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Resolution 2011-04-07

**SUPPORT FOR POLICIES AND PRACTICES THAT ENSURE
THE SUSTAINABLE USE OF WILDLIFE**

WHEREAS a principal objective of the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies is to ensure the sustainable and wise use of wildlife resources based on the best available scientific information; and,

WHEREAS the public ownership and legal use of wildlife resources consistent with their conservation for the benefit of present and future generations is the basis for the sustainable use of wildlife and is consistent with the principles of the North American Model of wildlife conservation; and,

WHEREAS regulated management, including sustainable use of harvestable surpluses of wildlife resources, is an appropriate, responsible and beneficial conservation activity; and,

WHEREAS policies that recognize the important role that markets may have in encouraging renewable resources to be sustainably managed, harvested and utilized are consistent with the sustainable use philosophy and are to be acknowledged; and,

WHEREAS policies and legislation that add value to wild species and encourage their sustainable use are philosophically and ecologically sound; and,

WHEREAS consistency in government policies on wildlife management and use, and the long-term implications they may have on management agency members' activities are of utmost concern to the AFWA;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies reaffirms: its support for science-based decision-making; the sustainable use of renewable resources; the attribution of value to wild species whenever possible, and the implementation of policies, regulations and programs that support these principles.

Submitted by the Sustainable Use of Wildlife Committee