

RESOLUTION BY THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY IN SUPPORT OF PROGRAM  
REQUIREMENT FUNDING FOR THE GREAT LAKES FISHERY COMMISSION

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission was established in 1955 to coordinate efforts jointly between Canada and the United States to sustain productivity of fish stocks of common concern, and to eradicate or minimize populations of sea lamprey in the Great Lakes; and

WHEREAS, the Commission suppressed sea lamprey populations through lampricide and sea lamprey barrier control methods, and together with federal, provincial, state, and tribal agencies, restored the devastated fisheries in the Great Lakes that have annually provided over 4 million anglers with 55 million angler-days of recreation, stimulated total economic activity of \$2-4 billion, and supported some 75,000 person-years of employment; and

WHEREAS, the fisheries and the biological integrity of the Great Lakes ecosystem depend upon a sustained, adequately-supported sea lamprey control program; and

WHEREAS, the Great Lakes Fishery Commission kept program expenditures level for many years at the request of both governments, although the Commission rejected this condition in 1992 when it became clear that sea lamprey predation seriously affected the fisheries of Lake Huron and other areas because of inadequate sea lamprey control; and

WHEREAS, increased sea lamprey control costs in recent years (caused by sea lamprey population expansion, U.S. EPA requirements to reregister lampricides, lampricide costs that have tripled since 1986, and the continued need to develop and implement sea lamprey control alternatives) have created a deficiency of some \$8 million between appropriations and mandated program requirements; and

WHEREAS, governments, industries, and citizens have invested billions of dollars in Great Lakes clean-up and rehabilitation, thus compelling continued investment to protect and maintain the social, economic, recreational, and environmental benefits resulting from the Great Lakes fisheries; and

WHEREAS, the recent one-time appropriation increase for lampricide reregistration by the government of the United States, and the base-budget appropriation increase by the government of Canada (that we anticipate will be matched by the United States), shows the concern and good will of both parties; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 124th Annual Meeting on August 24, 1994 in Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada urges the Governments of Canada and the United States to protect these benefits and provide the opportunity for progress by meeting the Great Lakes Fishery Commission full cost estimated for fiscal year 1996 program requirements, which is \$21.3 million in U.S. dollars; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the American Fisheries Society Executive Committee will work with the Society Executive Director to communicate to Congressional and Parliamentary representatives, executives of the Canadian Department Fisheries and Oceans and the U.S. State Department, the Canadian Prime Minister, and the President of the United States that failure to provide such funding will place the social, economic, and environmental benefits accruing from the Great Lakes fisheries at further serious risk.



**APPRECIATION TO HOST  
OF THE 123RD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE  
AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY**

- WHEREAS,** The 123rd Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, convened in Portland, Oregon, on 31 August was hosted by the AFS Oregon Chapter; and
- WHEREAS,** Oregon is leading the nation in celebrating the 150th Anniversary of the "Great Migration of 1843" which relives the experiences of the early emigrants in their quest for a new life in a new land; and
- WHEREAS,** Oregonians recognize, with considerable chagrin, that the great migration continues in 1993; and
- WHEREAS,** The City of Portland, located near the terminus of the once mighty Columbia River, is the ideal site for Society members and guests to address fisheries resource issues and to share in a commitment to these resources and their habitat so that they may continue in perpetuity, in places such as the Columbia River basin, and be restored to the levels encountered by the early emigrants; and
- WHEREAS,** special accolades are awarded to Program Co-Chairs Gerry Bouck and Steve Smith and Arrangements Chair Kirk Beiningen for their tireless efforts that directly contributed to the high quality of the meeting; and
- WHEREAS,** The unqualified success of the 123rd Annual Meeting was the result of the hard work and congenial hospitality of the Oregon Chapter of the American Fisheries Society;
- NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED,** that the members of the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 123rd Annual Meeting, 31 August 1993, Portland, Oregon, commends and express their heartiest thanks to members of the Oregon Chapter for an outstanding effort in hosting one of the most memorable annual meetings.