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Western Division American Fisheries Society
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(Protection and Development of Estuaries)

WHEREAS the estuaries of the Pacific Coast constitute a limited, extremely valuable, nonrenewable natural resource, and

WHEREAS these estuaries are essential to the production of much of our fishery of all kinds, and

WHEREAS the rate of dredging and filling for purposes of navigation, mining, and industrial and residential development is rapidly increasing, and

WHEREAS all forms of pollution in estuaries are of vital concern, now therefore be it

RESOLVED by the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society that the coastal states and Canadian provinces be urged to fix responsibility for the provision of safeguards for estuaries, and for their orderly multipurpose development within their state and provincial governmental structure, and be it further

RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the western states and provinces, and be it further

RESOLVED that the American Fisheries Society consider adoption of this or a similar resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

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WHEREAS fish and game are natural resources belonging to all the people of the country, and

WHEREAS preservation of their habitat must be taken into consideration during highway construction if these resources are to be conserved and perpetuated, and

WHEREAS the Federal Highway Administrator in Instrumental Memorandum No. 21-5-63 issued June 12, 1963 sought through administrative directive to insure the preservation of the fish and wildlife resources by providing for cooperation between the highway construction departments and agencies and the fish and game commissions or conservation departments, and

WHEREAS Senator Metcalf of Montana withdrew S. 468 (a bill related to highways for the purpose of protecting fish and wildlife and recreation resources) which was introduced in the 1st Session of the 88 Congress, with the feeling that the administrative procedure outlined by the Highway Administrator would no longer make further legislative action necessary, and

WHEREAS several states are continuing to experience severe losses and damage to the fish and wildlife resources through highway construction in spite of Instrumental Memorandum No. 21-5-63, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society urges that S.468, a similar bill, or an amendment to the Coordination Act again be prepared for consideration by the Congress, and be it further

RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Senator Metcalf of Montana and other appropriate Congressional Delegates of the western states, and be it further

RESOLVED that the American Fisheries Society consider adoption of this or a similar resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 3

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(Regarding Methods of Economic Analysis
for Recreation, Fish and Wildlife)

WHEREAS it has become common practice to evaluate recreation and fish and wildlife resources in economic terms, and

WHEREAS the classical pricing methods have been used to establish monetary values for outdoor recreation, and

WHEREAS classical methodology may be inappropriate for setting such values because these values are aesthetic and emotional as well as economic, and

WHEREAS current research in this field appears to be oriented toward the classical approach to economics, and

WHEREAS additional research, considering both social and ecologic values should be undertaken, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society support the concept of expanding the research effort toward improving current methodology, and be it further

RESOLVED that the Division encourages governmental agencies to develop their own economic capability so that this research may be properly guided and implemented, and be it further

RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the fish and game departments of the western states and provinces and to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, the U.S. Army Engineers, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture and be it further

RESOLVED that the American Fisheries Society consider adoption of this or a similar resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 4

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WHEREAS the importation of diseased salmonids from other continents posed a grave threat to North American trout and salmon fisheries, and

WHEREAS an AFS committee headed by Dr. Snieszko has rapidly and effectively developed an effective program to prevent the entry of such diseases into North America, and

WHEREAS the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service has taken the necessary action to place the committee's plan into effect, now therefore be it

Resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society expresses its gratitude to Dr. Snieszko and his committee and to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for the rapid and effective manner in which they handled this difficult problem, and be it further.

RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to Honorable Stuart Udall, to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and to Dr. Snieszko, and be it further

RESOLVED that the American Fisheries Society consider adoption of this or a similar resolution.

RESOLUTION NO. 5

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WHEREAS the Nevada Fish and Game Commission has hosted the 1968 meeting of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society in Reno, and

WHEREAS excellent technical papers were presented at this meeting, and

WHEREAS the hospitality extended by the Nevada Commission was outstanding, now therefore be it

RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society expresses its wholehearted appreciation of the efforts of the Nevada Commission in arranging and hosting this excellent annual meeting and be it further

RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be sent to the Director of the Nevada Fish and Game Department, the Chairman of the Nevada Fish and Game Commission and the Program Chairman.