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RESOLUTION NO. 22

WILD RIVERS

Whereas, there are only a limited number of free flowing rivers remaining in the United States; and

Whereas, many of these rivers possess unique and nationally significant scenic, fish, wildlife, and other outdoor recreational values; and

Whereas, there has been a groundswell of public opinion indicating a desire to preserve selected rivers or sections thereof free from the ravages of man and machines;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners fully supports S. 1446, known as the Wild Rivers Act, now being considered by the Senate, and respectfully requests that hearings be initiated immediately by the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs and that the proposed bill be enacted into law.

Be it further resolved that among others presently being considered, the following streams be designated as Wild Rivers:

1. That portion of the Salmon River in Idaho from Riggins to its mouth.
2. The Klamath River in California.
3. North and Middle Forks of the Flathead River in Montana.
4. Yellowstone and Big Hole Rivers in Montana and Wyoming.

RESOLUTION NO. 23

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT ON FEDERAL WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

Whereas, the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act provides authority for certain federal lands to be administered by the states for wildlife management purposes under a General Plan executed by the Secretary of the Interior and the individual states, and

Whereas, this authority is not being executed satisfactorily in all instances,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners requests the Secretary of the Interior to take the necessary steps to assure that lands contained within federal water resources development projects, including National Recreation Areas, be made available to individual states for wildlife management purposes as provided in the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act.

RESOLUTION NO. 24

STATE JURISDICTION OVER FISH AND RESIDENT WILDLIFE

Whereas, in the past the executive branch of the federal government has on occasion challenged the rights of the states to manage fish and resident wildlife on public property administered by the federal government; and

Whereas, a recent opinion of the Solicitor of the Department of the Interior has attempted to abrogate the traditional and legal right of the states to manage fish and resident wildlife on public lands administered by the Department of the Interior;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners respectfully requests the Secretary of the Interior to meet with a representative committee of this Association to establish a firm policy recognizing the states' jurisdiction over fish and resident wildlife;

Be it further resolved that if the historic states' rights are not satisfactorily recognized, this Association shall take whatever steps are necessary to resolve this issue.

RESOLUTION NO. 25

ACKNOWLEDGMENT FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF CONSERVATION LIBRARY CENTER

Whereas, for several recent years the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners has sought means whereby data gathered during research and development programs carried on by the 50 states as provided by the Pittman-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson Acts could be assembled in one location; and

Whereas, effective action by appointed committee members from the Department of the Interior, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Denver Public Library resulted in a plan now being embodied in a contract between the Department of the Interior and the Denver Public Library Commission for organizing and making data from research on fish and wildlife readily available for use in improved management programs;

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners enthusiastically commend all who formulated the plan as adopted.

Be it further resolved that special thanks be given to Honorable Stewart L. Udall, Secretary of the Interior; Honorable Stanley A. Cain, and Messrs. John S. Gottschalk, Arthur H. Carhart, Paul Howard and John T. Eastlick for their persistence and patience in working out the program as contracted.

RESOLUTION NO. 26

APPRECIATION

Whereas, the 55th annual meeting of this Association has been an outstanding and memorable one, and

Whereas, the efforts of the program and arrangements committees have resulted in one of our most successful conferences,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners extends its appreciation to Governor Mark O. Hatfield, to the Oregon Game Commission, to the Oregon Fish Commission, to the management of the Portland Hilton Hotel, and to all the others for the many courtesies and favors which contributed so much to this convention, and

Be it further resolved that thanks and appreciation be extended also to all who appeared on the program, thereby making this convention one of the most interesting and profitable in the history of this Association.