

RESOLUTION - APPRECIATION TO HOST
116TH ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 17, 1986

WHEREAS, the 116th Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, convened in Providence, Rhode Island, on September 14, 1986, was hosted by the Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife; and

WHEREAS, members of the Society would like to acknowledge the hospitality and accommodations provided by their host; and

WHEREAS, their hosts have faced adversity in many forms, not the least of which was the incessant cacophony of construction sounds; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the American Fisheries Society, assembled at their 116th Annual Meeting in Providence, Rhode Island, on this 17th day of September, 1986, extend sincere thanks to the Rhode Island Division of Fish and Wildlife, to its courteous and responsive staff, to Arrangements Chairman Dick Sisson, and to the many other individuals who contributed to hosting this annual meeting.

RESOLUTION - STAFFING OF FEDERAL AID OFFICE

WHEREAS, the U.S. Federal Government (Administration) has proposed to reduce the number of personnel administering grants to states under the Department of the Interior's Federal Aid in Sport Fish Restoration Program by over 50%, from a staff of 50 to only 24; and

WHEREAS, recent amendments to the Sport Fish Program, known as the Wallop-Breaux amendments, have quadrupled funds to be administered, from \$38 million in Fiscal Year 1985 to a proposed \$160 million in Fiscal Year 1987; and

WHEREAS, funding of the program, including costs of federal administration, which includes staff salaries, comes from user taxes paid by anglers and boaters, taxes that are dedicated to sport fishery management purposes and which can be used for no other purposes, such as offsetting the national debt; and

WHEREAS, funds distributed to states are matched with state money, and state agency directors have declared that the current level of federal personnel is needed to adequately administer the program: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 116th Annual Meeting, September 17, 1986, in Providence, Rhode Island, urges the Secretary of the Interior, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, and the U.S. Congress to rescind the proposed reduction in staff in the Office of Federal Aid for administration of the Sport Fish Restoration Program.

RESOLUTION - REGARDING ZANDER INTRODUCTION INTO NORTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, the North Dakota Game and Fish Department attempted to introduce the European zander (Stizostedion lucionperca) into North Dakota in 1986, failing only because of unavailability of eggs; and

WHEREAS, there is risk that introduced species may cause ecological damage and spread beyond state waters; and

WHEREAS, the position of the American Fisheries Society is that introductions should be undertaken only with thorough evaluation and consultation with other potentially affected jurisdictions, and that those other jurisdictions should have veto power; and

WHEREAS, other jurisdictions of the watershed have not been consulted relative to the proposed introduction: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 117th Annual Meeting, September 16, 1987, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, urges the North Dakota Game and Fish Department to delay introduction of zander until a thorough evaluation as outlined in the American Fisheries Society position statement has been completed, including consultation with other potentially affected jurisdictions, and be it further

RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution and the American Fisheries Society position statement be sent to the Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Commissioner of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department, and the Fisheries Directors in all states and provinces bordering North Dakota and in the Missouri River drainage.