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RESOLUTION NO. 13

PUBLIC LAND GRAZING PERMITS

Whereas, the wildlife resources of the public lands are a unique asset to the national recreational picture; and

Whereas, the competition between domestic livestock and wildlife is one of the elements contributing to a reduction of wildlife habitat; and

Whereas, the state wildlife agencies have purchased areas for the primary purpose of relieving range competition between livestock and wildlife; and

Whereas, the purchase of private lands is generally accompanied by the transfer of grazing permits to the new owner; and

Whereas, similar grazing privileges are seldom transferred to state wildlife agencies when they acquire private land:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners requests the Federal Land Management Agencies to meet with, and consider recommendations of, the state wildlife agency prior to retiring or redistributing grazing permits previously associated with private lands which have been acquired by the state wildlife agency.

RESOLUTION NO. 14

STATE PLANNING - FEDERAL WATER PROJECTS

Whereas, several agencies of the Federal Government are engaged in the planning and construction of numerous water development projects including channelization, which have the potential to damage seriously or significantly enhance fish and wildlife; and

Whereas, federal law and executive policy as expressed in Senate Document 97, the Federal Water Projects Recreation Act (P.L. 89-72) and the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act (P.L. 85-624) provide for full consideration of water development projects; and

Whereas, under the Federal Water Projects Recreation Act, the states may be called upon to administer and share fifty percent of the separable capital costs and all of the operation, maintenance and replacement costs of fish and wildlife enhancement features; and

Whereas, it is essential that sufficient time and effort be provided to properly investigate and evaluate fish and wildlife in relation to water projects, in order to formulate recommendations for the protection and enhancement of these resources; and

Whereas, this Association finds that greater consideration of fish and wildlife is necessary in connection with federal water developments, and that in order to implement studies of sufficient depth and detail to permit sound judgment and recommendations for the protection and enhancement of these resources; and in order to make a prudent assessment of the merits of including fish and wildlife enhancement in federal projects, it is essential that such studies be considered in the earliest phases of project formulation and as an integral part of project planning, funding and scheduling:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges Congress to insure sufficient funding for fish and wildlife studies by the state agencies in cooperation with federal agencies when it considers the appropriation of funds for authorization and planning of federal water projects; and

Be it further resolved, that this Association requests the federal agencies to establish necessary liaison and interagency coordination to assure that fish and wildlife studies will be properly funded.

RESOLUTION NO. 15

DIVERSION OF PITTMAN-ROBERTSON AND DINGELL-JOHNSON FUNDS

Whereas, the Revenue and Expenditure Control Act of 1968 (Section 205) allows the President to reserve funds which are automatically appropriated and made available for distribution as federal grants by application of various formulae applied to annual revenue collections; and

Whereas, the President may exercise this authority and withhold a portion of federal aid funds which should be available to states for fish and wildlife restoration programs; and

Whereas, the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson programs, based on the user-pay principle whereby the sportsmen of the United States pay an excise tax on sporting arms, ammunition, and fishing tackle, have been carried on successfully and continuously for many years, with inestimable benefit not only to sportsmen but to the general public; and

Whereas, the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson funds are not federal funds, but in a real sense are monies which belong to the states for the collection and distribution of which the treasury of the United States acts as a trustee for the use and benefit of the states; and

Whereas, all states depend upon these monies for financing their planned, long-term land acquisition, habitat development, and research programs; and

Whereas, many states will suffer from lost options, broken continuity of research, and personnel losses:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners is opposed to the withholding, reduction, or diversion by the Federal Government of such funds which are paid by sportsmen for state fish and wildlife restoration projects, and urges the President to insure the availability of these funds.

RESOLUTION NO. 16

MEMORIAL RECOGNITION FOR ERNEST FREMONT SWIFT

Whereas, Ernest F. Swift dedicated his entire lifetime to the cause of conservation for which he gave more than full measure of devotion in many leadership positions including Director of the Wisconsin Conservation Department, Assistant Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Executive Director of the National Wildlife Federation, Chairman of the National Waterfowl Council and Chairman of the Executive Committee of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners; and

Whereas, Ernie Swift fought effectively on many diverse battlefields, using arguments based

on sound ethical, esthetic and ecological principles:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners honors his name and deeds with this memorial resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 17

SUPPORT CONTINUATION OF THE GOLDEN EAGLE PASSPORT

Whereas, the acceptance of the Golden Eagle Passport is a manifestation of the desire and willingness of outdoor recreationists to pay a major portion of the cost of outdoor recreation facilities; and

Whereas, the Land and Water Conservation Fund, financed in part by revenues from the Golden Eagle Passport, is an important stimulant to outdoor recreation development; and

Whereas, the Golden Eagle Passport embodies the basic principle of fairness in that a portion of the cost of developing outdoor recreation facilities is borne by those who use them; and

Whereas, the Golden Eagle Passport has become an identifying symbol to the public reminding the individual that the money he has spent is being used to develop outdoor recreation facilities; and

Whereas, the Golden Eagle Passport has served to make more Americans aware of their heritage in outdoor recreation:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners urges the Congress of the United States and each individual Senator and Congressman to retain, protect and support the Golden Eagle Passport program.

RESOLUTION NO. 18

LIBRARY REFERENCE SERVICE

Whereas, the Library Reference Service was established at the urging of the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners; and

Whereas, the U. S. Department of the Interior Library and the Denver Conservation Library Center are providing valuable reference service; and

Whereas, there is a continuing need for these libraries to collect, index, store, and make available for further use all research and development information resulting from Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson projects; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife contemplates an expanded Library Reference Service program to include all fish and wildlife literature:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners expresses appreciation for past support by the Department of the Interior and requests continued financial and other support of the Library Reference Program so that the Denver Conservation Library Center can continue and expand its valuable service.

RESOLUTION NO. 19

COMMENDATION TO THE NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION

Whereas, the National Rifle Association has, over the years, supported and defended the right of the people of America to lawfully own and use firearms; and

Whereas, it has provided effective and dynamic leadership in opposing legislation designed to restrict lawful ownership and use of sporting firearms by law-abiding citizens:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners commends the National Rifle Association for its continuing forceful and effective leadership in defending the rights of American sportsmen, and for its unswerving efforts in promoting enlightened firearms legislation.

RESOLUTION NO. 20

PUBLIC LAND LAW REVIEW COMMISSION STUDIES - ALASKA

Whereas, the fish and wildlife resource of Alaska is one of the leading revenue producing resources of the State; and

Whereas, the Public Land Law Review Commission has with the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska jointly sponsored a study of Federal Public Land Laws and Policies in Alaska; and

Whereas, the study is designed to embrace the entire subject of the relationship of the public lands to the future economy of Alaska; and

Whereas, Alaska is the breeding area of a significant number of waterfowl which contribute to populations of several Flyways, and particularly the Pacific Flyway, and therefore is of concern to this Association; and

Whereas, a comprehensive study of land laws and policies in Alaska and their implications on fish and wildlife is imperative to recommendations for proper management of this important State resource:

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners express to the Public Land Law Review Commission and to the Federal Field Committee for Development Planning in Alaska the Association's concern that the fish and wildlife aspects of the Alaska study be comprehensively considered.

RESOLUTION NO. 21

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND

Whereas, the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners was one of the principal supporters of the Land and Water Conservation Fund Act when the Act was passed in 1964; and

Whereas, this Association continues to stress the application of these funds to meaningful wildlife and outdoor recreation programs; and

Whereas, the Bureau of Outdoor Recreation has announced new rulings which will have a crippling effect upon the states' administration of these funds; and