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development of water and related land resources.

3. Honor its own February 16, 1962, Joint Policy Agreement with the Department of the Interior which states, in part, that insofar as permitted by law the Department of the Army will acquire in fee as a part of the reservoir project construction, such lands as are needed to meet present and future requirements for fish and wildlife as determined pursuant to the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.
4. Adopt a positive policy of including specific measures including the acquisition of lands in fee at Corps of Engineers projects for the conservation, development and improvement of fish and wildlife resources.
5. Adopt a positive policy of not issuing permits for dredging and filling activities in navigable waters of the United States or requiring appropriate modifications in work contemplated when such activities are expected to cause significant losses to fish and wildlife resources.

And be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the President, to the Director of the Bureau of the Budget, to the Secretary of Defense, Secretary of the Army, to the governors, to the legislators and to other appropriate government officials.

RESOLUTION NO. 9

EXCISE TAX ON HAND LOADING SUPPLIES AND EQUIPMENT

Whereas, the re-loading of shotgun, rifle and pistol ammunition by hunters and shooters has reached record proportions, and

Whereas, the existing 11 per cent manufacturers' excise tax on sporting firearms and ammunition has made and is making significant contributions to essential wildlife programs in all of the states through the administration of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 as amended, and

Whereas, the deposit of additional monies in the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Fund would enable the states to accelerate their wildlife programs so as to provide still greater public benefits to hunters who are reloading ammunition and to others.

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners that the 11 per cent manufacturers' tax on sporting firearms and ammunition be extended to include powder, shot, bullets, primers, metallic, plastic and paper cartridge cases, wads, and other reloading components, accessories and equipment and that the monies received therefrom be credited in the Federal Treasury to the Federal Aid to Wildlife Restoration Fund for allocation to the states on a matching grants basis under the terms of the Federal Aid in Wildlife Restoration Act of 1937 as amended.

RESOLUTION NO. 10

GREENBELT CONCEPT

Whereas, there is an increasing need for open spaces to meet the pressures and demands of rapidly expanding metropolitan and urban areas, and

Whereas, urban developments are frequently situated on or within a short travel distance from river courses which possess great potential for outdoor recreation development and the preservation and enhancement of fish and wildlife, and

Whereas, realization of such potential is now seriously threatened by accelerated industrial, agricultural and urban encroachment upon historic flood plains as a result of upstream flood control and other water developments, and

Whereas, recent declarations of federal policy clearly encourage full development of all resource potentials, including open spaces, in conjunction with federal water projects, and

Whereas, there is a need for greater recognition of fish, wildlife, recreation and other values that can be realized by establishment of "greenbelts" along river courses,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners endorses the concept of "greenbelts" along river courses, particularly near larger cities.

And be it further resolved that the Association encourages all agencies concerned with flood control and other water developments to include, where appropriate, plans for establishment of "greenbelt" areas as a part of such projects.

And be it further resolved that the Association recommends that appropriate state and federal agencies establish "greenbelt" or similarly designated programs within their respective organizations where such are not already in existence. The basic purpose of such programs should be to stimulate a greater recognition of the public benefits to be derived from "greenbelt" areas.

RESOLUTION NO. 11

SHORELINE ALTERATIONS AND BAY FILLING

Whereas, bays, estuaries and shallow coastal waters are absolutely essential to the maintenance of important resident and migratory fish, wildlife resources, and

Whereas, this essential habitat is rapidly disappearing throughout the coastal areas of the country through uncoordinated public and private shoreline development, and

Whereas, with appropriate planning and adherence to existing principles and knowledge such losses can be avoided or mitigated, and

Whereas, it is in the public interest for both present and future generations that all possible means be taken to prevent further loss of this vital habitat, and

Whereas, federal agencies presently issue permits involving navigation and other features of numerous shoreline alteration projects, and

Whereas, through these existing authorities or through the development of broader authority, such federal agencies should exert a beneficial influence on planning for the protection of fish and wildlife habitat,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that all federal agencies having jurisdiction or responsibilities which may influence or be influenced by shoreline alterations and filling developments are urged to consider the public resource values and interests which may be adversely affected by such developments.