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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED

RESOLUTION NO. 1 FEDERAL WATER PROJECT RECREATION ACT

WHEREAS, the Federal Water Project Recreation Act (P.L. 89-72) requires that full consideration be given to recreation enhancement as a purpose of federal water projects and that project construction agencies shall encourage nonfederal public bodies to assume responsibility for management of project areas and facilities; and

WHEREAS, the act further provides that the nonfederal public body administering a project execute an agreement before construction to administer land and water areas for recreation enhancement and to repay all costs of operation, maintenance, and replacement of facilities, and share in the cost of at least one-half of all facilities and project modifications which are specifically allocated to recreational uses; and

WHEREAS, fiscal limitations prevent adequate administration of the areas and impose inequitable cost-sharing responsibilities on state and local political subdivisions that rarely have adequate moneys to meet cost-sharing obligations; and

WHEREAS, such recreational benefits are widespread and in the general public interest:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the Congress to amend the Federal Water Project Recreation Act to provide for total funding by the federal construction agency of the recreational capital development features and the annual cost of operation, maintenance, and replacement of these features.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 STREAM ALTERATION PROGRAM

WHEREAS, publicly constructed and subsidized stream alteration programs for flood control, irrigation, power generation, drainage, municipal and industrial use, and other purposes, often result in the destruction of fish and wildlife habitat and frequently cause irreparable damage to waterways and related land resources; and

WHEREAS, compensatory measures for fish and wildlife preservation usually are either wholly lacking or grossly inadequate:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners vigorously opposes further funding of stream alteration programs unless fish and wildlife resource and recreational values are comprehensively evaluated, the proposed projects are so modified as to create only negligible damage to these resources, and replacement for damage incurred is included as an integral part of the project costs.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 ALLOCATION OF FEDERAL SHARE OF LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUNDS

WHEREAS, the public lands managed by the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife meet a significant portion of the recreational needs of the nation; and

WHEREAS, there remain certain holdings which should be acquired by the Forest Service, the Bureau of Land Management, and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife if they are to adequately serve recreational demands and protect the surrounding resources; and

WHEREAS, these agencies heretofore have not shared in the proceeds of the Land and Water Conservation Fund commensurate with their responsibilities for meeting recreational needs:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the President and the Congress to substantially increase allocations from the federal share of the Land and Water Conservation Fund to the Bureau of Land Management, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, and the Forest Service, commensurate with their responsibilities for meeting outdoor recreation demands.

RESOLUTION NO. 4 HUNTER SAFETY RECIPROCITY

WHEREAS, in some states and provinces an applicant for a hunting license is required to complete a hunter training course before a license is issued; and

WHEREAS, many hunters travel to other states and provinces to engage in hunting:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners encourages reciprocity of hunter training certification between states and provinces; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association recommends to states requiring hunter