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**Resolution 2004-03-06**

**URGING CREATION OF A U.S. FOREST SERVICE SPORTFISHING  
AND AQUATIC RESOURCE ADVISORY COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, the Chief of the U.S. Forest Service (Forest Service) requested a review of the Forest Service's Fisheries and Watershed Program to provide recommendations on enhancing its effectiveness; and

**WHEREAS**, the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies participated in this review; and

**WHEREAS**, the public lands managed by the Forest Service provide important aquatic habitat for fisheries managed by member states of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, implementation of the findings in this report will enhance the Forest Service's ability to support sportfishing and aquatic resources on National Forest Lands;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges the Forest Service to implement the findings of this report; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies requests that immediate action be taken to implement the first recommendation under "Finding 1": Create a U.S. Forest Service Sportfishing and Aquatic Resource Advisory Council to provide the Secretary of Agriculture, Chief of the Forest Service, and the National Leadership Team with advice concerning fisheries and aquatic resource management, aquatic biodiversity conservation and sportfishing on National Forests.