

June 16-17-18, 1955  
RESOLUTION I

WHEREAS, there are too few publications which openly, frankly, and accurately report and discuss the advantages and disadvantages of the various fisheries management, research, and methods and practices in the several states and by public agencies, and

WHEREAS, the Sport Fishing Institute bulletin, does openly, frankly, and accurately report and discuss the activities of sport fisheries agencies, and

WHEREAS, through such reports and discussions there comes a greater awareness of the weaknesses and the strengths of the activities of the various agencies concerned with fisheries , and

WHEREAS, through such awareness steps may be taken for the improvement of all fisheries activities in the country,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society be directed to write a letter to the Sport Fishing Institute publicly commending them for their work and to urge the continuation of the publication of the Sport Fishing Institute bulletin.

NOTE: Resolution adopted.

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RESOLUTION II

1. Private Fish Culture and Management

WHEREAS, Fish culture and management by private individuals or groups contributes to the supply and availability of fish and fishing waters in the Country, and

WHEREAS, Through private fish culture and management there comes additional understanding and appreciation by the public of some of the economic, biological, and esthetic aspects of fish populations and fish management, and

WHEREAS, Through these means the management of fish by public agencies becomes less difficult with a benefit to all,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That all encouragement and assistance possible be given to private fish culture and management by public agencies within the framework of the laws and policies of each state.

NOTE: Resolution tabled.

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RESOLUTION III

WHEREAS, Fishing intensity has increased substantially in the past several years and is expected to show significant gains in the future, and

WHEREAS, Numerous large impoundments, both natural and man-made, are not now subject to adequate management for maximum yield of their fisheries, and

WHEREAS, Methods and materials for selective reduction or elimination of certain species of fish is urgently needed,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That recognition of this need be given, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Secretary of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society be directed to send copies of this resolution to the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Secretary of the Interior, the Commissioner of the Bureau of Reclamation, the Chief of the U.S. Corp of Army Engineers, and to the executive officers of the Fish and Game Departments of the eleven western states.

NOTE: Resolution adopted.

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RESOLUTION IV

WHEREAS, Benefits from selective breeding of plants and animals are recognized as being of great value, and

WHEREAS, Insufficient continuous, controlled programs of genetics of fish are being conducted in the United States, and

WHEREAS, Benefits to be derived from an adequately conducted study of genetics particularly of certain species of fish, are considered to be of great value,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the parent society of this organization by copy of this resolution be requested to encourage the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to establish a genetics study program for certain fish species, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Chairman of the parent society appoint a committee of not more than five individuals to coordinate the efforts of the several states and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service in arriving at a list of desirable characteristics to be established through genetics.

NOTE: Resolution adopted.

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RESOLUTION V

WHEREAS, There is need for a standardized method of determining the cost of fish production at Federal and state fish hatcheries, and

WHEREAS, No such standardized method is currently employed by such agencies,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society go on record as expressing their desire that fish hatcheries, whether Federal or State, operated in the Western States formulate and adopt a uniform yardstick of economics for determining the cost of production on fish produced at fish hatcheries, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the incoming president of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society be directed to appoint a five man committee to consider problems of cost accounting at fish hatcheries with a view to adoption of a uniform cost and operating system.

NOTE: Resolution adopted.

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RESOLUTION VI

RESOLUTION ON ECHO PARK DAM

WHEREAS, The Echo Park Dam proposed for construction in Dinosaur National Monument would be a violation of the intent of Congress as expressed in the Act of August 26, 1935 (49 Stat. 838) to protect for all time the lands and waters inside National Parks or Monuments, and

WHEREAS, The Presidential Proclamation of July 14, 1938, enlarging the Dinosaur National Monument did not give the Federal Power Commission power to authorize construction of the Echo Park dam in this Monument, and

WHEREAS, One of the most scenic and beautiful natural areas in the United States would be flooded by a reservoir with an annual fluctuation of 208 feet and which, when drawn down, would expose over 40,000 silted, eroded and unsightly acres of scant use to man or beast, and

WHEREAS, Echo Park Lake would adversely affect over 100 linear miles of stream boating and fishing areas as well as upland game, furbearers, deer, and waterfowl, and

WHEREAS, The cost of hydro-power to be produced at the Echo Park dam would be around \$883.00 per kilowatt as contrasted to a cost of around \$170.00 per kilowatt under steam generation, and

WHEREAS, The cost per acre to be irrigated from storage in Echo Lake is far above the value per acre of the same lands,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society at its Seventh Annual Meeting in Moran, Wyoming, held on June 16, 17, and 18, 1955, urge that this dam be stricken from the Upper Colorado River Project as proposed by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and various state agencies, and that the Echo Park Dam be removed from all future water development programs, in accordance with the Act of August 26, 1935 (49 Stat. 838), and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to President Eisenhower, Secretary of the Interior, McKay, Mr. John Farley, Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Director, National Park Service, and all members of committees in the Congress who are handling legislation incident to the upper Colorado River Project.

NOTE: Resolution tabled.