

Oregon Chapter American Fisheries Society

Resolution on

MEMBERSHIP STRUCTURE

WHEREAS, the structure of the American Fisheries Society has grown more complex as the science of fisheries has expanded in such fields as research, management, husbandry, engineering, and economics; and

WHEREAS, the Society provides its members with a publication oriented primarily toward research interests; and

WHEREAS, fishery workers in fields other than research do not presently receive an equitable benefit for the cost of their membership; and

WHEREAS, the disposition of Society income reflects a significant cost per member for production of the Transactions; and

WHEREAS, suitable mechanisms are only beginning in the Society for the nurture and support of all interests and their advocates, especially at the chapter level; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that at its scheduled January 25, 1974 meeting at Salishan, the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society did vote to request the parent Society to provide a dues schedule containing specifically an active membership category for those who choose not to receive the Transactions; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the parent Society be requested to stimulate publication of nonresearch-oriented material and to accommodate the diverse nature of the existing, potential, and former membership, particularly at the chapter level; and be it further

RESOLVED, that this resolution be sent to the President and Executive Committee of the American Fisheries Society and its Membership Structure Committee for their consideration and action.

Whereas

Resident wildlife has historically been regarded as the property of the state and

Whereas

All states recognize and pursue their historic and constitutional right to manage and conserve resident wildlife and

Whereas

Public Law 93-205 precludes and preempts state laws and regulations dealing with resident endangered wildlife

Be it Therefore Resolved

That the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, while supporting the spirit of the law, is opposed to the present wording of Public Law 93-205 and

Be it Further Resolved

That the Secretary of the Interior be encouraged to draft and support a revision of Public Law 93-205 so that preemptive provisions are removed and so that the federal role in resident endangered wildlife conservation is wholly to cooperate with and compliment state's programs.