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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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the appropriate Congressional Committee Chairman, to the Secretary of Agriculture, and to the Chief of the Forest Service.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

FEDERAL STAMP FOR HUNTING AND FISHING ON FEDERAL LANDS

WHEREAS, federal legislation has been introduced to expand wildlife, fish and game rehabilitation programs on federal lands; and

WHEREAS, the same legislation establishes a \$2 federal public land hunting and fishing stamp for individuals 16 years of age and over; and

WHEREAS, fish and wildlife planning, development and coordination programs are now being carried out on federal lands between the states and federal government under present authority; and

WHEREAS, different licensing requirements for using federal lands, which are often irregular, scattered and in checkerboard patterns, would cause public confusion, enforcement problems and a subsequent change in use patterns possibly to the detriment of state wildlife management objectives; and

WHEREAS, a federal hunting or fishing license fee would finance a federal wildlife management program which would duplicate state efforts and reduce the state's opportunity to obtain additional funding:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners requests Congress not to enact legislation that would establish a separate federal fee to hunt, trap or fish on federal lands but to require federal agencies to continue cooperative agreements with the states and to seek additional funds for wildlife programs from sources other than fees charged to hunters and fishermen.

RESOLUTION NO. 12

FEDERAL FUNDING OF WASTE TREATMENT FACILITIES CONSTRUCTION GRANT PROGRAM

WHEREAS, Public Law 660, the Clean Water Restoration Act of 1966 authorizes substantial sums for federal grant-in-aid to municipalities for construction of wastes treatment facilities; and

WHEREAS, Congress has each year appropriated substantially lesser amounts and in some years as low as one-fifth of the authorized amount as grant-in-aid; and

WHEREAS, the nation's water pollution control program needs to be accelerated to reduce the growing rate of pollution by municipal and industrial wastes; and

WHEREAS, there is a great need for upgrading many municipal treatment facilities at a cost far above that which the municipalities can afford; and

WHEREAS, abatement of pollution is an intergovernmental responsibility:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners respectfully urges Congress to increase the appropriations for grant-in-aid for construction of municipal waste treatment facilities to the full amount authorized by law to enable the states to accelerate the pollution abatement program.

RESOLUTION NO. 13

AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY CENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, in 1970 the American Fisheries Society will complete 100 years of service to the people of the North American continent as well as other parts of the world; and

WHEREAS, this organization has been a leader in encouraging scientific research, practical management and public understanding of problems related to fish propagation, harvesting and conservation for future generations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners recognizes this century of significant accomplishment by the American Fisheries Society and wishes for them not only a meaningful and happy centennial celebration, but also continued success in the years ahead.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME CENTENNIAL

WHEREAS, on April 2, 1870 the first Fish Commission was established in the State of California; and

WHEREAS, this Fish Commission was the forerunner of the present California Department of Fish and Game that has grown into one of the largest governmental wildlife organizations in the world; and

WHEREAS, the year one thousand nine hundred and seventy marks the one hundredth year of organized fish and wildlife management in California; and

WHEREAS, it has successfully managed California's vast wildlife natural resources in the face of unprecedented problems caused by population increases and land and water development; and

WHEREAS, it has unselfishly shared the knowledges gained from its experiences with the rest of the nation and the world:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners commends the California Department of Fish and Game for its outstanding contribution to the field of wildlife management these past one hundred years and congratulates the Department on its centennial celebration.