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RESOLUTION NO. 11
REORGANIZATION PLAN NO. 4 – U.S. GOVERNMENT

WHEREAS, Reorganization Plan No. 4 would transfer the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries and the Marine Game-Fish Research program of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife to another agency not necessarily resource management oriented; and

WHEREAS, the proposed reorganization will have the effect of dividing rather than unifying the Nation's fisheries conservation efforts; and

WHEREAS, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners believes this division would result in less effective professional management of the commercial and sport fisheries:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners opposes Reorganizational Plan No. 4 and strongly urges the Congress to reject this reorganization proposal; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President be urged to establish a Department of Natural Resources, which would include the Department of Interior, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Soil Conservation Service, and the civil functions of the U.S. Corps of Engineers.

Adopted by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners on September 18, 1970, at New York City, New York.

RESOLUTION NO. 12
NATIONAL TIMBER RESOURCES

WHEREAS, the National Timber Supply Bill which called for substantial increases in the timber yield from the national forests and their development for optimum timber production as soon as possible was introduced in the 91st Congress; and

WHEREAS, the greatest danger of this Bill is its policy declaration that national forests are to be dedicated primarily for timber production in direct opposition to the Multiple Use-Sustained Yield Act of 1960 that gives equal consideration to fish, wildlife, range management, outdoor recreation, and watershed protection as well as timber management; and

WHEREAS, this Association by resolution dated September 9, 1969, requested the Congress to withhold passage of the Bill; and

WHEREAS, after numerous protests by conservationists and statements submitted at public hearings the Congress refused to consider the Bill; and

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has directed that timber harvest be liberalized on the national forests in direct opposition to the Congress and this Association with regard to multiple use management on the national forests;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the President of the United States to rescind his directive to liberalize timber harvesting on the national forests and to support the continuation of the Multiple Use-Sustained Yield Act of 1960.

Adopted by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners on September 18, 1970, at New York City, New York.

RESOLUTION NO. 13
REGULATION ON SHIPMENT OF DISEASED FISH

WHEREAS, unregulated shipment of diseased fish among the states as well as the provinces of Canada can jeopardize natural fish populations and public and private fish cultural operations; and

WHEREAS, existing legislation regulating shipment of diseased fish is not comparable with the legislation which effectively regulates shipment of diseased livestock; and

WHEREAS, Senate Bill 1151, which is now before the Congress of the United States, would provide for effective control of shipments of diseased fish; and

WHEREAS, this Association has proposed amending language which would improve the acceptability of this legislation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners continues to support the passage of S.1151 and HR. 9417 with the proposed International Association amendments which are now before the Congress of the United States; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges each of the states of the Union and the provinces of Canada to enact companion legislation to provide for effective fish disease control.

Adopted by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners on September 18, 1970, at New York City, New York.

RESOLUTION NO. 14
PERPETUATION OF GRIZZLY BEAR

WHEREAS, the grizzly bear population in the northern Rocky Mountains represent the best potential for perpetuating this species; and

WHEREAS, there is widespread concern over the welfare of the grizzly bear, now classified as a rare species; and

WHEREAS, research efforts on grizzly bear ecology outside the national parks have been inadequate or lacking in the past; and