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RESOLUTION NO. 1

Presented to the WESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
Sun Valley, Idaho, July 26, 1976

To Meet in Vancouver, B. C. in 1977

WHEREAS the American Fisheries Society has urged Divisions to hold joint meetings with them; and

WHEREAS the annual meeting of the American Fisheries Society will be held in nearby Vancouver, British Columbia in 1977; and

WHEREAS the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society has not selected the time and place of its meeting in 1977; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Montana Chapter of the American Fisheries Society request the Western Division to hold its meeting in conjunction with the Parent Society in 1977.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2

Presented to the WESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
Sun Valley Idaho, July 26, 1976

To Establish a Stream Flow Committee

WHEREAS increased competition for out-of-stream water uses throughout the western United States has adversely affected the quantity and quality of aquatic habitat and fish production in streams; and

WHEREAS western water laws do not adequately protect instream flow values such as fish, wildlife, recreation and esthetics; and

WHEREAS the Western Division of American Fisheries Society cosponsored with the Power Division of the American Society of Civil Engineers the Instream Flow Needs Symposium May 3-6, 1976 in Boise, Idaho, recognizing the importance of interdisciplinary communication and the importance of drawing attention to problems created by stream flow depletions; and

WHEREAS lack of a united interdisciplinary effort to strive for equity in stream flow allocations and the protection of instream values is a major problem; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society adopt the Stream Flow Committee as a standing committee; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the charge of the Stream Flow Committee is to promote awareness of the nature and significance of problems associated with excessive alteration of stream flows and promote interdisciplinary communications to achieve better protection of instream values; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Stream Flow Committee shall coordinate, disseminate, and/or prepare information relating to stream flow need problems in a manner consistent with procedures adopted by the American Fisheries Society; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That membership on the Stream Flow Committee be interdisciplinary, open to individuals not members of the American Fisheries Society; and be it

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RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Stream Flow Committee of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society shall have a cooperative association with the American Society of Civil Engineers and their efforts to deal with problems associated with excessive alteration of stream flows.

Signed: Ken Thompson - Oregon  
Fred Eiserman - Wyoming  
Ron Goede - Utah  
Bill Platts - Idaho  
John Peters - Colorado  
Frank Richardson - Colorado  
Clair Stalnaker - Colorado  
Jack Fraser - California

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RESOLUTION NO. 3

Presented to the WESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
Sun Valley, Idaho, July 26, 1976

To Support the Colorado Squawfish Recovery Team and  
Preserve Endangered Species and Their Critical Habitat

WHEREAS the Congress has passed, and the President has signed into law, the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (P.L. 93-205), the intent of which is to preserve the ecosystems upon which endangered and threatened species depend; and

WHEREAS the Colorado squawfish (Ptychocheilus lucius), the humpback chub (Gila cypha), the bonytail chub (Gila eleoans) and the humpback sucker (Xyrauchen texanus) are native species of the Colorado River and its tributaries, are considered extinct throughout much of their former range, and are recognized as rare and are protected by state agencies where currently found; and

WHEREAS the Colorado squawfish and humpback chub have been recognized by the Secretary of Interior as endangered species; and

WHEREAS a recovery team has been formed to devise a plan to restore and sustain healthy populations of the Colorado squawfish wherever possible within its native range; and

WHEREAS the Colorado-Wyoming, the Bonneville, and the California-Nevada Chapters of the American Fisheries Society have unanimously passed similar resolutions in support of the efforts of the Colorado Squawfish Recovery Team; and

WHEREAS the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society upholds the concept of preservation of threatened and endangered species, with special concern for those found within the Division's geographical boundaries; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Western Division support the Colorado Squawfish Recovery Team in its efforts to preserve the Colorado squawfish and the ecosystem which has been proposed by this team as critical habitat; and be it

RESOLVED FURTHER, That the Division oppose alterations to the river environment which may further jeopardize the survival of any of these rare fish species; and be it

July 26, 1976

RESOLVED FURTHER, That copies of this resolution be sent to the following organizations:

Colorado River Wildlife Council  
Washington and Salt Lake offices of the  
Bureau of Reclamation  
Washington, Albuquerque and Denver offices of  
the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service  
Trout Unlimited  
Federal Power Commission  
Squawfish Recovery Team

APPENDIX E

Proposed Addition to Western Division AFS Bylaws

The purpose of the Western Division AFS Resolutions Committee is to expedite the handling of resolutions; that is, to review each resolution prior to presentation at the annual business meeting. The Resolutions Committee will review each resolution to ensure:

- 1) It does not pertain to a subject that was acted upon in the previous two annual meetings, or a subject covered by a resolution that was tabled at the last annual meeting;
- 2) It pertains to only one subject;
- 3) It is in the proper format and is grammatically correct.

It is the responsibility of authors and sponsors of resolutions that resolutions be carefully thought through and precisely written before submission to the Resolutions Committee. To be eligible for consideration, they must be received by the Chairman of the Resolutions Committee no later than 30 days prior to the annual meeting at which they are to be presented.

The right of an individual or a chapter to have a resolution presented at a meeting will not be abrogated by the Resolutions Committee. The Committee is not authorized to censor proposals it opposes or considers unsound. Its authority is limited to meeting the provisions of items 1) through 3) above, recommending the resolution be adopted or not adopted, and presenting at the Western Division business meeting comments it believes are appropriate as arguments for or against the resolution.

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RESOLUTION NO. 1

Presented to the WESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
Tucson, Arizona July 12, 1977

Concern for Discrimination Imposed by Affirmative Action

- WHEREAS, hiring on the basis of merit without regard to race, creed, sex, age, national origin, political or religious affiliations or other non-merit factors has long been an American ideal; and
- WHEREAS, government fish and game agencies are being coerced to implement Affirmative Action hiring practices that place more emphasis on race, creed, sex and national origin than on merit; and
- WHEREAS, colleges and universities are graduating more fishery biologists than there are employment opportunities; and
- WHEREAS, the American Fisheries Society has indicated a concern for maintaining and in some cases raising professional standards;
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Colorado State University Chapter of the American Fisheries Society and the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter of the American Fisheries Society urge government fish and game agencies to resist the discriminative pressures of Affirmative Action and to continue to hire on the basis of merit without regard to race, creed, sex, age, national origin, political or religious affiliations, or other non-merit factors, and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that professional standards should not be lowered to accommodate less qualified applicants; and
- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that deviations from policy based on merit will be considered reverse discrimination, and
- BE IF FURTHER RESOLVED, copies of this resolution be sent to:
- (1) the Resolution Committee of the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society with the recommendation that the Western Division adopt the same position, and if adopted, sent on to the Resolution Committee of the American Fisheries Society for consideration at the Annual Meeting,
  - (2) the directors of all 50 state fish and game agencies,
  - (3) selected federal agencies which employ fishery biologists.

RESOLUTION NO. 2

Presented to the WESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
Tucson, Arizona July 12, 1977

Concern for Habitat Occupied by Populations of Salmo clarki pleuriticus

WHEREAS, pure populations of the Colorado River cutthroat, Salmo clarki pleuriticus have been indentified in the upstream tributaries of the Little Snake River Drainage, primarily on the Medicine Bow National Forest known generally as the Huston Park area; and

WHEREAS, this area contains the principal remaining contiguous intact habitat occupied by this subspecies; and

WHEREAS, all existing populations of this subspecies are considered sensitive for its continued survival;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Western Division of the American Fisheries society urges the U.S. Forest Service, having jurisdiction over lands involved with any water development scheduled for the Huston Park area, to either maintain the present roadless status of the area or to make it a mandatory condition for any special use permits to include stream flow regimes that will provide for the habitat necessary to maintain the Colorado cutthroat, Salmo clarki pleuriticus in its present biological status, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if water development plans continue without these written specified considerations for adequate stream flows in documents allowing the construction of those water development facilities that this subspecies be considered by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service for inclusion on the National List of Threatened Species, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be sent to the:

Chief, U.S. Forest	Wilderness Society
Regional U.S. Forest Service Director	Sierra Club
Supervisor of the Medicine Bow National Forest	Wyoming U.S. Senators
Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Wyoming Chapter of the Wildlife Society
Regional Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service	President of the Western Division of
Director, Wyoming Game and Fish Department	the American Fisheries Society
Wyoming State Engineer	President of the American Fisheries
Director, Wyoming Dept. of Environmental Quality	Society
National Audubon Society	Sport Fishing Institute
Colorado Division of Wildlife	Trout Unlimited, Wyoming Chapter
Izaak Walton League, National Chairman	Water Resources Research Institute



RESOLUTION NO. 3

Presented to the WESTERN DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY  
Tucson, Arizona July 12, 1977

Concern for Physical Aspects of Water Quality

Submitted by the Colorado-Wyoming Chapter

WHEREAS, conditions in the West are arid and water development often severely dewater the streams; and

WHEREAS, Public Law 92-500 requires the establishment of fishable and swimmable streams by 1983; and

WHEREAS, quality waters is defined in terms of chemical, physical, and biological parameters; and

WHEREAS, physical water quality cannot be maintained, nor fish life sustained, without adequate depth and velocity of flowing water; and

WHEREAS, the States must review the water quality standards and include the National water quality goal uses of protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, wildlife, and recreation in and on the water; and

WHEREAS, the review of water quality standards for all surface waters must be consistent with existing use designations;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that water quality standards are an essential part of State water quality management systems. The standards serve as a basis for judgment on the establishment of instream flow requirements;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the concepts of depth and velocity of flow, in addition to temperature and turbidity, should be considered an integral part of water quality by the Environmental Protection Agency and the 208 planning agencies;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that wherever attainable, these must include providing adequate depth and velocity of flowing waters so as to assure protection and propagation of aquatic life, maintenance of stream channel morphology, provide recreation, and support other uses;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society at their meeting July 12, 1977, Tucson, Arizona urges the Environmental Protection Agency and the States establish numeric physical water quality criteria of depth and velocities for appropriate target organisms.