

## Western Association Adopts Resolutions

The Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners adopted 25 resolutions at their annual convention held jointly with the Western Division of the American Fisheries Society, July 13, 1973, in Salt Lake City, Utah. Four of those resolutions follow:

### Resolution No. 2

#### Stream Alteration Projects

WHEREAS, publicly constructed or subsidized stream alteration projects for flood control, irrigation, power generation, drainage, municipal and industrial use, and other purposes often result in destruction of wildlife habitat, and

WHEREAS, these projects may cause irreparable damage to waterways and related land and water resources, and

WHEREAS, compensatory measures for fish and wildlife are either lacking or inadequate, now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners reaffirms its vigorous opposition to publicly funded stream alteration projects, both existing and proposed, until natural resource values and recreation opportunities are comprehensively evaluated and resource mitigating recommendations are included as an integral part of the project and project cost, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Association encourages and supports administrative directives and legislative programs which will ensure protection and enhancement of fish and wildlife resources, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be sent to the Director of the Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Agriculture, the Secretary of Defense, and the Governors of the States.

### Resolution No. 3

#### Federal Water Project Recreation Act

WHEREAS, no action has been taken regarding Resolutions pertaining to modification of the Federal Water Project Recreation Act submitted in the 1971 and 1972 annual meetings of the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, the Act (P. L. 89-72) requires that full consideration be given to recreation enhancement as a purpose of federal water projects, and

WHEREAS, the Act further provides that a non-federal public body must execute an agreement before construction to administer land and water areas for recreation enhancement and to repay all cost of operation, maintenance and replacement of facilities plus at least one-half of all construction costs and project modifications, including water for a recreation pool and evaporative loss, which are specifically allocated to recreational uses, and

WHEREAS, fiscal limitations would prevent adequate administration of the areas, and impose inequitable cost-sharing responsibilities on state and local political subdivisions who rarely have adequate funds to meet cost-sharing obligations, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners reaffirms its recommendation that the Federal Water Project Recreation Act (P. L. 89-72) be repealed or amended to make costs of facilities nonreimbursable for anadromous fish, migratory waterfowl, endangered species and estuarine resources, and also for water control and storage and control facilities; eliminate the \$28 million limit on land purchased for waterfowl as part of water projects; ensure separable costs of basic access, sanitary, and safety facilities would be Federal costs; ensure fish and wildlife losses will be satisfactorily compensated before enhancement features are cost-shared; and ensure the interest requirement would be waived on cost-share repayments, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be sent to the President of the United States, the members of Congress of the United States, the Secretary of the Interior, and the Secretary of Defense.

### Resolution No. 4

#### Federal Legislation, H.R. 75, Relating to Fish and Wildlife Programs on Federal Lands and Fee to be Charged

WHEREAS, Federal legislation (H. R. 75) has been introduced to amend the Sikes Act (P. L. 86-797) to extend conservation programs on military lands, and

WHEREAS, this same legislation includes a new section of law that calls for comprehensive planning and implementation of plans on public lands, and

WHEREAS, this new section also includes provision that would require a public land management area stamp for hunting, trapping, and trapping to finance wildlife programs on all public lands, and

WHEREAS, H. R. 75 is similar to previously introduced legislation which was opposed by the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners, and

WHEREAS, those measures were opposed on the basis of over planning, development, and coordination being carried on on Federal lands, and

WHEREAS, fees charged to hunters, fishermen, and trappers on federal lands would place another special use fee on the already overburdened sportsman, and would reduce the states' opportunities to increase fees when needed, now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners supports that portion of H. R. 75 concerning military reservations but requests the Congress to delete that portion of the legislation calling for comprehensive planning and the provision for states to collect special land use fees for use on Federal lands, and be it further

RESOLVED, that the Association urges Congress to ensure that funds for wildlife management programs on public lands be derived from other sources such as mineral leases, timber sales and grazing fees, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this Resolution be sent to the Chairman of the House Committee on Merchant Marine and Fisheries and the authors of the legislation.

### Resolution No. 5

#### Fish and Wildlife Management and Public Access on Military Installations

WHEREAS, the Department of Defense has issued directives to implement the Sikes Act (P. L. 86-797) to carry out fish and wildlife management and conservation measures on military reservations, and

WHEREAS, these directives call for public use and access to military installations when such use does not interfere with the military mission of such installation, and

WHEREAS, fish and wildlife management and public access programs are usually determined by the commanding officer, and

WHEREAS, some commanding officers have not given desired consideration to these programs, now therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the Western Association of State Game and Fish Commissioners requests that the Secretary of Defense establish a compliance committee composed of military and civilians with expertise in these programs and the military missions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that this committee periodically inspect and review installation compliance with Department of Defense directives relating to fish and wildlife management and public access activities and report their findings to the Secretary of Defense.



Resolution No. 2

ASSESSMENT OF THE NORTH AMERICAN ATLANTIC SALMON COUNCIL OBJECTIVES  
MEMBERSHIP FEE.

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