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WHEREAS, the bill provides the option of documenting our Federal Aid programs on the basis of a comprehensive fish and wildlife resource plan which will encourage long-range, worthwhile planning and reduce the red tape in annual documentation:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorses H.R. 12475 and urges its early enactment by the Congress.

RESOLUTION NO. 8

MODIFICATION OF THE FEDERAL GUN CONTROL ACT OF 1968

WHEREAS, the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968 prohibits sales of firearms to out-of-state residents and bans mail order sales of firearms, ammunition and components of ammunition as well as other restrictions; and

WHEREAS, regulations adopted to administer this Act are a direct contradiction to the expressed intent and purposes of Congress to the extent of requiring that extensive personal information be recorded for all sales of ammunition; and

WHEREAS, the American firearms owner constitutionally has enjoyed a heritage of firearms ownership for recreational hunting and has contributed significantly to sound wildlife management practices through needed harvests while at the same time providing most of the funds for such management and long-term preservation of the resource; and

WHEREAS, the imposition of restrictions upon the possession, use, acquisition and transportation of firearms and ammunition by law-abiding citizens for lawful purposes imposes unnecessary and unreasonable burdens on them as well as the small businessman handling these products while at the same time crime involving use of firearms continues to increase in spite of such strong federal controls:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners opposes this trend toward elimination of the lawful ownership and the use of firearms by private citizens of the United States and urges modification of the Federal Gun Control Act of 1968 as expressed in such bills as S. 845 and S. 2817 as they pertain to ammunition and endorses such measures as are provided in S. 849 to reduce crimes of violence with firearms through imposition of severe mandatory penalties upon those convicted of such crimes.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

CONGRESSIONAL ACTION ON BILLS TO REGULATE PESTICIDE USE

WHEREAS, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners adopted a "Policy for Use of Chemical Pesticides" three years ago and reaffirmed and amplified this statement by resolution last year; and

WHEREAS, there are pending in the 91st Congress bills to establish a National Pesticide Commission, to require advance consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service on federal pesticide control programs, to restrict or prohibit use of persistent pesticides which might be a threat to man or fish and wildlife by polluting public waters—and also to completely ban the sale or shipment of DDT

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the Congress to take positive action on pending legislation in this vitally important field so that not only will research efforts be increased, but strict controls will be established for use of all pesticides to the extent necessary and a ban instituted in the use of persistent and cumulative pesticides, except by prescription issued by a statutory board with full authority to rigidly control their use and permit application solely by a determined responsible agency, in the event of an actual human health threat where no effective alternatives are available; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the licensing and control of these chemicals be transferred from the U. S. Department of Agriculture to the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

DEVELOPMENT OF RESOURCES UPON NATIONAL FORESTS

WHEREAS, the National Timber Supply Act now being considered by the 91st Congress calls for substantial increases in the timber yield from the national forests and their development for optimum production as soon as possible; and

WHEREAS, the greatest danger of the proposed Act is its policy declaration that national forests are to be dedicated mainly to timber production in direct opposition to the National Forest Multiple Use Act of 1960 that gives equal consideration to wildlife, fish, range, outdoor recreation and watershed protection as well as timber management; and

WHEREAS, the Forest Service can carry out the needed improvements in timber management and production and still maintain the integrity of the Multiple Use Act, without the passage of the National Timber Supply Act., by being provided with the funds necessary to implement its existing and long-standing program for the management of the national forests:

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners respectfully requests that Congress appropriate adequate funds without passage of the National Timber Supply Act, thereby providing the Forest Service with the financial assistance to carry out existing and previously approved programs for the multiple use management of the national forests rather than acceding to the questionable philosophy of single-purpose management and the implications of priority for timber values.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that because of the great impact that will be created on the wildlife and fish resources of the national forests by the increased financing of the timber management activities of the Forest Service that a comparable and realistic increase in the financing of wildlife and fish habitat on the National Forests accompany such increases in timber management financing; and