

RESOLUTION: APPRECIATION TO HOST
122ND ANNUAL MEETING OF THE AMERICAN FISHERIES SOCIETY
SEPTEMBER 16, 1992

WHEREAS, the 122nd Annual Meeting of the American Fisheries Society, convened in RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, on September 14, 1992, was hosted by the SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT of GAME, FISH and PARKS and the DAKOTA CHAPTER; and

WHEREAS, SOUTH DAKOTA was the site of "Dances with Wolves" but our members choose their partners more carefully and, instead, "waltzed with walleyes"; and

WHEREAS, the stony gaze of President's past cast over our deliberations; and

WHEREAS, the best trout creek in RAPID CITY was within a roll cast of our front door; and

WHEREAS, buffalo, elk and pheasant unknowingly gave their all to sustain Society members from near and far. We had a taste and we liked it!: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the American Fisheries Society, assembled at its 122nd Annual Meeting on September 14, 1992 in RAPID CITY, SOUTH DAKOTA, hereby express their heartiest thanks to the staff of the SOUTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT of GAME, FISH and PARKS and to the members of the DAKOTA CHAPTER for their extraordinary efforts in hosting one of the finest and smoothest run Annual Meetings in recent memory; and be it further

RESOLVED, we particularly commend Jim Riis and his fantastic arrangement committee, whose efforts would not have been possible without the time and resources provided by Director Dick Helsper and the STATE of SOUTH DAKOTA.

RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT ABOLITION OR REPEAL OF THE 1872 MINING LAW

WHEREAS the Mining Law of 1872 has been the law of the land concerning mining for more than a century; and

WHEREAS provisions of this law have resulted in serious degradation of stream resources throughout the western United States; and

WHEREAS the existing law allows miners to patent public lands at essentially no cost, including riparian areas along streams, for purposes of mining; and

WHEREAS federal land management agencies presently have no discretion to weigh the value of fishery resources against the value of mineral resources on valid mining claims,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the American Fisheries Society supports abolition or replacement of the 1872 Mining Law with a new law that includes provisions that will protect existing fishery resources and provide for restoration of streams damaged from past mining; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that we encourage our Executive Director to work with the Executive Committee and other knowledgeable members of the Society to provide professional input on fisheries concerns during the legislative process to replace or repeal the 1872 Mining Law.

RESOLUTION
REPRESENTATION IN CONNECTION WITH
PUBLIC LAW 101-646

WHEREAS, the 101st Congress enacted Public Law 101-646 November 9, 1990, known as the "Nonindigenous Aquatic Nuisance Prevention and Control Act of 1990"; and established the US Fish and Wildlife Service and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration as the administrating Federal Government Agencies and

WHEREAS, Section 1003(2) defines Aquatic Nuisance Species as "...a nonindigenous species that threatens the diversity or abundance of native species or the ecological stability of infested waters, or commercial, agricultural, aquacultural or recreational activities dependent on such waters": and

WHEREAS, Section 1003(9) defines Nonindigenous species as "...any species or other viable biological material that enters an ecosystem beyond its historic range, including any such organism transferred from one country into another; and

WHEREAS, Section 1205 states "...Nothing in this title shall affect the authority of any state or political subdivision thereof to adopt or enforce control measures for aquatic nuisance species, or diminish or affect the jurisdiction of any state over species of fish and wildlife..."; and

WHEREAS, Section 1207 titled "Intentional Introductions Policy Review" states "Within one year of the date of enactment of this Act, the Task Force shall, in consultation with State fish and wildlife agencies, other regional, state and local entities, potentially affected industries and other interested parties, identify and evaluate approaches for reducing the risk of adverse consequences associated with intentional introductions of aquatic organisms and submit a report of their findings, conclusions and recommendations to the appropriate Committees"; and

NOW THEREFORE, be it resolved that the American Fisheries Society (AFS) at its 122nd annual meeting in Rapid City, South Dakota, this 15th day of September, 1992, hereby requests full membership on the Aquatic Nuisance Species Task Force, Intentional Introductions Policy Review Committee.