

CONSIDERED AND ADOPTED JULY 18, 1972

RESOLUTION #1

July 1972

A Resolution Opposing the Establishment and Publication of Uniform Monetary Values for Pollution-Killed Fish, Shellfish and Other Fishery Related Natural Resources in the west.

Submitted by: The Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Whereas the Southern Division of the American Fisheries Society has adopted and published uniform monetary values for fishes and has suggested that the entire Society take similar action, and;

Whereas the fishery resources of the west are unique, not comparable to the fishery resources of the Southeast, and;

Whereas the number of dead fish that are evident following a fish kill is typically a small percentage of the total kill and does not include food organisms, and;

Whereas the full impact of pollution cannot be assessed accurately or compensated fully when based solely on the number and value of recoverable fish carcasses, and;

Whereas legal penalties that are based on the number of dead fish become decreasingly severe as pollution levels increase, and;

Whereas the establishment and publication of uniform monetary values for all natural resources may encourage depredation and degradation rather than enhancement and conservation, and;

Whereas pollution-induced fish kills can be handled best on a case by case basis requiring complete restoration of that aquatic ecosystem;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society opposes the establishment and publication of uniform monetary values for pollution-killed fish in the west.

A Resolution Concerning Chapter Participation in Policy Determination

Submitted by: The Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries
Society

Whereas the American Fisheries Society was established to further develop
the fisheries profession and to ensure the continued development of
fisheries science, and;

Whereas the Society has authorized the formation of divisions within the
Society and chapters within the divisions, and;

Whereas the chapters and divisions consider problems and material of
significant importance to Society members, and;

Whereas the chapters offer field professionals the opportunity to consider
important policies and recommendations made by officers of the
parent Society, and;

Whereas many of the policies formed at executive committee level are of
vital concern to the membership;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American
Fisheries Society urges the officers of the parent Society to refer
to the chapters for recommendations relative to proposed policies
of concern to all members.

A Resolution Concerning Professional Certification

Submitted by: The Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Whereas the American Fisheries Society offers a program of Professional Certification, and;

Whereas the Board of Professional Certification has proposed that certification be revoked upon non-payment of dues, that scientists must receive Board approval of certification each five years and that certification indicate a level of achievement and/or a license to practice;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society urges the Society to seek the recommendations of the membership relative to the certification program.

A Resolution Concerning Location of Annual Meetings

Submitted by: The Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society

Whereas the American Fisheries Society asserts itself to be organized and dedicated to the exchange of fisheries information among professional fisheries workers, and;

Whereas fisheries biologist and managers, many of which are workers at the lower eschlons, find the Society's annual meeting costs excessively high to the individual member, if not prohibitive, and;

Whereas many more working members could and would attend the annual meeting if the most expensive hotels could be avoided and registration costs could be kept at a minimum, and;

Whereas attending members costs for the conference hotel could be considerably less if held at smaller and more competitive convention centers;

Now therefore be it resolved that in the future, all annual meetings of the American Fisheries Society be held at hotels or convention centers where costs to the membership will be considerably lower than the past couple of years and are such that the Society members with a non-administrative type of job can afford to partake in this exchange of professional fisheries information.

A Resolution Concerning Attendance at the Law of the Seas Conference

Submitted by: Oregon State Game Commission

Whereas sport fishing for anadromous fish by nearly 1.6 million anglers is an important part of the growing recreation provided by the Pacific Coast states and British Columbia, and;

Whereas this is an important economic asset to the states and province and a recreational benefit to the citizens, and;

Whereas the economic values and recreational demand will increase in future years;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society request representation for the sport fishing interests at the next Law of the Seas Conference, and;

Be it further resolved eventual rules and regulations governing harvest on the high seas assure sufficient supplies of anadromous fish to satisfy the growing recreational demand by Pacific Coast states and Canada.

RESOLUTION #6

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A Resolution Concerning Land-Use Planning

Submitted by: Oregon State Game Commission

Whereas the future of fish and wildlife populations depends upon proper land-use practices, including watershed management, and;

Whereas logging, grazing, mining and other activities, if not carefully planned and conducted, can adversely affect water quality and destroy critical wildlife habitat, and;

Whereas legislation has been introduced in Congress that will eventually require states to develop comprehensive land-use plans, and;

Whereas an aggressive effort by the states to develop and implement land-use plans would insure such plans contain the needs of the respective states and would negate the need for federal administration of state land use;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society encourages and supports administrative directives and state legislative programs that would lead to the development of progressive land-use plans to protect and enhance water quality and fish and wildlife habitat.

Be it further resolved that copies of this resolution be sent to the governors of the member states and provinces of the Western Division.

RESOLUTION #7

July 1972

A Resolution Concerning the Forestry Practices Act in Oregon

Submitted by: Oregon State Game Commission

Whereas the future of fish and wildlife production in the nation depends upon proper land use and watershed management, and;

Whereas Oregon has adopted the "Forestry Practices Act" with rules and regulations to protect soil, water and production of renewable resources, and;

Whereas coordination for protection of the watershed through one state agency, the Department of Forestry, will be less confusing to the public;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society commend Oregon for this step in natural resource management, and;

Be it further resolved that other states are encouraged to examine this coordination of land use through a single agency: to lessen public confusion, to assure proper resource management, and to adopt such rules where applicable.

RESOLUTION #8

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A Resolution Standardizing Stream Survey Procedures

Submitted by: Western Division Study Committee

Whereas the responsibility for the management of natural resources is shared by state, federal and private organizations, and

Whereas stream surveys are required in the management of fisheries and fish habitat, and

Whereas stream surveys in a single watershed often involve several management organizations, and

Whereas the American Fisheries Society has encouraged standardization of fisheries data, and the need for a standardized approach to stream surveys has been expressed by representatives of state and federal agencies at a seminar held at the July 1972 meeting of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society,

Now therefore be it resolved that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society recommends to the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners that a close liaison be established among organizations to standardize stream survey procedures.