

RESOLUTION NO. 1 - PROFESSIONAL RESOURCE ADMINISTRATORS

Whereas enactment of the Civil Service Reform Act established a Senior Executive Service that does not require scientific credentials of its candidates for Federal leadership; and

Whereas several recent appointments in the Directorates of both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service included administrators who were not fishery or wildlife professionals; and

Whereas many well-qualified professional fishery or wildlife administrators exist within and outside the Federal government; and

Whereas top administrators of natural resource agencies make decisions on technically complex and challenging scientific problems: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 110th Annual Meeting, September 23, 1980, in Louisville, Kentucky, respectfully urges the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of Commerce to consider fully the resource conservation responsibilities and the professional character of the Directorates of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Marine Fisheries Service and to establish a policy of filling the top administrative posts with well-qualified fishery or wildlife professionals.

(Note: Copies of this resolution should be sent to the directors of the Fish and Wildlife Service, National Marine Fisheries Service, the Secretary of the Interior, the Secretary of Commerce, Chairmen of the appropriate Congressional Committees, and other public and private entities as necessary.)



RESOLUTION NO. 2 - CONSOLIDATION OF U.S. FISHERY MANAGEMENT AUTHORITY

Whereas U.S. Reorganization Order No. 4 of 1970 divided coastal and marine biological activities between the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) of the Department of Commerce and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior; and

Whereas this attempt to define jurisdictions along geographic lines fails to recognize and accommodate the management of ecosystems as entities; and

Whereas this division causes confusion, duplication of effort, and inefficient management of human, financial, and fishery resources in such program areas as environmental protection, endangered species, and fisheries enforcement:

Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 110th Annual Meeting, September 23, 1980, in Louisville, Kentucky, supports and strongly urges the consolidation of the National Marine Fisheries Service and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service into a single department to provide a comprehensive approach to fishery management and research at a financial and manpower saving for the benefit of fishery resources and their users.

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RESOLUTION NO. 4 - YEAR OF THE COAST

Whereas Americans are caretakers of over 100,000 miles of beaches, bays, estuaries, barrier islands, and coastal wetlands that include critical fishery habitat; and

Whereas in recent years these coastal resources have been threatened by thermal, chemical, and municipal pollution, poorly planned development, offshore oil development, dredging, filling, erosion, and other acts of man; and

Whereas the nation's coastal reaches are being developed at a rate more than twice that of the rest of the nation; and

Whereas the American Fisheries Society recognizes the importance of conserving our coastal fishery resources, and of distributing information to the public on techniques of coastal resource conservation: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 110th Annual Meeting, September 23, 1980, in Louisville, Kentucky, supports the declaration of 1980 the "Year of the Coast," dedicating 1980 to the study, protection, and enhancement of our national coastline.

Be it further RESOLVED, That the American Fisheries Society supports the protection of barrier islands and their accompanying estuaries as coastal buffer zones and opposes all acts of man that inhibit this purpose.

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RESOLUTION NO. 5 - APPRECIATION TO KENTUCKY

Whereas the success of this meeting has been due in large part to organizational abilities and attention to detail of the staff of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources; and

Whereas the accommodations and services provided to the Society members and those on the program have been of the highest quality; and

Whereas those in attendance have come to a sincere appreciation of the city of Louisville as a result of their hospitality: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 110th Annual Meeting, September 23, 1980, in Louisville, Kentucky, does hereby express its appreciation to the state of Kentucky, Commissioner Carl Kays, Assistant Commissioner Don McCormick, and Fisheries Director Charles Bowers of the Kentucky Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources and numerous staff members of that agency, notably Peter Pfeiffer, for their assiduous efforts in making this meeting an outstanding success.



RESOLUTION NO. 6 - MANAGEMENT OF NATIVE AMERICAN TREATY FISHERIES

Whereas several Native American Tribes are currently exercising on-reservation and off-reservation fishing rights reserved by the tribes under treaties with the United States; and

Whereas court interpretations of the treaties to this date have stated that treaty-right fisheries are wholly or partially independent of State management authorities; and

Whereas fisheries of such importance require effective and responsible management based on dependable information and a concern for the fishery resources: Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 110th annual meeting, September 23, 1980, in Louisville, Kentucky, strongly urges Native American Tribes exercising treaty-protected fishing rights to monitor, regulate and manage fisheries under their jurisdiction in a manner so as to enhance the conservation of the fishery resources.

Be it further RESOLVED, That Federal and State fisheries management agencies having Native American treaty-protected fisheries within their geographic boundaries, be strongly urged to enter into an understanding of general cooperation with such Tribes in the form of communication, mutual advisement and data exchange so as to promote a sound basis for conserving the fishery resources.