

RESOLUTIONS TO BE PRESENTED AT  
1967 MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY IN  
HONOLULU, HAWAII

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Passed

WHEREAS, it has long been recognized under established law set forth in many court decisions that title and ownership of fish and wildlife rests in the states, independent of ownership of the land, and;

WHEREAS, it is the primary duty and responsibility of the states to conserve and protect these resources, and;

WHEREAS, the states must have unquestioned right and power to manage, regulate, and control fish and wildlife within their respective boundaries if their revenues for this purpose are to be maintained, and;

WHEREAS, there is evidence that Federal interests are claiming all jurisdiction over fish and wildlife on all Federal lands in contradiction to the above,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society in convention assembled on July 16, 1967, that title and ownership of fish and willife shall remain in the several states, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this ownership of fish and wildlife irrespective of land ownership be insured by appropriate Federal Legislation such as HR 8377, and that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society support this or other legislation with similar purpose,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Interior and to the appropriate Congressional Delegates of the western states.

Prepared by: Oregon State Game Commission  
(State control of resident species)  
If adopted by the Western Division  
of American Fisheries Society it is  
requested that it be sent to the Parent-  
Body for adoption with the wording  
changed from Western Division of  
American Fisheries Society to American  
Fisheries Society.

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WHEREAS, the Anadromous Fish Act (PL 89-304) was enacted by Congress to help meet the recognized need for increased research and development to conserve and enhance the nation's valuable and threatened Anadromous fish stocks, and;

WHEREAS, \$25,000,000 was authorized by Congress to be expended during the 1966-1970 five-year period for this worthwhile and necessary program, and;

WHEREAS, the Federal Bureau of the Budget has seen fit to release only \$2,000,000 of the 5 million authorization by Congress for FY 1967, for the first segment and indications are that similar or more restrictive releases may be planned for subsequent years, and;

WHEREAS, the various state fishery agencies are in a position to implement projects at maximum levels in this cooperative program with the Fish and Wildlife Service which can have far reaching and effective enhancement values for Anadromous fish stocks,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society requests the Bureau of the Budget to increase the funding of this program to the authorized level and Congress is urged to consider the feasibility of increasing the initial segments above the \$5,000,000 prorated annual portion, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed to the Bureau of the Budget and to the Congressional Delegates of the western states which are participating in the Anadromous fish program.

Prepared by: Alaska Fish and Game  
If adopted by the Western Division of American Fisheries Society it is requested that it be sent to the Parent-Body for adoption with the wording changed from Western Division of American Fisheries Society to the American Fisheries Society.

*Fish and wildlife*

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*Res # 3*

WHEREAS, the rivers, streams, lakes, and reservoirs of Western United States are the major elements in the rapidly expanding tourist and recreation industry, and;

WHEREAS, the public demand for water related recreation is great, and;

WHEREAS, the Bureau of Reclamation of the U. S. Department of the Interior and U. S. Corps of Engineers are now planning and propose to construct a massive system of dams and appurtenant facilities for a wide variety of purposes, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed water developments will have a major impact on the existing fish and wildlife resource, and;

WHEREAS, little information is now available regarding the magnitude, characteristics, and requirements of these resources or resultant reservoir fisheries upon which to formulate sound recommendations for their protection and/or enhancement, and;

WHEREAS, it is essential that biological studies be initiated promptly to keep pace with the engineering and other aspects of project planning so that the studies may be integrated into the formulation of projects under the multiple purpose concept, or alternate solutions to water problems be investigated to preserve high value existing resources, and;

WHEREAS, hunters and fishermen pay for basic fish and game studies on water development projects through their special license fees and excise taxes on their sporting equipment while the Bureau and Corps preconstruction studies are paid from the general fund,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society does hereby request the Congress of the United States, the U. S. Bureau of Reclamation and the U. S. Corps of Engineers to include sufficient funds in project feasibility studies to be made available to the states to (1) study alternate solutions to water problems, and (2) enable the states involved to formulate and implement biological studies of existing resources which would be affected by water developments for the purpose of providing essential information to plan for the protection and/or enhancement of these resources in connection with and prior to said developments, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be transmitted to the Secretary of the Interior; Chief of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Washington, D. C. ; Commissioner, U. S. Bureau of Reclamation, Washington, D. C. ; Commissioner, Fish and Wildlife Service, Washington, D. C. ; Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, Washington, D. C. ; and appropriate Congressional Delegates of the 13 western states.

Submitted by: State of Montana

If adopted by the Western Division of American Fisheries Society it is requested that it be sent on for adoption by the Parent-Body and the terminology changed from the Western Division of AFS to the American Fisheries Society and the appropriate Congressional Delegates of the 13 western states to appropriate Congressional Delegates of the states.

RESOLUTION PASSED BY MEMBERSHIP

#4 passed

WHEREAS, the American system of weights and measures is not used consistently in this country, and has become an inconvenience in relations between scientists and engineers, science and industry, and the United States and other nations, and;

WHEREAS, the more convenient metric system is now used by 90% of the world's population, is already used in our currency, is simple and easy to learn, and has many advantages over our present system;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society assembled in Honolulu, Hawaii hereby promotes formal adoption of the metric system by the national organization of the American Fisheries Society as its officially recognized system of weights and measures, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that each member is urged to work for the universal adoption of the metric system in his personal contacts with others.

Prepared and  
Adopted by:

Oregon Chapter of the American  
Fisheries Society in Corvallis, Oregon  
on January 1967.

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*no 5  
Rejected*

WHEREAS, the food resources of several areas of the world are in seriously short supply, and the surplus foodstuff of the United States is dwindling rapidly, and;

WHEREAS, unmanaged populations of unutilized fish are available in a majority of inland waters, and;

WHEREAS, there is a vast unharvested high protein resource in the form of wild animals - notably fish - in the United States and in many parts of the world, and;

WHEREAS, the welfare of mankind is intimately tied to and dependent on, a knowledge and understanding of animal population dynamics, ecology, and behavior.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society urge the secretaries of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and Agriculture to provide ear-marked funds to support and encourage both basic and applied research in the following fields: Animal behavior, population dynamics, animal control, biological control, radiological control, and the utilization of less palatable or under-utilized fish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Secretary of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

Prepared by: The Utah State University  
If adopted by the Western Division  
it is requested that it be sent to  
the Parent-Body for adoption with  
the wording changed from Western  
Division of American Fisheries Society  
to American Fisheries Society.

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*no 6  
passed*

WHEREAS, in 1950 the Federal Aid to Fish Resoration Act, known as the Dingell-Johnson Act, was passed, and;

WHEREAS, since that time the various states have developed a fisheries management program that has resulted in great improvement of the fisheries resource of the many states, and;

WHEREAS, the fishing public recognized that there is an excise tax on certain fishing tackle that is collected and set aside for the purpose of operating the programs under the Fish Restoration Act, and;

WHEREAS, the fishermen are in unilateral approval of the collection and use of this tax money to improve the fisheries resources, and;

WHEREAS, in the present Congress, HR 1296 was introduced in the House by Representative Samuel Stratton (D) of New York, which, although is said to amend the Dingell-Johnson Act, would virtually abolish the concepts of this Act, and;

WHEREAS, in the amendment to the Act it specifically states, "to carry out the provisions of this Act (D-J), there is authorized to be appropriated for each fiscal year, an amount not exceeding \$12,000,000" and;

WHEREAS, interpretation of this statement alone indicated that the bill would merely authorize an appropriation and that it sets a maximum limit of appropriation but no minimum limit, and;

WHEREAS, if this bill is passed without a minimum limit, it is conceivable that Congress could or would appropriate no money to carry out fish restoration projects,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society at its annual meeting held in Honolulu, Hawaii on July 16, 1967 does hereby unalterably oppose the passage of HR 1296 or any other bill with a similar concept, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be transmitted to the Congressional Delegates of the 13 western states and to Representative Samuel Stratton (D) of New York.

Prepared by: State of New Mexico  
If accepted and adopted by Western Division it is recommended that the terminology be changed from Western Division of American Fisheries Society to American Fisheries Society and that the resolution be transmitted to the appropriate Congressional Delegates of the states.

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#7 rejected

WHEREAS, game fish species in cold or cool water environment do not usual reproduce themselves in lakes and reservoirs, and;

WHEREAS, the fish species that have been quite successful in reservoirs at lower elevations and southern latitudes are generally unsuitable for stocking in the colder lakes and reservoirs, and;

WHEREAS, the stocking of various salmonoid and other game fish species in cold-water lakes and reservoirs is usually required on an annual basis, and;

WHEREAS, the stocking is extremely expensive and at times the results are unpredictable, and;

WHEREAS, the state agencies are under constant pressure by the public to maintain quality sport fisheries in these lakes and reservoirs;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society recommends that the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife conduct a world-wide and comprehensive study of salmonoid and other game fish species that would be suitable for use in the development of a quality sport fishery in higher elevations or northern latitude lakes and reservoirs without annual stocking, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be directed to the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and copies transmitted to the Congressional Delegates of the thirteen western states.

Submitted by: Wyoming Game and Fish Commission  
If adopted to be forwarded to the  
American Fisheries Society with the  
terminology changed from Western  
Division of American Fisheries Society  
to American Fisheries Society and  
the 13 western states changed to the  
states.

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#8  
passed

WHEREAS, nongame fish are abundant in many of the waterways of the nation, and;

WHEREAS, many nongame fish successfully compete with game fish species and often are known to drastically suppress game fish populations, and;

WHEREAS, fishery scientists do not have the knowledge and techniques to successfully control fish populations, especially in large lakes and reservoir, and;

WHEREAS, many large lakes and reservoirs cannot be properly managed for game fish production until fish populations can be effectively manipulated, and;

WHEREAS, biological and/or biochemical controls offer encouragement as a method of manipulating animal populations as evidenced by the work being accomplished on the screw worm and the progress being made in the field of genetics, and;

WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service has qualified personnel either in the Cooperative Fishery Units or other branches within the Service to conduct the research program;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society does hereby request the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to seek ear-marked funds to conduct biological and biochemical research programs aimed at providing controls for fish populations;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Secretary of the Interior, the Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, the Director of the Bureau of Commercial Fisheries, and to appropriate congressional delegates of these states.

Prepared by: Utah State Department of Fish and Game.  
If adopted by the Western Division it is requested that it be sent to the Parent-Body for adoption with the wording changed from Western Division of American Fisheries Society to American Fisheries Society.



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WHEREAS, the State of Hawaii and its Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Fish and Game have been hosts to the annual meeting of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, and;

WHEREAS, the accommodations have been excellent for both living and working, and;

WHEREAS, the ecological advantages furnished from hulas to luaus to sunshine and surf have been superb,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society in convention assembled on July 16, 1967 that we express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to the State of Hawaii and its Division of Fish and Game for a most productive and pleasant meeting and for an outstanding demonstration of hospitality.