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Resolution 2005-07-08

**SUPPORT FOR RESTORATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES
DAMAGED BY HURRICANE KATRINA**

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina caused catastrophic loss of life and property among residents of the Gulf Coast; and

WHEREAS, Hurricane Katrina also destroyed or damaged natural resources of national significance and opportunities to access and enjoy these resources; and

WHEREAS, rebuilding the social and economic fabric of impacted communities and restoration of the region's natural resources will require the commitment, collaboration and resources of many governments, organizations, and individuals; and

WHEREAS, many of the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies members, along with other members of the conservation community, have already joined and contributed to recovery and restoration efforts;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies expresses its sincere condolences to the citizens of the Gulf Coast, and specifically to our professional colleagues and their families, and urges our members to continue to support recovery efforts; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the International Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies urges the President of the United States, Congress and state and local governments to plan, fund and implement programs to restore the natural resources of the Gulf Coast affected by Hurricane Katrina.