measuring and reporting fish-hatchery production, and

Whereas the several states would welcome assistance with this problem and are eager to adopt uniform methods which simplify operation and administration:

Therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, together with the American Fisheries Society, appoint appropriate committees to study this situation and prepare standard procedures for this purpose and report at the next convention.

FEDERAL AID IN FISHERIES RESTORATION

Whereas the several states are advancing their game programs immeasurably through Federal aid in wildlife restoration, under the Pittman-Robertson Act and are accomplishing many permanent improvements in the perpetuation, restoration and conservation of game birds and mammals, and

Whereas most of the states are conducting wildlife projects now that will be of lasting benefit to all of the people and that much of this work could never have been achieved without Federal cooperation, and

Whereas the conservationists of the nation understand and appreciate the good that has and will be derived from these Federal state-aid projects and are willing to pay for additional work to provide recreation and relaxation which is vital to national defense and future welfare, and

Whereas the Pittman-Robertson funds cannot be used for fisheries activities, although there is a definite and positive need for the revitalization of the nation's fisheries program, that affords food, sport and a livelihood to millions of people:

Therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, August 28, 1941, hereby affirms its previous position and urges the Congress of the United States to enact legislation similar to the Pittman-Robertson Act to provide Federal aid in fisheries restoration and conservation.

Be it further resolved that the President of the Association appoint a committee to take all necessary steps to expedite the passage of H. R. 3361 by Buck and S. 1614 by Clark of Missouri, with certain amendments to coordinate these measures to the pending revenue bill and to the discussions of this and previous conventions.

POLLUTION ABATEMENT

Whereas water pollution has long been a national disgrace and a most serious limiting factor in fisheries resources, a menace to public health, a destroyer of vast recreational facilities and is now impairing our national welfare, and

Whereas years of experience have proved that state or local control has been ineffective in correcting this evil, particularly with regard to industrial pollution, because of the reluctance of local or state political bodies to enforce restrictions on their industries when competitors in other states are not required to do likewise:

Therefore be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners, in their convention assembled in St. Louis, Missouri, urge Congress to pass uniform Federal legislation which will prevent the spread of pollution from new sources and bring about the abatement of that which now exists in a fair and equitable manner as is provided in House Bill 3778 by Mundt, now before the House Rivers and Harbors Committee, and in Senate Bill 1121 by Gillette, now before the Senate Commerce Committee.