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training as a prerequisite to the purchase of a hunting license the inclusion of a clause in their laws reading essentially as follows: "Holders of hunter training certificates issued by another state or province and meeting such standards as those of the National Rifle Association shall be accepted as meeting the requirements of this state."

RESOLUTION NO. 5
WATER BANK APPROPRIATION

WHEREAS, the Water Bank Act (P.L. 91-559) authorized payments of \$10,000,000 annually for the Water Bank Program; and

WHEREAS, \$10,000,000 has been appropriated for this purpose and it has been proposed that this money be made available to the states through the revenue sharing program:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners respectfully requests the Congress continue to make available \$10,000,000 annually for the Water Bank Program and that these appropriations be used only for the purposes authorized in P.L. 91-559; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Association urges the Department of Agriculture to appoint immediately a Water Bank Advisory Committee to help formulate regulations for administration of the Water Bank Program.

RESOLUTION NO. 6
REMOTE SENSING FOR WILDLIFE AND FISH HABITAT

WHEREAS, nearly 1.7 billion acres of land and 0.5 billion acres of water in the United States as well as vast areas of other nations provide vital habitat for wildlife and fish including rare and endangered species; and

WHEREAS, these land and water areas provide other resource values including areas for urban development, forage for domestic livestock, timber products, domestic and commercial water supplies, and associated human amenity values; and

WHEREAS, management of these areas is receiving increased public attention and scrutiny in relation to potential harmful effects on wildlife values and fisheries; and

WHEREAS, based on limited Forest Service research, remote sensing techniques, including sophisticated aerial photography, multispectral imagery, and thermal imagery, have significant potential value for the analyses and surveillance of wildlife and fisheries ecosystems and provide instant data for land use planning and management:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners recommends expansion of Forest Service research to identify specific capabilities of aerial photography, multispectral imagery, and thermal imagery for analyzing and monitoring wildlife and fish ecosystems, including the hydrology of these systems.

RESOLUTION NO. 7
HELLS CANYON-SNAKE NATIONAL RIVER

WHEREAS, three dams have been constructed in the mid-Snake River; which have effectively blocked and destroyed valuable runs of salmon and steelhead above the lowermost dam and destroyed much of the remaining habitat of the white sturgeon; and

WHEREAS, the stretch of the river between Hells Canyon Dam and Lewiston is the last remaining area for white sturgeon and anadromous fish, and further dams in this section of the river would alter the remaining habitat to the detriment of resident fisheries populations; and

WHEREAS, further dams in the mid-Snake section would eliminate the movement of salmon and steelhead up the Salmon River:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby support Senate Bill 717 and its companion measure House Resolution 4249 to establish a Hells Canyon-Snake National River.

RESOLUTION NO. 8
PROTECTION OF U. S. MARINE FISHERIES RESOURCES

WHEREAS, foreign nations are heavily exploiting the living marine resources in the water adjacent to and associated with the continental shelf and slope; and

WHEREAS, these living resources are particularly vulnerable to damage from unrestrained fishing and in some areas have been severely overfished; and

WHEREAS, the United States is handicapped in providing proper protection and management for these living resources by lack of adequate jurisdiction over all fishing in the areas in which these resources are found; and