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RESOLUTIONS COMMITTEE

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1. Increase in Membership Dues

WHEREAS, The costs of operating the American Fisheries Society and of printing its TRANSACTIONS have increased substantially since the last revision of rates of dues at our Seventy-eighth Annual Meeting in 1948, and

WHEREAS, An increase of our present income is desirable if we are to avoid retrenchments and economies that detract from the value of services to members, now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED, That Section 8 of our By-laws, entitled Dues to Members, be amended to establish the following increases in rate of dues:

Active members: from \$4.50 to \$5.00 per annum

Library members: from \$4.00 to \$5.00 per annum

2. Encouragement of Basic Research

WHEREAS, There exists at the present time in the United States a widespread need for additional fundamental knowledge pertaining to fisheries investigational and management methods and practices, and

WHEREAS, The basic research required to accumulate and evaluate all of the needed facts in such fields as the chemical treatment of waters for the purposes of fish population manipulation and the improvement of game-fish brood-stocks is generally beyond the scope of the facilities available to the individual states, and

WHEREAS, This fundamental knowledge, once acquired, would be of inestimable benefit not only to the individual states, but also to the United States as a whole and to fisheries in general,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Fisheries Society requests and encourages the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to continue and when necessary expand its basic research programs in the fields of common concern and interest to the various states.

3. Fishing Use of Water Storage Reservoirs

WHEREAS, A combination of shrinking stream fishing areas and record increases in angling pressure everywhere in the country has made it necessary that new water areas be opened to relieve the present situation, and

WHEREAS, There are many federal, state and city holding reservoirs above filtration and treatment plants that are now closed to angling, and

WHEREAS, No public health problems are involved because the water delivered from these holding reservoirs is both filtered and treated prior to domestic and industrial usage, and

WHEREAS, Most reservoirs now closed to fishing are accessible to large urban centers of population and could furnish a great expansion of angling areas, and

WHEREAS, Many municipalities such as San Diego, New York, Boston, and Los Angeles have found it profitable and safe to permit public fishing in such waters, under properly controlled conditions,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Fisheries Society, at its annual convention held in Toronto, Ontario, on September 10, 11 and 12, 1936, urge all agencies concerned with, or responsible for, the administration of impounded waters to be used for domestic consumption to develop suitable plans for the implementation of angling in such waters,

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the heads of the federal health departments in Canada and the United States and to Departments of Health in the various provinces and states and to the Fish and Wildlife Service of the United States and to the Wildlife Service of Canada. And further, that the health and conservation departments in each political subdivision be urged to resolve the problems of using domestic water supply reservoirs for public recreation.

4. Safe-guarding Recreational Use of Waters

WHEREAS, The doctrine of water appropriation, long extant in the westerly states, is rapidly moving eastward into the more humid parts of the country, and

WHEREAS, This trend is being accelerated and complicated by the rapid growth in population and industrialization, as well as more intensive cultivation of the land for agricultural production, and

WHEREAS, Pressures are increasing for the additional diversion of water from surface sources for municipal, industrial and agricultural use, and

WHEREAS, The demand for recreational opportunity utilizing water is

likewise growing swiftly, and has valid reason for consideration,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Fisheries Society, in convention assembled, does strongly urge upon both administrators and technicians of all the states and provinces, the following fundamental principles:

1. Waters of a stream should not be diverted to such an extent as to endanger the survival of an adequate population of desirable aquatic life in the natural channel.
2. Similarly, waters of a natural lake should not be diverted to an endangering extent.
3. Relatively clean upstream waters of a stream should not be diverted to an extent or degree that would endanger essential values downstream.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Society does recommend the following minimum protective language in any new state laws intended to control or bring about the appropriation or allocation for public or private use of flowing waters:

1. The nonconsumptive recreational use of water shall be considered under law to be a primary beneficial use.
2. Allocations of water should be based upon accurate and up-to-date inventories of water quantities and flow.
3. Allocations of water should be based upon minimum flows rather than maximum or so-called average flows.
4. Provisions outlined in three previously numbered paragraphs relative to diversions from streams and lakes and to the protection of essential values, should be specifically written into any state law, or amendment thereto, enacted for the appropriation or allocation of water.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister of Canada and to the premier of each province and to the governor of each state and to the heads of the Conservation agencies of each state and province.

3. Thanks to the Editor

WHEREAS, Kiyoshi G. Fukano has well and faithfully served as a member of the Editorial Board and as Editor-in-Chief for the past four years,

AND WHEREAS, This work has been done on his own time and at considerable personal sacrifice,

AND WHEREAS, He no longer can devote the time and energy to these duties—nor should he be asked to do so longer,

Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the American Fisheries Society in convention assembled does hereby express our deep appreciation for this service to the organization.

6. Thanks for Assistance and Hospitality

WHEREAS, The American Fisheries Society has again been the guest of the Province of Ontario, Canada, and has again enjoyed the warm and friendly hospitality of the City of Toronto,

Now THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That our appreciation be extended to the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, and to the Toronto Angler's and Hunter's Association, to the Canadian National Sportsmen's Show and to the management of the Royal York Hotel for the entertainment and many courtesies extended during the 86th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society.
