

RESOLUTION NO. 1 ADOPTED BY WESTERN DIVISION AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

July 21, 1971

COMMENDING THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERIOR
AND
OFFICIALS OF U. S. FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE

WHEREAS, the American Fisheries Society, assembled in annual convention in New York City, New York, September 13-16, 1970, adopted Resolution No. 1 entitled, "Analysis of the Fish and Wildlife Role in Water Resources Development"; and

WHEREAS, said resolution requested the Secretary of the Interior to direct the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service to initiate a comprehensive review and evaluation of those programs, policies and procedures affecting the inclusion of fish and wildlife in federally financed or regulated water development; and

WHEREAS, the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service did in fact cooperatively plan and initiate a program to comply with the intent of said resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Service sponsored a National Symposium on October 5-7, 1970, which brought together representatives of nearly every state and major conservation organization in the nation for the aforesaid purpose and did also implement a regional workshop for the twelve western states on December 7-10, 1970 in San Francisco; and

WHEREAS, the Symposium and Workshop sessions were highly successful in identifying many of the problems and potential solutions, aiding State-Federal relations, and affirmed the need for increased efforts in this specialized activity; and

WHEREAS, it is clearly evident that this effort should be continued and should include the federal water development and regulatory agencies;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society commend the Department of Interior for its prompt action in this matter, and, in particular, the Steering Committee and those officials of the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the branch of River Basin Studies who directly implemented the program; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society request that the review and evaluation process be pursued diligently to the development of sound recommendations for the promulgation of effective programs, policies and procedures; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and to the heads of all state fish and wildlife agencies.

RESOLUTION NO. 2 ADOPTED BY WESTERN DIVISION AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

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PUBLIC LAND LAW

WHEREAS, the Public Land Law Review Commission has released their report entitled, "One Third of the Nation's Land" in June 1970; and

WHEREAS, the report is voluminous and requires considerable study and thus, time; and

WHEREAS, a number of recommendations in the report are of deep concern to fisheries scientists and may have a serious impact on the fisheries resources; and

WHEREAS, a number of Federal bills are forthcoming as a result of the Public Land Law Review Commission report; and

WHEREAS, time will be of essence in providing views relative to the various bills which will be introduced; and

WHEREAS, the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society does not have the machinery within its administrative procedures to establish its policies and positions without a rather laborious contact with its respective members,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society appoint an Ad Hoc Committee representative of the various fishery interests; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Committee study the various future bills pertaining to public lands and recommend to the Executive Committee a position for the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society in regard to this legislation.

RESOLUTION NO. 3 ADOPTED BY WESTERN DIVISION AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY

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FOREIGN TROPICAL FISH INTRODUCTION

WHEREAS, the introduction of foreign tropical fish into the United States is rapidly growing; for example, during the month ending February 23, 1971, over 4 million individual tropical fish shipped in over 100,000 gallons of water entered the northwest ports alone; and

WHEREAS, these fish and the water they are transported in are a potential source of biological contamination because the fish are not examined for disease and the water is of questionable purity; and

WHEREAS, these fish end up in homes and our natural waters, posing a possible threat to the person handling the fish and our native fish; and

WHEREAS, there are already several federal and state government agencies preventing entry of dangerous or questionable plants and animal matter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society urge the Secretary of Interior to initiate and coordinate studies between fish disease experts and the public health authorities to determine if the growing volume of live fish importation, especially tropical fish, does or does not constitute a source of potentially dangerous biological contamination.