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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