

*June 14, 1961*  
RESOLUTION -- I

WHEREAS, the construction of modern highways is in some instances detrimental to fish in that they block fish runs and cause material damage to stream alignment and spawning beds, and

WHEREAS, public access to fish areas is not always adequately provided for in highway construction plans, and

WHEREAS, Public Law 401, better known as the "Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act" has been determined as not applicable to highway construction;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Congress be requested to take the necessary action to extend the provisions of the Coordination Act to include federally financed public road construction.

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RESOLUTION -- 2

Issued

GENETICS AND SELECTIVE BREEDING OF SPORT FISHES

WHEREAS, the substantial contribution to agriculture of research in genetics and selective breeding of domesticated animals and cultivated plants is well known, and

WHEREAS, the practical advantages of developing strains of sport fishes having specialized physical or physiological characteristics advantageous to particular fishery management uses has been demonstrated by the exploratory research of several states, and

WHEREAS, the feasibility and desirability of establishing and maintaining genetically consistent strains of sport fishes to serve as test animals is shown by genetic standardization of a few aquarium species and by the utility of laboratory strains in mammalian research programs, and

WHEREAS, needed research on the genetics and selective breeding of nationally important sport fishes requires a magnitude and continuity of effort that can appropriately and best be provided by the Federal Government, and

WHEREAS, a Bill has been introduced in the Senate of the United States, " to authorize and direct the Secretary of the Interior to conduct studies of the genetics of sport fishes and to carry out selective breeding of such fishes to develop strains with inherent attributes valuable in programs of research, fish hatchery production, and management of recreational fishery resources"

(S.1542): now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, that the President and the Congress of the United States, and the Department of the Interior, shall be advised that the American Fisheries Society here assembled does endorse and support the principle of S 1542.

*Passed*

*June 4, 1961*  
RESOLUTION -- 3

WHEREAS, the American Fisheries Society has depended entirely upon elected officials and volunteer aid to carry on its official business;

WHEREAS, in some cases this has been a burden on the officials; and

WHEREAS, the Society is growing to the point that full-time executive attention to the daily business of the Society is needed;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society that the American Fisheries Society make every effort to facilitate the establishment of the position of Executive Director, American Fisheries Society, which will be a paid, full-time executive to handle the day-to-day business of the Society.

*Passed*

*June 14, 1961*  
RESOLUTION -- 4

WHEREAS, the great wealth of fishing privileges of the Western States is located on public lands, and

WHEREAS, the present Administration recognized the great need for public fishing, as indicated by the directive of the President to his Cabinet;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society does hereby express its appreciation for the adoption of such a policy, and extends assurance of the utmost cooperation to the Government agencies concerned.

*Passed*

*June 14, 1961*  
RESOLUTION -- 5

WHEREAS, the officers and the executive committee of the American Fisheries Society made it a policy to invite more active participation of the Division officers and members in the affairs of the American Fisheries Society, and

WHEREAS, through this action interest has been strengthened and renewed at the divisional level, and

WHEREAS, the attendance of the officers of the parent Society at the divisional meetings has added a personal touch and stimulated interest in the parent body,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society commends the Society for its actions and policies, and urges their continuance.

*Passed*

*June 14, 1961*  
RESOLUTION -- 6

WHEREAS, the State of New Mexico and the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, and Commission, have provided exceptional hospitality in the Land of Enchantment and the City Different, to all delegates and guests of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, and

WHEREAS, convention facilities tendered by the various business, organizations, and agencies were outstanding in services and cooperative in action;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society does hereby express its sincere appreciation to all of its New Mexico hosts for the very informative and successful conference.