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RESOLUTION NO. 1

LAND AND WATER CONSERVATION FUND BILL

Whereas, an amended version of H.R. 3846 has been reported favorably by the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs of the U. S. House of Representatives; and

Whereas, H.R. 3846 would authorize establishment of a Land and Water Conservation Fund to assist the states and federal agencies in meeting present and future outdoor recreation needs of the American people; and

Whereas, hunting, fishing, and the enjoyment of the esthetic aspects of fish and wildlife are among the most important forms of American outdoor recreation; and

Whereas, a number of the subcommittee's amendments to the bill are consistent with amendments recommended by this Association in order that this legislation might better serve the purpose for which it is intended; and

Whereas, these amendments include the following:

(a) an increase in the federal grant-in-aid contribution to state land acquisition and development projects from 30 to 50 per cent;

(b) deletion of any limitation on the amount of grant-in-aid monies that could be used for state development projects;

(c) a limitation on the amount of appropriations from the fund which could be used for federal purposes and provision for the states to receive up to 75 per cent of all appropriations from the fund;

(d) changes in user fee provisions which would in effect prohibit a compulsory annual auto sticker for recreation use of federal areas, and would limit entrance and admission fees to selected federal areas designated by the President and posted;

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners expresses its strong support for the Land and Water Conservation Fund Bill as amended by the House Subcommittee, and urges the Congress to enact promptly this legislation. The Association wishes to commend the Honorable Wayne N. Aspinall, chairman of the House Committee on Interior and Insular Affairs; the Honorable Thomas G. Morris, chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks, and the other members of this subcommittee for their action.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

CLEARANCE OF THERAPEUTIC DRUGS FOR FISH CULTURE

Whereas, systemic diseases occur in fish under fish cultural conditions, and

Whereas, certain therapeutic drugs may be used to eliminate or control these diseases when employed as food additives, and

Whereas, no systemic therapeutic drug needed for treatment of said fish diseases has been cleared through the U. S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare (Division of the Food and Drug Administration) for use as food additives except sulfamerazine which has an impractical and very limited clearance, and

Whereas, the restriction on the use of therapeutic drugs as fish medicants is causing a serious problem to state, federal, and private fish growers, and

Whereas, a committee has been appointed by the American Fisheries Society to determine the best approach for clearing needed therapeutic drugs as food additives, and

Whereas, said committee has contacted the Food and Drug Administration for assistance in the clearance of these drugs, and

Whereas, the methods of clearance of these drugs as food additives has been determined as follows:

1. Clearance as "Experimental Drugs" as a means of procuring much needed data on efficacy, tissue residues, rate of elimination, toxicity, pathology produced, etc. under varying conditions of water quality, water temperature, hatchery practices, with various species of fish, etc. without the need for disposal of any and all fish receiving a drug which has not been cleared.

2. Use of accumulated data collected under the "Experimental Drug" clearance for final clearance of the drug as a food additive.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners request that the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife and the states take the following action to accelerate the clearance of these much needed therapeutic agents:

1. That the Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife initiate an active program at both its research stations and laboratory facilities aimed at obtaining the research data necessary to provide "Experimental Drug" clearance and final clearance on the most used therapeutic compounds.

2. That the states, which have laboratory as well as production facilities available, set up an immediate program to assist in the collection of data needed for final clearance as food additives of the most used therapeutic compounds.

3. That the committee of the American Fisheries Society, on the use of therapeutic drugs, serves to coordinate the activities of the states and the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife in this effort to obtain drug clearance. Further, that this committee when it feels sufficient data has been collected, initiate the action to obtain clearance of the drug as desired.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

FOREST SERVICE ACCESS REGULATIONS

Whereas, the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture has recently signed regulations concerning facilitating the obtaining of road right-of-way to national forest land, and

Whereas, through these regulations additional and needed access to these public properties by the public will be made possible,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners commends the Secretary of Agriculture for adopting the current regulations in the public interest.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

REQUEST TO MANUFACTURERS OF HEAVY EARTH-MOVING EQUIPMENT TO HELP SOLVE THE SERIOUS STREAM DAMAGE PROBLEM CREATED BY THEIR PRODUCTS

Whereas, the careless use of heavy earth moving equipment on steep terrain for building roads, dams and other structures and for logging is severely damaging many streams, and
Whereas, this causes continuing losses of natural fisheries resources when equipment destroys stream habitat by operating in or along stream beds and in the watershed, and when abnormal erosion impacts the stream bed with sediment, often for many miles below an operating area, and

Whereas, such damage can be largely prevented by the use of good operating procedures, if equipment operators desire to do so and have the necessary knowledge and supervision, and

Whereas, laws and regulations are only a partial answer to this problem, because the great variation in local circumstances makes them so difficult to draft and to enforce, and

Whereas, the manufacturers of heavy equipment are in good position to exercise leadership in protecting streams and other natural resources,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby invite the principal manufacturers of such equipment to help reduce stream damage by informing their customers of the value of the resources at stake, and by educating them in methods of damage preventing through informational programs utilizing established channels of communication within the trade, and

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the following companies which make heavy equipment: Caterpillar Tractor Company, International Harvester Company, Northwest Engineering Company, John Deere, Hyster Company, Tractor Equipment Division, American Hoist and Derrick Company, Baldwin Lima Hamilton, Euclid Division of General Motors, Manitowoc Company, Inc., and Allis Chalmers.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

RESTRICTION ON THE USE OF FEDERAL AID FUNDS FOR FISH ERADICATION

Whereas, the natural production of game fish is often influenced by competition from non-game species, and

Whereas, the use of chemicals is a proven means of eliminating undesirable fish and enhancing the production of game fish, and

Whereas, the responsibility for the fishery management of waters within state boundaries is a prerogative and responsibility of the state, and

Whereas, the state have considered the fish, wildlife and public health aspects of fish control programs, and

Whereas, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, through Amendment No. 164.6 to the Federal Aid in the Fish and Wildlife Restoration Manual, has placed restrictions on the use of federal funds for fish rehabilitation programs by requiring investigations of unrealistic proportion to justify and evaluate said programs, and

Whereas, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service took this action without consultation with the states,

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners petitions the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to reconsider Amendment No. 164.6 to the Federal Aid Manual and work with the state to draft a regulation agreeable to all parties concerned.

RESOLUTION NO. 6

FEDERAL PESTICIDES LEGISLATION

Whereas, increased use of various insecticides, herbicides and other chemicals used to control pests inimical to agriculture and human welfare are becoming increasingly used in our modern life, and

Whereas, in recent years the chemical industry has responded to this need by developing myriads of new formulations, such formulations in many instances having been put into practical application without adequate testing as to their effects on wildlife, and

Whereas, in recent years there are proven instances of harm to species of fish and wildlife and the environment in which they exist as a result of this increased development, and

Whereas, federal conservation agencies must as part of their management programs employ pesticides for resource management, and

Whereas, such federal conservation agencies if they are properly to do an overall job of conservation, must be particularly conscientious in the pesticide use field.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the International Association of Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby endorse the provisions of H.R. 2857 requiring federal agencies to consult wildlife management agencies before initiating major pesticide programs, and

Be it further resolved that in order that there be a better understanding of the hazards of such materials, the International Association of State Game, Fish and Conservation Commissioners does hereby endorse the provisions of H.R. 4487, requiring more stringent labeling of these materials with respect to their effects on wildlife.

RESOLUTION NO. 7

FEDERAL LAND - CONVERSION PROGRAM TO BENEFIT PHEASANTS AND OTHER FARM WILDLIFE SPECIES

Whereas, the pheasant is the number one game bird in many states, and is pursued by