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**Resolution 2005-06-08**

**URGING FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF THE  
NORTH AMERICAN WATERFOWL MANAGEMENT PLAN (NAWMP)**

**WHEREAS**, the North American Waterfowl Management Plan (NAWMP), due in large part to collaborative partnerships, has been the most successful continental waterfowl conservation effort in history, benefiting recreationally and economically important waterfowl and other wetland-related species throughout Canada, the United States and Mexico; and

**WHEREAS**, the 2004 Update of the NAWMP, while noting the many conservation gains of these partnerships, identifies that these habitat conservation accomplishments remain short of the goals of the Plan, and that competing interests and new threats continue to erode critical wetlands and waterfowl habitats across North America; and

**WHEREAS**, the North American Wetlands Conservation Act (NAWCA) provides a significant source of funding for wetland and waterfowl projects in both Canada and the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, all states have received significant funding from NAWCA for long-term habitat conservation projects within the states; and

**WHEREAS**, NAWCA requires that a minimum percentage of Act funds be used outside the U.S., and further requires that all U.S. federal funds sent to Canada through NAWCA be matched at a ratio of at least 1:1 by non-federal funds originating in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991 the IAFWA passed a resolution that established a goal for the State Fish and Wildlife Agencies of contributing \$10 million annually for NAWMP/NAWCA habitat projects in Canada; and that goal has not been reached, there is a shared interest in working to increase the collective contribution of states and make progress toward the \$10 million goal, recognizing that states differ in their capability to attain individual goals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies affirms the original \$10 million annual goal and its commitment to making progress toward that goal; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies encourages each state to establish a minimum annual contribution, based on the state's proportion of active adult waterfowl hunters and duck harvests averaged over the period from 1970 through 1999, to help achieve the \$10 million goal; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges each state to develop a five-year plan, for 2006-2010, to make progress toward their individual state's goal.